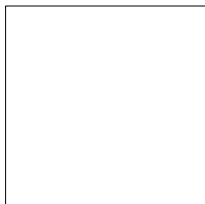


Kerry Bigelow

From: Tyshar Turner on behalf of CityClerk
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 3:11 PM
To: Kerry Bigelow
Subject: FW: Purita (Rita) Buencamino-Andrews - Districting Commission Application Form

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Wednesday, April 16, 2014 3:10 PM
To: CityClerk
Subject: Purita (Rita) Buencamino-Andrews - Districting Commission Application Form



APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON DISTRICTING COMMISSION

Prefix: Ms.
Name: Purita (Rita) Buencamino-Andrews
Address: [REDACTED]
Primary Phone: [REDACTED]
Secondary Phone:
Email: [REDACTED]

Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?:

Yes

Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?:

Yes

How many years have you lived in Chula Vista?:

44

Employer: City of San Diego Clerk's Office/Retired
Occupation: Analyst
Education: Master in Business Administration (MBA)

8. Are you currently serving on any board or commission for the City or any other governmental agency?:

No

9. Have you previously served on any board or commission for the City or any other governmental agency?:

Yes

If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?:

I served on the Chula Vista Board of Appeals & Advisors from 11/21/06 through 6/30/10. As a member of the Board, we addressed issues pertaining to building construction, investigated and advised on the suitability of alternate materials, types of construction and interpretation of the adopted Uniform Code, conducted public hearings and recommended to the City Council the passage of new legislation concerning construction; heard appeals relating to determination by the Fire Chief or Director of Planning and Building pursuant to adopted Uniform Code. As public official and volunteer on the Board, I submitted an annual Conflict of Interest Report to inform the City that I had no personal financial interests on the projects that were presented before the Commission and conducted myself in a fair and impartial manner guided by city and state statutes governing public health, safety and welfare regulations.

10. Please list any local, civic or community groups you have been involved with:

Yes

If yes, please list them:

For eight years, I Chaired the Council of Philippine American Organizations of San Diego County (COPAO), a non-profit, non-partisan 501(c) organization. As the Chair, I was responsible for carrying out the By-Laws of the organization and conforming with state regulations pertaining to the laws of a non-profit organization practicing in the State of California. During meetings, I insured that equitable time was given to the representatives of our numerous member organizations to allow dialogue from differing opinions and viewpoints. For two years, I was President of the South Bay Filipino American Community Association of San Diego County. Based in Chula Vista, it is an organization that has been in existence for over forty years. To keep updated on current events, Chula Vista officials are invited to attend our meetings and festivities. In 1988, while an employee in the City of San Diego Clerk's Department, I founded the City of San Diego Filipino American Employees' Association. Our purpose was to share our Filipino culture with all co-employees in the City. We addressed social issues, hosted artistic and cultural programs, and invited our co-employees of diverse backgrounds such as Latino, African Americans, Chinese, Vietnamese, Japanese, Korean, Hawaiian, Samoan, Chamorro, Iranian, Iraqi, and Euro-American as guests at our events. Last year, as one of the projects of the San Diego Filipino American Humanitarian Foundation, I was selected as "Hermana Mayora" of the Philippine Museum and Library to celebrate the annual Philippine Independence Day. I received a recognition and appreciation award for exemplary leadership and service to the Filipino American community. I currently serve as President of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, San Diego Chapter with a term of two years. We value education as instilled by our parents. One of the objectives of the organization is to raise funds towards the Scholarship Program. We created the "Adopt-the-School" program to donate funds to students who are financially deprived in buying the books and materials that are needed in school. In addition, we also donated funds to the University of the Philippines to repair the dilapidated buildings on the university campus and recently to displaced students who are victims of the recent storm (Typhoon Haiyan) in Tacloban, Leyte, Philippines.

11. Please describe any foreign language fluency you may have:

I'm fluent in writing and speaking the Filipino language. While going to school in the Philippines, the medium of instruction is English so when I immigrated to the U.S. in 1967, I was already fluent in speaking the English language.

12. Please describe any relevant knowledge or abilities you can bring to the Districting Commission that you believe would help the Commission carry out its responsibilities?

In 1981 when I was serving as Legislative Recorder in the City of San Diego Clerk's Department, Council District 5 recruited volunteers and residents in the district to help shape the district's maps

based on the 1980's Census Tract Data. I was one of the Legislative Recorders assigned to cover the weekly Council meetings. I would record the report of the public hearings participated by the diverse community groups, council members and county officials. The Committee would report the many hours spent studying the 1980 Census Tract Data and creating alternative district maps for public viewing. In the public hearings, I learned when the communities expressed concerns over the effect on lands ad parks; the location and impact on streets and roads; on storm drainage and utility locations, on public safety and on unique natural environment. My experience with redistricting which began in 1981 would definitely help the Commission carry out its responsibilities.

