

SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for four seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent four fields of expertise: Education/Outreach, Real Estate, Tourism and Technology.

Basic Requirements and Duties of Oversight Committee Members

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 one or more of the following fields: real estate or tourism. 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 \$486 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.

Applications with resumes and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **December 27, 2018**. The Space Coast League of Cities will review applications for Real Estate and Tourism expertise on **January 14, 2019**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Technology and Education/Outreach expertise and finalize all four appointments at their regular meeting on **January 22, 2019**.

As part of the application process the Board of County Commissioners requires each applicant to answer in writing each of the following questions:

Name
Mailing Address
City, State, Zip Code
Phone
Email

Please complete the following questions and statements.

1. Do you reside in Brevard County Yes No Number of Years
2. 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

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

Science	Economics/Finance	Education/Outreach	Lagoon Advocacy
Technology	Real Estate	Tourism	

**FOR THE QUESTIONS BELOW, RESPONSES MAY BE UP TO ½ PAGE EACH
AND ON A SEPARATE SHEET IF NEEDED**

4. 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

5. 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.

6. 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.

7. 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.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application posted at <http://www.brevardfl.gov/SaveOurLagoon>, a resume and at least one letter of recommendation are required. 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.

Send your application, resumé, and letter(s) of reference to:

Natural Resources Management Department, Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director
Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

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2018 Co-Founder Eco Earth Friends

2010- present Elder and Caregiver Advocate and Community Educator Presenter

2015- present Elder Ambassador, Orange County Office on Aging

2016-2017 Art Teacher for The Memories in the Making Program, with the Alzheimer's Association

2015, 2018 Community Education and Speaker Training, with The Conversation Project

2018 Caregiver Support Group Leader for two support groups in Brevard County, Traumatic Brain Injury Survivor Caregiver support, and Elder and Adult Children with Disabilities Support Group

2014 Statement of Accomplishment, with Distinction from the University of Copenhagen in Global Health; *NOTE: this program covered environmental health and issues including detailed issues of water quality and restoration efforts

2005-2007 Accudata Market Research, Research Interviewer for demographic statistical data gathering for marketing firms

2007-2009 Elementary Educator and Middle School, Ethics teacher

Greetings Ms. Gerundo,

It is my pleasure to write to you today on behalf of a candidate for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee, Kimberly Newton.

I have had the pleasure of knowing Ms. Newton through my work as a Program Director for IDEAS For Us, an Orlando-based, environmentally-focussed non-profit and believe that she would be an excellent selection for this committee.

Over the years, I have found her to be a passionate and consistent volunteer, a well informed communicator and citizen educator. In workshop settings, she not only contributes meaningful insights, but encourages others, often coaxing information and ideas out of those who may be more shy or hesitant to participate. In her passion for a sustainable future, Ms. Newton stays engaged and active in the community, while encouraging and empowering others to engage as well.

Her passion for a sustainable future may be most clearly evident in the way she has educated and empowered her sons to be leaders in this movement, supporting them in establishing Eco Earth Friends in order to take (and inspire) action for clean/healthy eco-systems.

Please feel welcome to reach out for any clarification or additional details.

All the Best,
Sharon Hammond
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Dear Indian River Lagoon Committee,

In reference to Kimberly Newtons application to be on your committee. I have had the opportunity to work with her at numerous events focusing on sustainability and stewardship activities. She has inspired and educated her kids to become environmental advocates as well and together they created the organization Eco Earth Friends. Her concern for the environment has led her to value facts and the scientific process to determine the correct course of action. She is already involved in multiple events, boards, and organizations. If you select her to be on your committee you will have an asset in Kimberly Newton.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Sanzone
Satellite Beach Environmental Programs Coordinator