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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council: Eligible

Which position, seat, or representational category would you prefer?

Board member

Availability to Attend Meetings☒ Night Meetings☒ Day Meetings**Availability to Attend Meetings (Other)**

Interests & Experiences

Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

My interest in being a part of the Round Valley Area Municipal Advisory Council is a general one: to help make Round Valley more of a community where people can live together in peace, harmony, and prosperity. In order for this to come about, change is needed, and I would like to be one of the agents of that change in whatever way I can best contribute. This MAC is important because it brings the county, through the Board of Supervisors, into a clearer focus on the issues that the local community has identified as needing change. It will take more than what the county can do to make all the changes happen that are needed, but in my view what the county can do for Round Valley, besides concrete benefits, is help provide momentum for other changes. One thing that is lacking in the community is hope, and even small positive changes will bring more hope. There are many issues and problems that need to be addressed, some quite serious. Just in the last few months two people have died (one pedestrian and one bicyclist) merely because they were trying to get somewhere on our roads which are extremely dangerous if you're not in a car. To be able to get about on foot or bicycle in this community without risking your life is not too much to ask for. Especially for those who are in such economic circumstances that they have no choice. There are no bike/walk paths and there is no public transportation. So this is a big issue that has to be dealt with. We know there is a bike path in the works which is being held up by one landowner. This is not acceptable but it shouldn't be holding up some action by authorities to make walking safer. So this situation alone demonstrates several issues, bike/walk paths, public transportation, poverty, all of which contributed to these recent tragedies. Economic development, traffic safety and enforcement, disaster preparedness, law enforcement presence (or rather lack of) are other issues. The success of any change is dependent on including all segments of the community, but the biggest challenge will be in working with the tribes. It is an odd situation here (and in other tribal areas as well) that a community where we all live, work, shop for groceries, gas and other items, eat in restaurants and go about the daily business of being part of a community, there are two completely different sets of rules and completely different authorities for two different subsets of that community, tribal and non-tribal. To my understanding, the tribal population in Round Valley is substantially larger than non-tribal. Without the tribes support it will be difficult to make real, significant, change. We may be able to get a stop sign put in or the Cal Trans bike path plan may finally go through or get a deputy sheriff to stay in Covelo but real improvement in quality of life will remain elusive. So obviously reaching out to the tribes is important, but more than that, developing a better understanding of tribal culture and how tribal government actually works I believe is essential to success. We will need to have excellent communication and mutual respect and that would have to be earned, so I see coordinating with the tribes as being the biggest challenge and the most important factor in the long term success of this endeavor. I believe I am well qualified to sit on the board of RVAMAC for several reasons. I have always been passionate about making the world a better place. In high school I was the president of my junior class and was involved in other areas of student government for that reason. I enlisted in the Marines where I was one of four squad leaders in my platoon during basic training, and I volunteered for Viet Nam for the same (albeit later understood to be mistaken) reason. I spent two years at the University of Hawaii, Manoa in a doctoral track in clinical psychology, again hoping to help humanity through research in the field of psychotherapy. I have always been the type of person who will stop and help if I come across someone in need and I am in a position to do so. After moving to Mendocino county a few years ago I became re-engaged with community. I founded the group facebook page MendoCanna Action! because I was frustrated with the halting and disjointed efforts of different members of the community to address the challenges of legalization, and now over 800 members of the community see this forum, which I continue to administer and curate, as an essential source of information and communication. I have attended meetings of the Board of Supervisors and participated in public comment although lately I haven't been able to afford the luxury of time and travel that entails from Covelo. I have been active in the Covelo community in many ways, from helping out at the Black Berry Festival to picking up trash along the highway to putting up campaign signs during the last election to simply lending a helping hand when a neighbor is in need. I see this MAC as an opportunity to take my passion for this community to the next level. To be effective this MAC will require a steady focus on a number of issues. In my experience all too often a group of folks will get together to accomplish some or other goal but the objective tends to get lost in excitement and "free association" of ideas. I see one of the roles that I would play as a board member to be the steadying hand that always brings the discussion back to the actual objective no matter how far afield it has strayed. I have been self-employed most of my life and have participated in management of a number of businesses (currently sole proprietor of my legal cannabis farm Eel River Medicinals), and thus have a lot of experience in

maintaining a focus on productive action. I also have excellent project organizing skills and see that as another asset I can bring to this endeavor. Covelo and the Round Valley area are unique among the communities I have resided in over the years. After living here about a year I realized this is the place I was looking for all my life. I plan to make my home here as long as I remain on the planet. There is a special combination of natural beauty, small population, a certain remoteness which is not too extreme but which engenders a sense of self-reliance and neighborliness, and the presence of tribal and non-tribal cultures which, in many ways, overlap. There are economic and social challenges but, in my mind, at a scale not so daunting as to keep an organization such as this MAC from being a catalyst for real, positive, and significant progress. I would consider it an honor to be involved in that process.

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Certification

Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the State of California, County of Mendocino, a citizen of the United States, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

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