13. Please describe any experience you have with public communications or public outreach in the City?

As President of the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), I was the main spokesperson of the organization. Whenever there were grant applications to the County of San Diego Enhancement Program and the City of San Diego's Commission for Arts & Culture, I would present the application before the public officials and respond to any of their questions. I would be invited to swear-in the new officers of COPAO's member organizations and deliver an inspirational speech. COPAO has an annual event that is usually held at a public park to celebrate Philippine Independence Day. I delivered the welcome speech during the ceremony that was attended by public officials in the County and by approximately 2,000 - 3,000 visitors. In 2009 - 2010 when serving as Specialist for the U.S. Bureau of the Census, my area of concentration was to spread the word about the census. I met with many area residents and heads of businesses all over Chula Vista to talk about the importance of the census. Since I have been a Chula Vista resident for 44 years, I am knowledgeable about the different neighborhoods and business districts in Chula Vista. When my husband and I moved to Chula Vista in 1970, we invested in property situated north of Chula Vista; after two years we moved to south Chula Vista and in 2000 invested in property at Otay Ranch in east Chula Vista.

14. Please describe any experience you have had serving in a role in which you had to exercise impartiality:

As a public official, I will be a fair and impartial member of the Commission. As retired employee of the City of San Diego, I have no ties with any business, commitments, relationships and public aspirations in Chula Vista that would improperly influence my districting decisions. I have years of public and private experience demonstrating that I can be fair, impartial and respectful of individuals with differing social, economic and political backgrounds and viewpoints. While serving as a member of the Chula Board of Appeals and Advisors, a public hearing was called to determine the merit of recommending to the City Council an addition to the City's Municipal Code concerning the yard maintenance of homes that have been in the market for a long period of time. Public testimony was given by brokers, realtors and community groups who appeared before the Board. I was able to analyze the data and consider the different points of views in order to make an objective recommendation to the City Council. In my position as Supervisor in the Archives Section in the San Diego Clerk's Department, I supervised several staff members having different personalities and different viewpoints in the performance of their daily duties. In case of differences in opinion, I was able to balance these personalities and on rare occasions would meet with staff in private and communicate these differences and viewpoints to come up with a healthy solution to improve the working relationship. Based on my government and civic experiences, I have developed skills to listen to public opinion being presented, to analyze and evaluate complicated and often complex data, facts and written materials, to make informed decision based on the best available information, and to agree or disagree in a respectful manner.

15. Please describe any other relevant experience you have that is not described above:

In March 2014, as a salute to women leaders in the 79th Assembly District, I received a Certificate of Recognition for Community Activism from the California State Assembly and Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber in recognition of my outstanding service to the community.

16. Are you an elected City official, or a member of the City Charter Review Commission?:

No

17. Are you a relative by blood or marriage within the second degree, or a domestic partner, of an elected City official?:

No

18. Have you, at any time within the last four years served as an elected City official?:

No

19. Are you a current employee of the City or a current employee of any organization representing any employee bargaining unit for employees of the City?:

No

20. Have you, at any time within the last four, worked as a lobbyist?:

No

21. Are you currently an officer in any local political party organization, including, but not limited to, officers of a political party county central committee?:

No

22. Have you, within the last four years, served as a paid campaign worker or paid campaign or political consultant for an elected City official?:

No

I understand that to be considered, I must submit a resume and one letter of reference along with this application:

Yes

Applicant Name:

Rita Buencamino-Andrews

Today's date:

04/16/2014

Gender:

Female

Race:

Filipino

Ethnicity:

Not of Hispanic Origin

Resume

Purita (Rita) Buencamino-Andrews, MBA, CMC

Executive Profile: Motivated administrative professional; skilled at building strong working relationship with fellow staff, supervisors and community members.

Skills Highlights: Public administration background; Community development.

Professional Achievements:

2009 – 2010 Specialist, United States Bureau of the Census

As Partnership Specialist, I was responsible for developing partnerships with state and local governments, community-based organizations, faith-based groups, schools, media outlets, businesses and other grassroots entities in communities within the regional office area.

1974 – 2002 Archives & Records Management Analyst, City of SD Clerk's Dept.

Supervised and oversaw the operations of the Archives and Records Management and the operation of Forms Control in the City. In my capacity as Intern Coordinator, I collaborated with agencies in the local government and private entities in the County of San Diego. As Legislative Recorder in 1974, I covered the weekly Council meetings, prepared the Council docket and minutes of the meetings. I contacted the Mayor, members of the City Council, department directors and staff in the performance of my duties.

Volunteer Community Service:

2013 – 2015 President, University of the Philippines Alumni Assn, SD Chapter

Presided over the meetings of the Board of Directors. As spokesperson of the organization, I represented the organization at all functions in the community.

2004 – 2008 President, Council of Philippine American Organizations of SD County (COPAO)

As president, I planned and implemented activities that carried out the organization's goals and objectives. I monitored the Board's activities; developed and maintained effective communication with the Board, staff and member organizations of COPAO. Managed the planning, staging and coordinating of the organizations events by collaborating with member organizations of COPAO, schools and businesses. During my administration as president of COPAO, I collaborated with Mabuhay Alliance and Aguinaldo Foundation in the sponsorship of the Philippine Festival & Faire in 2008 at the Mira Mesa Community Park. COPAO also collaborated with the local schools in participating at the Festival of Festivals Parade.

