

January 4, 2021

To Whom It May Concern:

I have attached my application for consideration to be selected to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

After moving to Brevard County in 1980 and growing up here on the water, I have seen the lagoon deteriorate.

I am applying to participate in this committee in order to learn more about what can be done to fix the lagoon as well as be a liaison to the community on finding out what their concerns and desires are regarding the lagoon.

I believe that I would be able to contribute to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee due to the following factors:

-moved to Brevard County in 1980

-background in General Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Biochemistry, Physics, Microbiology, Epidemiology, and Statistics

-experience and background in Florida and Georgia Real Estate with residential and rental properties.

Therefore, due to my long time history in Brevard, background in Science and Real Estate, and having a vested interest in Brevard County with being a homeowner of 2 homes in Brevard County, I believe that I am a valid candidate for the committee.

Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Susan Hammerling-Hodgers

SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE VOLUNTEER APPLICATION

The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners is soliciting applications for two seats on the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee. Volunteers are sought to represent two fields of expertise: Real Estate 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 Technology. 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 resumés and letters of recommendation or endorsement should be submitted no later than **January 6, 2021**. The Brevard County Board of County Commissioners will review applications for Real Estate and Technology expertise and finalize the two appointments at their regular meeting on **January 26, 2021**.

Additional Requirements

In addition to completing the application, a resumé 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 recommendation to:

Natural Resources Management Department
Carol Gerundo, Administrative Assistant to the Director

Carol.Gerundo@brevardfl.gov

Phone: 321-633-2016

**SAVE OUR INDIAN RIVER LAGOON CITIZEN OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE
VOLUNTEER APPLICATION**

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:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Science | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Economics/Finance | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Real Estate |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education/Outreach | <input type="checkbox"/> Tourism |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Lagoon Advocacy | |

**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.

My family and I moved to Brevard County in 1980 and I attended Sherwood Elementary, Johnson Junior High, and Satellite High School. Growing up, I was an avid enthusiast of water activities. I have my advanced certification with PADI as a Scuba Diver. Also, growing up, I enjoyed Windsurfing and rowing on the Indian River Lagoon. At Satellite High School, I was an active member of the Eco-Sea Club which we participated in beach clean-ups and helping to protect the sea turtles. Recently, my husband who flies recreationally would fly us up and down the coast. I was shocked to see the lines of demarcation in the color of water between Volusia and Brevard County and Indian River County and Brevard County. While growing up, I would swim in the lagoon and it was blue.

Some of the reasons that I am interesting in serving as a member of the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Oversight Committee are that I would like to help implement and fund Lagoon projects and make the spending transparent to the public and educate the community of the river's health problem areas. There is an ecological crisis in the Indian River Lagoon and it needs to be fixed. My husband and I own properties here in Brevard County as well as in South Florida and see what a difference it makes in investing in the lagoon when we compare to other counties water quality and lack of pollution.

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.

Growing up in Brevard County, I have invested my time and hobbies in the Indian River lagoon. I continue to enjoy the lagoon with my family. In the community, I have heard disaster stories of where some local physicians are performing in office medical procedures and disposing of adipose tissue and other human waste into the sink.

Satellite High School Class of 1995-Eco Sea Club-beach clean ups and save the sea turtles

Nova Southeastern University PA School Class of 2001, Ft.Lauderdale, FL

University of Nebraska Masters of Physician Studies 2002

Florida Real Estate License, GRI Certification

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.

Various leadership qualities that I would contribute to the committee are the following:

Character qualities: Patience, open-mindedness, courtesy, firmness, understanding, compassion, humility and common sense.

Judgment: I would help to judge objective data presented to the committee in a fair and balanced manner by listening to all sides of the issue. In addition, I would compare and contrast data which is presented in order to come to a conclusion best for the citizens of Brevard County.

Analytical: In Undergrad and Graduate school, I had classes and extensively studied Epidemiology and Statistics. Throughout these courses, I learned to be analytical by applying research, data mining, forecasting, and reporting in an organized logical manner.

Communication: I am able to communicate efficiently and effectively in person, via phone calls, and email to explain my thought process and articulate my problem solving strategies and points in a manner that the general public would understand.

