

Boards Application Form

Profile

If interested in one of these boards please fill out this application and submit.

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee: Submitted

_____ Curt _____ Smith _____
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ curt.smith@brevardfl.gov _____
Email Address

_____ 4457 Coquina Ridge Dr _____
Home Address Suite or Apt

_____ Melbourne _____ FL _____ 32935 _____
City State Postal Code

_____ Mobile: (321) 591-6557 _____
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

How long have you been a resident of Brevard County?

35 years

To which Commissioner are you applying?

N/A

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve.

Question applies to Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

Applicants must commit to serving the public interest by providing stewardship of Lagoon Trust Funds, especially in relation to restoring health to the Indian River Lagoon, and must demonstrate expertise and experience in a field listed in the drop down menu below. Knowledge of water quality issues and the major sources of pollution affecting the lagoon are highly desirable.

Members and their alternates oversee progress and make recommendations to the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners on spending an estimated \$542 million from sales tax revenue to Reduce pollution sources to the lagoon, Remove legacy pollution from the lagoon, Restore natural systems within the lagoon, and Respond to new information by recommending annual amendments to the Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP).

Duties include participation in meetings to evaluate progress towards plan implementation and lagoon health, review technology and alternative project proposals for reducing pollutants and improving water quality, assess the cost-effectiveness of projects and recommend plan revisions accordingly. The Committee addresses questions, concerns, and ideas from the public to improve the SOIRLPP. Applicants must be willing to ensure that the SOIRLPP reflects the most effective, timely and responsible means to restore the Indian River Lagoon and that the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Fund is managed in the best interest of the public.

In addition to completing the application, a resumé and at least one letter of recommendation are required. Resumés and recommendation letters should be a minimum 12 point, sans-serif font (e.g. Arial, Calibri, Veranda) and uploaded below in Word or pdf format in order to meet American Disabilities Act Section 508 compliance requirements. The letter of recommendation can be a personal recommendation from a professional in the same field and/or an endorsement by a reputable nonprofit organization. Scanned resumes and recommendation letters cannot be accepted due to Section 508 compliance requirements.

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Are you willing to serve on the Committee for a minimum of two (2) years and be available to attend monthly weekday meetings?

Yes No

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Please check next to one or more of the following that best matches your expertise: *

Economics/Finance

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Please list one or more reasons why you are personally interested in applying to serve as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee.

Lagoon Advocate

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Please provide a brief overview of your background and experience (education, professional experience, and community volunteer experience) as it relates to your understanding of the SOIRLPP and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.

See Bio

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Please describe what character, judgement, analytical, communication, and group consensus building strengths you would contribute to the purposes and duties of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

I believe 8 years as a County Commissioner and ditto as IRL Board Chair speaks volumes

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Please describe the importance of committee members putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds.

I have always said, to leave feelings out of the equation and base things on details, needs, common sense, and expert data

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Please provide a short (one paragraph) bio. This will be posted for the public to view on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon website should you be selected to join the committee. Examples of existing bios can be viewed on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon website.

Former Vice Chair of The Brevard County Commission and Former Chair of The Indian River Lagoon Board, Curt is known as a fiscal conservative with 40 years of small business experience

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Select one of the following In order to achieve transparency with the public we list the contact information for the Citizen Oversight Committee members on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon website so the public may contact them with questions or comments. Please provide either or both of the following information you wish to share publicly should you be selected to join the committee. *

Phone

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[IRLNEP Letter of Support Curt Smith.pdf](#)

Upload a Reference Letter

Are you currently serving on any State, Regional or Brevard County board, council, or committees? If so please name.

November 18th, 2022 will be my last day as Chair of The IRL & 1st day of my so-called Retirement

Do you have or hold any employment or contractual relationship with any business or any agency which is subject to the regulation of or is doing business with Brevard County? If so, please explain.

No

Please explain your interests and experiences.

Former Brevard County Commissioner

Please explain your background, including education, work experience, civic or community organization memberships and positions, and any professional licenses or memberships, and how this applies to the function of the Board, Council or Committee that you are interested in serving on.

Former Brevard County Commissioner and IRL Chair

Brevard County Board of County Commissioners strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting an accommodation, please indicate below.

No

[Commissioner_Curt_Smith_Biography_2022.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Agreement

Advisory committees are subject to the Florida open meetings (Sunshine) and public records laws; your response with a completed application with your contact information is a public record; if chosen as a member of the committee, any communications to you from the County or from you to the County in regard to the committee will be a public record.

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I understand the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Brevard County board, council or committee.

I Agree

Biography

Curt Smith is the Vice Chairman of the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners, serving his second term as District 4 Commissioner. He was first elected in 2014 and re-elected in 2018 running as a fiscal conservative from the private sector with 40 years of small business and entrepreneurial experience. Curt and his wife Linda owned and operated an auto painting franchise in Melbourne for almost 27 years before retiring at the end of 2013.

Growing up in Pennsville, a little town in southern New Jersey on the Delaware River, Commissioner Smith developed his deep love of nature and being on and in the water of the river. Often called "The Cradle of Liberty", he credits the Delaware Valley for his deep love of God and country. Curt and his family have been residents of Melbourne, FL since 1986.

Curt is an alumnus of the University of Miami and the SAE fraternity. He has always been civic-minded. Commissioner Smith serves on the Central Florida Expressway Authority, the Election Canvassing Board, Space Coast Transportation Planning Organization, and is Chairman for both the Indian River Lagoon Council and Value Adjustment Board. He also supports the local Little League teams, Habitat for Humanity, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Dove Bible Club, Rotary International, Rolling Readers, Meals on Wheels, and others. Commissioner Smith has sat on the Indian River Lagoon Board for both his terms as Commissioner, serving as Chair and known as the Commission advocate for the Lagoon.



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Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program

November 17, 2022

Subject: SOIRL Citizen Oversight Committee

The IRLNEP supports the appointment of Curt Smith to the finance seat of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon (SOIRL) Citizen Advisory Committee. Curt's tenure on the Brevard County Board of County Commissioners and his leadership representing the county on the IRL Council Board of Directors and Indian River Lagoon National Estuary Program would bring a wealth of financial and budget experience to the COC.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Duane E. De Freese'.

Duane E. De Freese, Ph.D.

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