

VOLUNTEER ADVISORY BOARD APPLICATION

BOARD/S YOU ARE APPLYING TO BE ON	· Charter Review
NAME	Debra Robert
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DO YOU HAVE A DIFFERENT MAILING ADDRESS?	No
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ARE YOU A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED PALM BEACH COUNTY VOTER?	Yes
ARE YOU A REGISTERED LAKE WORTH VOTER?	Yes
HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN A RESIDENT OF LAKE WORTH BEACH?	6.5 years
LIST ALL PROPERTIES OWNED AND/OR BUSINESS INTERESTS IN LAKE WORTH	127 S K St.
WHAT IS YOUR OCCUPATION?	Disabled
EMPLOYER?	n/a
ARE YOU CURRENTLY SERVING ON ANY CITY ADVISORY BOARD?	No
HAVE YOU EVER SERVED ON A CITY OF LAKE WORTH BOARD?	No
DO YOU SERVE ON ANY BOARDS IN FLORIDA, OR ARE YOU AN ELECTED OR APPOINTED STATE, COUNTY, OR MUNICIPAL OFFICE HOLDER, OR PALM BEACH COUNTY EMPLOYEE?	No
HIGH SCHOOL	Connetquot HS
DATE OF GRADUATION	06/17/1984
COLLEGE	SUNY Stonybrook/Bachelor's (1989) & FSU/Master's
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WORK EXPERIENCE	<p>Two years - City of Fort Myers, FL - Public Information Officer/PR: liaison with media, spokesperson for the City and Downtown Redevelopment initiatives.</p> <p>Twenty-five year career: producing/executing the technical side of national and international large scale conference and concert productions. Worked directly with multiple CEO's/heads of state, celebrities for speeches, round tables, brand rollouts, associations, global banking and a myriad of others.</p>

INTEREST/ACTIVITIES

I write about coping with MS and living my life with it. I usually write articles with a bit of humor and do what I can to inspire others with like diseases.

I am a local artist. I enjoy painting and thrown ceramics.

Our block, 100's S K is tight knit. We are active and interested in taking care of each other here and work together to improve our cottages and street and help keep one another informed. We are also social and do activities together.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Public/Neighborhood Safety: I worked for a span of 3 years with PBSO and Code Enforcement to clear out two separate heroin/drug houses and sources of prostitution that were destroying the safety and sanctity of our street. I've met with both the City Manager and Captain Baer about how we did it. Discussed how citizens coming to understand how to be a part of a solution and work with PBSO/Code to eradicate crime in our neighborhoods could go a long way to more success stories.

Recently appointed to the PR Committee for the Benzaiten Center for the Creative Arts.

Norton Museum of Art Volunteer

Painted 3 LWB Little Free Libraries.

Created the July 4th Raft Race Promotional Art for 2 years.

Volunteered for 3 years with Wheels for Kids and organized a fundraiser at CWS in partnership with Mary Lyndsey to turn a local bike theft (mine) into a positive community story and WFK donation. 3 years creating poster art and a digital presentation for Smiles for Miles.

4 years of 'involvement' on our local FB pages, always striving to be a nonjudgemental 'voice of reason' or mediator. Many times this has led to connecting with people in person, to engage in constructive dialogue or more balanced situations.

I have been a Trustbridge/NFP end-of-life hospice volunteer at the bedside of dozens of people, comforting them and their families at their last moments.

I recently completed a Celebration of Life video in memory of Benny Geronimo, who was a homeless gentleman who called S J St. and LWB his home for over 17 years.

6. A - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (FIRST PREFERENCE)

Since becoming a resident here, I have been a positive voice for our city. I find myself always mediating on issues and finding common ground between opposing voices in order for us to have constructive dialogue. It excites me to think that I may be part of helping to steer Lake Worth Beach in a direction that will flourish, while maintaining the unique energy and rare bond we as residents enjoy. I came to recognize that my skillset and desire to serve would be better applied to tangible and long-standing applications. It is time. I wish to make a solid contribution to the future of this place we know as home.

6. B - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (SECOND PREFERENCE)

I believe in civic responsibility (ie: I do not try to get out of jury duty). I believe in being part of dialogue and debate that brings about solutions. I enjoy lively debate and creative discussion immensely. The position of hospice volunteer requires a demeanor of nonjudgemental impartiality and complete neutrality in terms of acceptance of a dying persons religion, political party, orientation and prejudice. I desire to be on this board because I feel my temperament is suited to be on a volunteer board as one who listens and contributes in a just and impartial manner.

6. C - WHY DO YOU DESIRE TO SERVE ON THIS BOARD (THIRD PREFERENCE)

I discovered the charter advisory board was going to expand and that diversity would be a consideration. As a person who lost their career to disability, it is, at times, difficult to find a new path... a new reason. Some days I cannot walk and I have lost the ability to drive at speed. My life has gone from one of global travel to one of being for the most part, at home. I have come to realize, and admittedly, from the encouragement of others in our community, that I could be more of an asset right here. The experiences and perspectives I have gained throughout my healthy life have not disappeared. I can contribute to society in a meaningful way, perhaps even more so; here at home. To be on this board would mean helping our city grow and prosper in a tangible and lasting way; helping its residents to decide what direction would best serve that need. I desire to be on this board, for that honor.

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 ABOVE.

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

SIGNATURE

Debra Robert