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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.

The importance of putting public interests first and avoiding real or perceived conflicts of interest in making recommendations for expenditure for Save Our Indian River Lagoon Trust Funds means to represent the community. Regardless of my personal opinions, I would analyze all the data presented to the committee and ask questions but vote on what the citizens of Brevard want.

With myself and family living in Brevard and active in the community for over 40 years, I have a extensive network of people whom I interact with socially and professionally. I interact with people of all races, backgrounds and would be able to be a representative to the community. I travel weekly throughout Districts 1, 2, 3 and 4 and would be able to get input from constituents from 4 of the 5 County Commission Districts. My sister and her family who reside in Melbourne Beach are extremely active in water sports here in Brevard County specifically surfing. I enjoy paddleboarding in the lagoon and my daughter enjoys tubing in the lagoon. Several of my friends live on the lagoon and enjoy boating. I think its important to understand the problems that homeowners face while living on the lagoon when its not at its healthiest.

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Susan Hammerling Hodgers



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PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS:

Florida Real Estate Sales Agent License SL 3217990

Georgia Real Estate Sales Agent SL 338880

Florida Department of Financial Services License W480508 Health Insurance Agent (2-40),
Property & Casualty Insurance Agent (2-20), Claims Adjuster (6-20)

Florida Board of Medicine Physician Assistant License PA9101668

EDUCATION:

2002 University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha, NE, Masters in Physician Assistant
Studies.

2001 Nova Southeastern University Ft. Lauderdale, FL. B.S. Physician Assistant Studies.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

Member of the American Society of Laser Medicine and Surgery –Served on the Women and
Energy-Based Devices Committee

Society of Dermatology Physician Assistants Diplomate, past Director-at-Large, Legislative
Affairs Chair

American Academy of Physician Assistants Distinguished Fellow

COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES:

- Economic Development Council Citizen Advisory Board 2019 and Tourist Development Council Cultural Committee 2019
- Brevard County Citizen Advisory Board for Planning & Zoning Committee 2018 and Marine Advisory Council 2017
- Brevard County Guardian ad Litem 2011-Present
- Crosswinds Youth Services Board of Directors 2015-Present
- Rolling Readers at Suntree Elementary-reading to Elementary school children
- Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame fundraising committee and volunteer-teaching financial literacy in Elementary school 2014
- Selected as 2014 Florida Today Volunteer of the Year
- Honored as 2014 LEAD 4 Under 40 Recipient
- Chosen as the Hometown Hero USAF Thunderbirds 2015
- Served as the Haven for Children Guild President 2014-2015
- Health First Golf Tournament Committee 2013 & 2014
- Health First Underwriting Ball Committee 2015

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RE: Susan Hammerling-Hodgers Recommendation

Dear Sir or Madam,

I have known Susan Hammerling-Hodgers for 7 years. I met her while I was a Trustee for the Florida Realtors PAC at a fundraising event. Through the years, I have had the opportunity to get to know Susan socially and professionally. Susan would be an excellent addition to the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee.

Not only has Susan grown up in Brevard County and knows the area well. Her family are active watersports participants here on the Space Coast. She loves to volunteer in the community and helping make Brevard the best place in the country to live. She understands the significance of cleaning up the lagoon for its health and its vital importance in maintaining property values. She voiced her interest in becoming more involved with lagoon issues a few years ago when she expressed concerns regarding the thousands of dead fish at her friend's house.

Susan has her Florida and Georgia Real Estate licenses in addition to having her Property & Casualty license along with her Claims Adjuster license. Also, she gone above and beyond to earn the prestigious Realtor GRI Designation. By earning the GRI (Graduate Realtor Institute) designation, she stands out to prospective home buyers and sellers as a Realtor who has gained in-depth knowledge on technical subjects as well as the fundamentals of real estate.

I highly recommend Susan to be selected for the Save Our Indian River Lagoon Citizen Oversight Committee and believe that she will be an asset to the Committee and the citizens of Brevard County.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,



William Kehoe, MBA

Broker