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COUNTY ADMINISTRATOR

APPLICATION FOR ADVISORY BOARDS/COMMITTEES

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Place of Employment: Christian Family Coalition Florida

Board/Committee Applied for: Special Library District Advisory Board

Specific Position on Board/Committee Applied for: member

How long have you lived in Citrus County: Years 5 Months _____

In which commission district do you reside? 1 2 3 4 5 (circle one)

Do you currently hold public office? Yes No X

Do you now serve, or have you ever served on a Citrus County board or committee? Yes No X

Please list the Committee/Borads:

Please list your community activities (civic clubs, neighborhood associations, etc. and positions held) Friends of the Lakes Region Library

Education: Bachelor of Science degree in Journalism from the University of Florida

Experience: See resume.

Some of the boards/committees appointed by the County Commission are required to comply with Chapter 112, Florida Statutes, the Financial Disclosure Law. If applicable, would you be willing to file the required financial statement? YES X NO
DATE 10/27/25 SIGNATURE John Labriola

Appointees to Advisory Boards/Committees are required to attend scheduled meetings as specified in Administrative Regulation entitled Board Appointments.

If you have any additional information such as a resume, please attach. Applications will be kept on file for a period of one year from date of receipt by the Board of County Commissioners. Should a vacancy occur, during that time, on the Board to which you have applied you will be notified to confirm your interest in being reconsidered for that Board

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Objective

I am pleased to submit my application for the Library Advisory Board (LAB). Although it's been less than five years since I moved to Citrus County full-time, my very active community and civic involvement, along with my extensive background in government service, elected leadership roles and public affairs reporting, have uniquely prepared me to be a positive and effective addition to this board. In the last four and a half years, I have made significant positive contributions to the county's library system, including spearheading the successful campaigns to end the annual "LGBT Pride" propaganda displays in the libraries and terminate the county's membership in the American Library Association, which sparked the subsequent statewide push to defund the ALA over its Marxist LGBT grooming agenda. I was also part of the effort to expose the existence of LGBT pornographic books in the library system's teen section, which led to the removal of the filthy LGBT teen novel "Jack of Hearts (and Other Parts)" from the system. Most recently, I led the campaign to end the county library system's \$3,300 subscription to BookPage and its woke pro-LGBT, pro-abortion, pro-CRT, pro-witchcraft and anti-Trump agenda. I have been a dues-paying member of the Friends of the Library in the Lakes Region and Florida City libraries. If appointed to the LAB, I pledge to dedicate my service to focusing on the library system's core mission of promoting literacy while preserving community standards, keeping in mind our community's wholesome, family-friendly, God-fearing Christian values.

Professional and Civic Experience

Lobbyist/Representative/Content Provider for Christian Family Coalition Florida, August 2021 - Present

Provide content for email blasts, press releases, action alerts and social media for one of Florida's largest pro-family organizations. Coordinate and direct a variety of grassroots efforts. These have included the statewide campaigns to defund the American Library Association and to convince county and city commissions to adopt resolutions opposing the now-defeated pro-abortion Amendment 4. Also serve as the organization's lobbyist to the Florida Legislature, identifying sponsors for legislative initiatives, testifying at committee hearings, lobbying individual lawmakers, and providing email and social media updates to our subscribers and followers.

Publisher of the Citrus Crusader, November 2021 - Present

Edit, design, write and publish a conservative e-newsletter and blog covering government, politics and culture in Citrus County, with a focus on where the community, local officials and candidates stand on issues of broader cultural significance and national interest to Christian conservatives. Developed the newsletter utilizing Constant Contact and Blogger platforms.

Freelance Writer, Consultant, Volunteer Coordinator and Campaign Manager, July 2021 - November 2022

Worked as a freelance writer on various assignments including reporting on local government and crime in Sumter and Lake counties for online news sites, then as a volunteer coordinator and political consultant providing messaging and advice to various candidates, including managing my own campaigns for Inverness City Council in which I came within about 1 percentage point of victory in 2022 and improved my showing in 2024 by nearly 500 votes.

