



FRUITA
COLORADO

BOARD OR COMMISSION: Liability Commission or Arts and Culture

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How long have you been a resident of Fruita? 19 years

Occupation/Employer: District 51 schools

List any volunteer and/or work experience:

K-5 Elementary teacher, preschool owner/teacher,
Girls on the Run volunteer and HS Band parent Board-Bingo.

Are you presently serving on a board or commission? If so, which one(s)?

No

Why do you want to be a member of this board or commission?

I love Fruita and enjoy helping my community.

List any abilities, skills, or interests which are applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

I have a good connection with people in the Fruita
community. I am an organizer & planner. I am
capable and have some computer skills (Google slides, etc.)

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Are you committed to attending meetings?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Are you committed to serving an entire term?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Please specify any activities which might create serious conflict of interest if you should be appointed to a particular board or commission. (If unsure, please call the City Manager's office at 858-3663)

I am a substitute teacher with D51 and would not be done on some days until 4pm or 4:30pm.

List any licenses, certificates or other specialized training applicable to the board or commission for which you are applying.

I do not have any current certificates or license other than my teaching license.

Additional information or references you believe may be helpful in considering your application.

See attached

I served on the Communities that Cares board (before COVID). We helped to get the Fruita Youth Committee started. I also was a member of the Fruita Monument HS Band Parent Organization. I was the licensed BINGO coordinator.

Signature Carrie Bechtel

Date 8/31/24

All applicants are strongly encouraged to attend a regularly scheduled meeting of the board or commission for which they are applying. Frequent non-attendance may result in termination of the appointment.

ATTACHMENTS TO APPLICATION MUST BE LIMITED TO TWO PAGES

Please feel free to submit a resume along with this application. Application and any attachments should be returned to the Fruita City Council c/o the City Clerk, 325 E. Aspen, Fruita, CO 81521. Although we have indicated the best time to apply for a particular board, we accept applications for any of the boards year-round. Thank you.

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Hello, I am Carrie Bechtel and I hope you consider me for a Commission or Board for our great town of Fruita. My husband and I have lived in Fruita for 19 years. My husband was from the Redlands and graduated from Fruita Monument High School. We always wanted to raise our children here, so we moved from Arizona in 2005 with our two boys. I worked with my husband, Baer, to start his veterinary hospital in Fruita, while taking care of our boys. In 2007, I opened my own Preschool in a little house across from the Fruita Middle School. When my youngest was ready to start kindergarten, I went back to teaching full time. I was lucky enough to get a job teaching at Shelledy Elementary, where our sons attended school. I taught there for 6 years, was on the PTO, and I coached Girls on the Run. In addition to teaching and parent organizations, I also taught Sunday school and sang with the music groups at Sacred Heart Catholic church for several years.

In 2016 I took some time off from teaching full time. When my oldest son started marching band in 9th grade, I became a board member and served on the Band Parent Organization. I took on the roll of BINGO coordinator and was a licensed games manager through the Secretary of State. I was a member of the BPO until 2021. I also served on the Communities that Care Board, and then the Fruita Youth Initiative Board. I was part of the Enforcement Strategy Team and the Resource Assessment Group.

In 2020, I went back to teaching full time at Shelledy. I taught for 3 more years while my youngest son finished high school. Currently, I am retired, but I continue to teach as a substitute for D51. I am happy to say that most of my sub jobs are at Shelledy, which I consider my home school. I also went back to coaching Girls on the Run with the Shelledy team.

My husband and I love living in Fruita and being part of such a great community. We have many connections here, from his high school roots, our kids, school, church, and our work. One of our favorite things about living in Fruita is the accessibility to the beautiful outdoors. From biking to hiking and everything in between, we enjoy it all. I am incredibly lucky to live in such a wonderful little town and I am dedicated in keeping it that way. I would appreciate the chance to serve on a Commission or Board as part of this wonderful place I call home.