City of Reno Board & Commission

Application Form

Notice of Public Record

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno’s public record and is, upon request, available for public review. These positions are limited, in most cases, to residents of the City of Reno. The City Council makes a conscientious effort to appoint persons who represent all of the various communities within the City of Reno. Please be advised that certain boards and commissions require filing of financial statements with the Secretary of State or have special requirements. Contact the City Clerk’s office at 334-2030 with any questions.

Profile

Amanda N Cuevas
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Home Address:
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City:
Reno
State:
NV
Postal Code:
89506

What ward do you live in? *
☑ Ward 4

Mobile:
(775) 379-7519

Question applies to Reno City Council

How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno?

2 1/2 years

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? *

☑ Yes

Are you over 18 years of age?

☑ Yes ☐ No
Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Reno City Council: Submitted

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

If yes, please list conviction dates and nature:

Please see below my arrest history to the best of my knowledge with the assistance from the Nevada court system. In September 2007, I was arrested for Trafficking charges. Those charges were dismissed in January 2008. During this time, I was living with my drug dealer and was in the house when the Street Enforcement Team raided the house based on a tip from another addict. The charges were dropped because my co-defendant admitted that the drugs found were his. In October 2007, I was charged with Possession/Use of Drug Paraphernalia and in April 2008 I plead guilty to this charge. This was when I was still in active addiction, I was with an acquaintance when we were pulled over and a Meth pipe was found in the car. I admitted to it being mine. In March of 2009, I was given a citation for Trespassing and plead guilty in April 2008. I was under the age of 21 in a casino gambling. This was again directly related to my addiction. In January 2009, I was arrested and in April 2009 I was convicted of Possession of a Controlled Substance. I entered a plea of guilty and was recommended to treatment without objections from the Division of Parole and Probation. My prison sentence was suspended and I was placed on Probation and ordered to complete District Court- Drug Court Program. This was towards the end of my use and I was selling drugs myself to sustain my addiction. The Street Enforcement Team used someone who bought from me to catch me. I was actively addicted to Methamphetamine from the age of sixteen to the age of twenty-one. During that period of my life I struggled to survive and committed crimes to continue my habit. When I was arrested in 2009 for the last time, I was given an opportunity to change my life. I was sentenced to Probation with a stipulation of Drug Court, meaning I would keep my felony. If you require any further information or have questions, please feel free to contact me.

Interests & Experiences

Education or training relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:

I have a bachelors and masters in Social Work from the University of Nevada, Reno. While these degrees are generalist, I focused my attention on macro social work. I interned at the Nevada State Assembly with Assemblywoman Teresa Benitez Thompson and Amber Joiner, did an independent study with the ACLU of Nevada.

Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission.

I love Reno and want to help support the city and individuals in guiding the future of Nevada. I know that the City Council makes decisions that affect the lives of those that live here and through my education I know how to look at everything holistically. I want to serve my community and be a voice for them.
Have you previously ran for elected office? If yes, please describe.

No.

Do you plan to run for elected office in the future?

☐ Yes  ☐ No

Please list any known conflicts of interest you would have while serving in the office of At-Large City Council Member.

None known at this time.

Demographics

This section is optional and your responses will not be utilized for appointment. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Female

11/29/1987

Date of Birth

Open Meeting Law Waiver

WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1) TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions. By agreeing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting. Further, the I acknowledge that I may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

☒ I Agree
Acknowledgement

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. If appointed, I agree to attend a board or commission orientation session, if applicable, within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic removal from the board or commission.

☑️ I Agree
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HIGHLIGHTS
• Licensed Social Worker, Masters of Social Work
• Strong work-ethic, boundaries, and values
• Capable of working in high stress and high pace environments in groups or as an individual
• Organized and goal oriented
• Knowledgeable in Microsoft Office Suite
• Conversational in-Spanish
• Ability to write and report on grants
• Outgoing, friendly attitude

WORK AND INTERN EXPERIENCE
Truckee Meadows Community College – Reno, Nevada

Adjunct Professor, Paid  August 2018 – Present
• Prep class and syllabus
• Teach social work students
• Grade and examine work by students