Media Aide for the Miami-Dade County Commission Office of the Chair, June 2013 - April 2021

Worked in the Media Division of the Office of the County Commission Chair. Responsibilities included writing press releases, updating website and social media content, preparing speaking points, handling media and public inquiries, organizing press events, and coordinating with individual commission offices and other County departments to provide responses. Demonstrated ability to quickly and efficiently convert often complex legislative jargon into easy-to-understand language for the media and public. Also wrote, edited and gathered content for the County Commission's award-winning quarterly news magazine, *The Chamber Gazette*.

Editor/Publication Director of The Author's Voice / South Florida Writers Assn., July 2019 - October 2020

Produced the South Florida Writers Association's monthly newsletter in the volunteer position of Publication Director of the association's board of directors.

Director/President of International Village Association, February 2013 - February 2019

Served as Director and then President of the Board of Directors of International Village, an 832-unit condominium association in Inverrary (Lauderhill), Fla. Worked closely with the Property Manager, Maintenance Manager and Board to establish priorities, prepare agendas, review the budget, implement cost-saving measures, and discuss

and address various ongoing issues including pending legal cases, etc. Also worked closely with the association's Insurance Agent on new and ongoing claims, cost runs, etc. Also created and maintained a popular community blog featuring in-depth updates on issues affecting unit owners, along with board meeting video links and access to agendas, minutes and other documents.

Teacher/Tutor, Spring 2011 - June 2013

Held several temporary full-time and part-time teaching and tutoring positions at the Ahfachkee School in Clewiston, Fla. (Big Cypress Seminole Reservation), ISA School of Languages in Pompano Beach, Fla., and the Huntington Learning Center in Plantation, Fla. Subjects taught included English, Algebra II and SAT preparation.

Information Officer/Media Specialist for Miami-Dade County, April 2004 - October 2010

Served as a liaison to the media and public for various departments in Miami-Dade County government, including Miami-Dade Transit, the Citizens' Independent Transportation Trust and the Miami-Dade County Commission. Responsibilities included acting as a department spokesman, responding to media and public inquiries, writing press releases and articles for publication in local media, preparing speaking points and speeches, producing award-winning newsletters, assisting with the development of advertising and marketing campaigns and drafting various departmental documents and correspondence as needed.

Freelance Reporter for the South Florida Sun-Sentinel in Broward County, March 2005 - September 2006

Covered northwest Broward city commission meetings and other city news and features twice monthly on a freelance basis for the Sun-Sentinel, focusing on the city of Margate. Researched issues and developed sources within the community and wrote the cover feature story on Margate's 50th anniversary.

Reporter for the Sunrise Forum in Broward County, September 2001 - April 2004

Covered the city of Sunrise, Fla. for a weekly newspaper chain subsidiary of the South Florida Sun-Sentinel. Beat included city government, schools, events and features. Developed story ideas by cultivating sources within the community, attending city commission meetings, and researching issues.

Reporter for The Islander News in Key Biscayne, Fla., June 1999 - January 2001

Covered the village of Key Biscayne, Fla. for a weekly newspaper, with a focus on local government, schools and special events. Provided in-depth coverage on a wide variety of issues affecting the community, including environmental and water quality issues, public works projects and court cases.

Contributing Writer for The Gainesville Sun, The Independent Florida Alligator (campus daily) and The

Communicator (alumni magazine) while attending the University of Florida as a journalism major prior to graduating.

Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fla.

B.S. in Journalism

Phi Kappa Phi honors society

3.03 GPA

Other Experience

Member of Friends of the Library, Lakes Region and Floral City chapters

Member of Citrus County Right to Life

Member of the Citrus County Republican Executive Committee

Area Governor, Division B, District 47, Toastmasters International, 2013-14

President, Broward Bilingual Toastmasters, 2012-13

Broward School District Advisory Council member, 2007-08

Awards Received

Distinguished Toastmaster Award for public speaking from Toastmasters International, 2020

Community Papers of Florida, Annual Awards for Excellence, Best Original Writing. (Won third place statewide in 2002 and 2003.)

Languages

English, Spanish and French