

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

BOARD(S) APPLYING FOR	• Business Advisory Board
NAME	Christine Velez
ADDRESS	1018 North B Street Lake Worth Beach, FL 33460 United States
UPLOAD PROOF OF RESIDENCY	• city-of-lake-worth-beach-utility-bill-4.24.26.pdf
DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS?	No
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LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH BEACH	1018 N. B Street, Lake Worth Beach 317 N. H Street, Lake Worth Beach Higher Standards Real Estate Co. - 1715 N. Dixie Hwy, Lake Worth Beach
WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?	Real Estate Broker
EMPLOYER?	Higher Standards Real Estate Co. LLC
ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?	No
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BEACH ADVISORY BOARD?	No
RELEVANT EXPERIENCE	I have been a business person all my life. I was a dog walker when I was in the 3rd grade and sold greeting cards on the streets of Chicago as a pre-teen. I've always been very entrepreneurial. I received a Bachelor of Science degree in Commerce and a minor in Marketing from DePaul University in Chicago. Right out of college, at the age of 23, I bought my first 2 story building in Chicago. I've been a landlord for 31 years. Afterwards, I obtained my Real Estate License. I've been a Realtor for 31 years. Around 2004 I leveled up and became a Broker/Associate and after many years of working for corporate agencies such as C21, Coldwell Banker and Re/Max, I started my own Real Estate Brokerage in 2012. In 2014 I purchased commercial space in Lantana which is where I ran my office till 2024 when I sold it and made a good profit. I have excellent money management skills, good common business sense and great business instincts. Most recently, I signed a lease to become a tenant at Deco Green here in Lake Worth Beach and am currently working thru the licensing process.
INTEREST/ACTIVITIES	I'm a very adventurous and competitive woman. I've competed in several triathlons, 5K/10K's, half-marathons and a full marathon. I enjoy hiking quite a bit and have hiked the OTL (Ocean to Lake Trail) and several section hikes on the Appalachian trail (some with a partner and others solo). I enjoy dancing Salsa and even won a Salsa dancing competition while traveling in Oaxaca, Mexico (it was a bottle of tequila). I love to travel. My spouse and I recently wrapped up a 6 month tour where we literally traveled the globe.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

I served as a founding member of Sunset Ridge NA when Ryan Oblander was Vice President and Chris Erhardt was President (I was the secretary). I've participated in several 4th of July Raft Races (and accompanying shenanigans). Over the years, my company has sponsored artists at the Street Painting Festival, had a booth at Palm Beach Pride, participated in the Lake Worth Christmas Parade and were sponsors at the Dia De Los Muertos event. I make it a point to patronize as many of the businesses in downtown LWB as possible.

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (FIRST PREFERENCE)

When I go to downtown LWB and see several empty business establishments, I feel terrible. As someone who has owned and operated a successful business for 14 years (but you can say 31 since I've been an independent contractor the whole time) I just wonder if they had better planning or negotiation skills if it would've made a difference. I think I can help there.

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (SECOND PREFERENCE)

I would like for more businesses to open up in Downtown Lake Worth and the Dixie Corridor. My salesmanship may be able to help there.

WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (THIRD PREFERENCE)

I understand the process and look forward to helping these potential businesses troubleshoot.

CONSENT

✓ I agree to the privacy policy.

I understand the responsibilities associated with being a board/committee member, and I have adequate time to serve if appointed.

I have read the attached Ordinance No. 2010-29 and Article XIII (Palm Beach County) Code of Ethics and understand the policy on the City of Lake Worth Beach Code of Ethics. Within 30 days after appointment, I

understand that I am required to participate in Ethics Training and submit an Acknowledgement of Receipt form to the City Clerk's Office in order to continue to serve on my appointed board.

*THIS APPLICATION IS VALID FOR ONE (1) YEAR FROM THE DATE SIGNED.

*THIS APPLICATION IS NOT VALID WITHOUT APPLICANT'S PROOF OF RESIDENCY.

TODAY'S DATE

05/15/2026

SIGNATURE

Christine Velez