Safe Embrace – Sparks, Nevada
Crisis Intervention and Prevention Supervisor, Paid  February 2015 – Present
• Supervisory Responsibilities—support and guide crisis response & outreach teams, interns and volunteers; supervise coverage of crisis line and emergency afterhours cell phone, recruit and train crisis response & intervention staff, develop and manage programmatic goals, objectives, and procedures.
• Organizational Administration—supported in modification of policies and procedures, improvements to client documentation, and interagency documentation, and completion of interagency reports
• Grants—assisted in grant reporting, site visit participant, and program implementation
• Direct client services—facilitated groups, case management, advocacy, resource referral, intakes, case notes, goal setting, exit paperwork, transitional housing advocacy, safety planning,
• Outreach—group facilitator, tabling at community events, networking with grassroots and system based agencies
• Volunteer coordinator—completed volunteer interviews, assisted volunteers in completing on the job training, and managed volunteer training and education
• Interns- facilitate a learning environment and assist in completion of learning objectives

Assembly Legislative Intern – Carson City, Nevada
INTERN MSW, Unpaid  August 2016 – May 2017
• Research bills, including AB122, AB348, AB202 in relation to Victims of Crime Compensation and topics within education
• Networking, organizing people to testify
• Testifying before legislative bodies

Tu Casa Latina – Reno, Nevada
PROJECT DIRECTOR, Paid  November 2014 – March 2017
• Organizational Administration—prepared trainings, board reports, assisted in staff meeting leadership, and development of Policies and Procedures
• Grants— aided in grant writing, responsible for grant reporting and program implementation
• General office duties— answering phones, updating client database, research immigration cases and laws
• Outreach—organizing International Women’s Day event, tabling at community events, networking though other agencies
• Direct client services—case noting files, preparing documents for immigration, intakes, opening and closing files, follow up services, referrals, grant writing and reporting, program management

Catholic Charities Resource Network – Reno, Nevada
INTERN BSW, Unpaid  August 2015 – February 2016
• Direct client services—helped clients obtain basic needs, referrals, Motel to Homes case management
• Participated in monthly staff meeting, Project Homeless Connect, and the Homeless Count 2016.
**EDUCATION**

University of Nevada, Reno – Reno, Nevada  
**Master of Social Work**  
- 2016-2017: Member of NASW & Phi Alpha  
- Graduate Student Scholarship Recipient

University of Nevada, Reno – Reno, Nevada  
**Bachelor of Social Work**  
- 2015-2016 Henry Albert Public Service Award Recipient  
- Vice President 2015-2016: FUSED & Undergraduate Student Social Work Association  
- 2015-2016: Member of NASW & Phi Alpha  
- Graduation with distinction  
- National “Influencing Social Policy: Poster” Competition 1st Place  
- Semenza, J & L Social Work Scholarship Recipient

Truckee Meadows Community College – Reno, Nevada  
**Associate of Arts**

**VOLUNTEER & BOARD EXPERIENCE**

Nevada Coalition to End Domestic and Sexual Violence  
**BOARD MEMBER, Unpaid**  
September 2017 – Present

Washoe County Domestic Violence Task Force- Chair of the Advocates Sub-Committee  
**CHAIR OF THE ADVOCATES SUB-COMMITTEE, Unpaid**  
October 2017 – Present

- Coordinate and facilitate bi-monthly meetings geared towards educating the Advocates Sub-Committee about resources in the community  
- Email out information about community updates, jobs, ect. to Advocates Sub-Committee Members

Alliance For Victims Rights  
**VICE CHAIR, Unpaid**  
October 2017 – Present

- Assist Chair is preparation for meeting, run meeting if Chair is unavailable  
- Email out information about community updates, jobs, ect. to AVR Members  
- Part of coordinating committee for Candlelight Vigil and Holly Quick Memorial

**TRAINING**

**2018**

- NCEDSV Conference: Beyond Me Too (15+ hours)  
  - Conference Presenter: Dealing with Resisting and Difficult Clients  
- Multidisciplinary Training Service (8 hours)  
- Prevention Work (8 hour)  
- CPR & First Aid Certified

**2017**

- Uniting Voices to Prevent Violence (6.5 hours)  
- OVW Transitional Housing Assistance Program Grantee Orientation (12.5 hours)  
- NICRP: Child Abuse Training (6 hours)  
- NCEDSV Conference (15.25 hours)  
- Assist (15 hours)  
- Sexual Assault Supportive Service (84 hours)  
- Statutory Rape Awareness for Mandatory Reporters (1 hour)

**2016**

- Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence (NNADV) Hanging Out or Hooking Up (3.5 hours)  
- Victims Assistance Academy of Nevada (40 hours)  
- Trauma Informed Care (8 hours)  
- Using Trauma Informed Approach for Crisis Intervention I & II (7 hours)  
- Child Maltreatment: Investigation through Prosecution (13 hours)  
- Nevada Policy Practice Academy (30 + hours)