

## Boards Application Form

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### Profile

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

### Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee: Submitted

Ms Carol F Spellman  
Prefix First Name Middle Initial Last Name

cfspellman@me.com  
Email Address

2780 n riverside dr  
Home Address Suite or Apt

Indialantic FL 32903  
City State Postal Code

Mobile: (309) 573-3442  
Primary Phone Alternate Phone

### How long have you been a resident of Brevard County?

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3+

### To which Commissioner are you applying?

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None Selected

### Do you consent to a standard criminal background check?

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Yes  No

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### 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.

Question applies to Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee

**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
- Real Estate

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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.**

I'd like to share experience and help support the effort.

Ms Carol F Spellman

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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 Save our Indian River Lagoon Project Plan (SOIRLPP) and the restoration needs of the Indian River Lagoon.**

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Financial reporting for a fortune 50 company, Licensed CPA in Florida. Real estate investment experience.

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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.**

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Financial reporting (+30 years). Communication of financial.

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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.**

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Clear communication and supporting people's understanding of the initiative.

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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.**

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Bettering the Indian river is important to me and I take the project seriously. My background is 30+ year in Finance and reporting for a fortune 50 company and also in public accounting. I am a CPA in Florida and have a good business background with experience as well as an MBA. If I can assist and share your experience and my own, I'd enjoying making a contribution where I can.

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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. \***

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Email

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[Recommendation letter save our river.pdf](#)

Upload a Reference Letter

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

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No

Ms Carol F Spellman

**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.**

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No

**Please explain your interests and experiences.**

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In addition to the above, I live off of the river. I see it and the wildlife that needs protection.

**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.**

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Cpa - Florida and illinois. MBA

**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.**

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Upload a Resume

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## **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**

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

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I Agree

## FINANCIAL CONTROLLER | ACCOUNTING DIRECTOR

A professional Financial Expert (retired) with a specialization and strength in cost control. Holds in-depth experience in budgeting, reporting, and perfectly developing a successful team to support financial operations. Successfully adept at improving budgeting for a Fortune 50 company. Ability to monitor and manage capital budgets of \$500M and more. Skilled in all aspects of financial reporting, forecasting, investment analyzing, and yearly budget setting. Keen at cultivating key business relationships, commercial experience, and logistics background. Maintains international and public accounting experience, as well as federal, state, and sales and use tax experience. Recognized for mentality of "clients first and people always."

### EXPERTISE

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Financial Reporting & Budgeting | Team Building & Leadership | Management Accounting  
Supply Chain Management | Manufacturing Engineering | Six Sigma Black Belt | Financial Analysis  
Strategic Planning | Process Improvement | Continuous Improvement | Tax Management

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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#### CATERPILLAR INC. | 1988 – 2016

##### **BUSINESS RESOURCE MANAGER**

Directly managed a team of 6 professional accountants and jointly responsible with operations team for a budget of \$300M. Supported GAAP accounting, SEC reporting, and Sarbanes Oxley requirements. Worked closely with operation's director and facility operation's managers to provide monthly results reviews. Performed duties such as annual budget setting, quarterly budget refreshing, investment analysis, and \$500M capital expenditure management.

- Provided financial results support and budgeting support to the advanced components segment of Caterpillar exceeded results expectations for 5 consecutive years.
- Exceeded Caterpillar's business plan by leading the Advance components segments.
- Supported operations by working in a matrix structure within 11 Caterpillar facilities and managed 6 professional accountants.
- Surpassed cost reduction targets (\$50M/Sales and \$300M/Transfers) over 4 years within Advanced Components Division of Caterpillar Inc.
- Helped execute and develop cost reduction strategies by working with leadership team.
- Implemented and developed monthly reporting processes by redefining and establishing operations reporting packages due to a reorganization effort.
- Project Manager for the business case and solution development of an inbound logistics center in China, which covered financial, tax, logistics, and system requirements.
- Worked at largest Caterpillar Belgium SA facility and gained public accounting experience in West Africa and South Africa.
- Gained logistics and commercial managerial experience, which included providing commercial negotiations and customer support for \$100M startup logistics services in the auto industry.
- Acquired and maintains 3 years of Federal and State tax, and sales and use tax experience.

*Additional work knowledge in Public Accounting and International Experience.*

### EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & FINANCIAL CERTIFICATIONS

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**Bachelor of Accounting**, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign  
**Master of Business (MBA)**, Executive MBA, London Business School

### PROFESSIONAL FINANCIAL CERTIFICATIONS

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**Certified Public Accountant (CPA)**  
**Certified Management Accountant (CMA)**





From: Yvonne Schopke yvonne4545@gmail.com  
Subject: Recommendation letter  
Date: Dec 13, 2024 at 4:12:45 PM  
To: cfspellman@me.com

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December 13, 2024

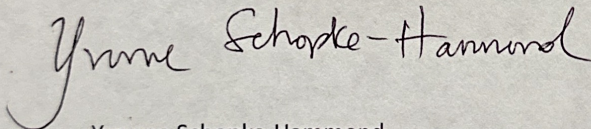
Re: Recommendation for Carol Spellman

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to recommend Carol Spellman for the SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON Advisory Board. Carol is my neighbor on Riverside Drive in Indialantic. She is an advocate for the improvement of our lagoon and a much respected member of our community. I whole heartedly believe Carol would be an asset to the SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON initiative.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (321) 508-2442 or via email at [yvonne4545@gmail.com](mailto:yvonne4545@gmail.com). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Yvonne Schopke-Hammond". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Yvonne Schopke-Hammond