1985 – 1989 President/Founder, City of SD Fil-Am Employees' Assn.

In 1985, as an employee in the City of San Diego Clerk's Department, I founded the City of San Diego Employees Association. The organization consists of employees of Filipino descent and the purpose is to share our culture with our co-employees in the City. We invited our co-employees with diverse backgrounds such as the Latino, African American, Chinese, Japanese, Hawaiian, Iranian, Euro-American and other nationalities as guests at our events. I served as its president for four years.

1987 – 1988 President, South Bay Filipino-American Community Assn.

Based in Chula Vista, the organization has been in existence for over forty years. To maintain our relationship with elected officials in Chula Vista, we invited the City officials to attend our meetings and attend the festivities sponsored by the organization.

Awards & Citations:

2014 – In March 2014, as a salute to women leaders in the 79th Assembly District, I received a Certificate of Recognition in "Community Activism" from the

California State Assembly and Assemblymember Shirley N. Weber in recognition of my outstanding service to the community.

2013 – Last year, as one of the projects of the San Diego Filipino American Humanitarian Foundation, I was selected as “Hermana Mayora” of the Philippine Museum & Library to celebrate the annual Philippine Independence Day in June. I received a recognition and appreciation for exemplary leadership and service to the Filipino American community.

1998 – As Chairperson of the Philippine Centennial Committee, I was awarded a Plaque of Recognition by the San Diego Scottish Rite Valley.

Education:

1978 – Master in Business Administration (MBA)

National University, San Diego, CA



THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO

April 15, 2014

City of Chula Vista
Office of the City Clerk
276 Fourth Avenue
Chula Vista, CA 91910

This is a letter of reference regarding the application of Purita (Rita) Buencamino-Andrews to be a Commissioner on the Chula Vista Districting Commission.

I became acquainted with Mrs. Andrews in 1996 when she was the Intern Coordinator in the City of San Diego Clerk's Department. As a fresh graduate from the Point Loma Nazarene University majoring in Public Administration, I dropped by the office of Mrs. Andrews to look for employment. She was looking for an assistant for a special project that requires the ability to analyze, decipher, compute, and estimate an array of quantitative data. I was hired and she guided me in the efficient performance of my duties and the successful completion of the project. During my association with Mrs. Andrews, she has been fair and impartial in treating her co-employees within the department and her association with City employees. She is actively involved in serving the community by volunteering her services in several non-profit organizations in San Diego County. She is currently the president of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association, San Diego Chapter and a member of the Council of Philippine American Organizations of SD County (COPAO) as a Board Adviser and actively attends the monthly meetings of the organization and participates in the activities of COPAO.

Mrs. Andrews served as Specialist at the 2010 US Census Bureau of the Census for two years (2009 – 2010). She is familiar with the boundaries of Chula Vista in her role as Specialist by developing partnership with community-based organizations, faith-based groups, businesses, schools, media outlets and other grassroots entities in spreading the word about the 2010 Census.

Mrs. Rita Buencamino-Andrews has been a resident of Chula Vista since 1970. She and her late husband Edwin are heavily invested in properties located in the eastern part of Chula Vista and witnessed the growth of Eastlake and the Otay Ranch communities throughout the years. Ms. Buencamino-Andrews is very proud and happy as a resident of the City of Chula Vista for 44 years.

Respectfully,

[REDACTED]
Clementina Giordano|BA, MPA
City of San Diego - Contract Specialist
Public Works Contracting Group



NATIONAL FEDERATION OF FILIPINO AMERICAN ASSOCIATIONS (NaFFAA)

REGION 10

(San Diego, Imperial, Riverside Counties)

Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council

City of Chula Vista

276 Fourth Avenue

Chula Vista, CA 91910

RE: Chula Vista Districting Commission

Letter of Reference for RITA BUENCAMINO ANDREWS

Dear Honorable Mayor and Members of the Council,

I am writing this letter to strongly support the application of Ms. RITA BUENCAMINO ANDREWS as member of the Chula Vista Districting Commission.

I have known Ms. Andrews since I settled as a resident of Chula Vista in 1992. She was introduced to me as a staff of the City Clerk's Office, City of San Diego; as founder of several Filipino American associations, such as the South Bay Filipino American Association and the City of San Diego Filipino American Employees Association, and as a part time Realtor. I later had the opportunity to know her professionalism and quality work ethics as my Co-Chair of the Philippine Centennial Celebration Committee in 1998.

I greatly admire and appreciate the passion of Ms. Andrews for volunteer community service as shown by her involvement with the Council of Philippine American Organizations (COPAO), as President for two terms. Currently, she is the President of the University of the Philippines Alumni Association of San Diego County.

The leadership positions that Ms. Andrews occupied was further enriched by her involvement with Census 2010, as a Census Specialist and as adviser of the Filipino Complete Count Committee. Her first-hand knowledge of the various districts of Chula Vista and her educational background and work experience makes her highly qualified to be a member of the Chula Vista Districting Commission.

Very truly yours,



Aurora S. Cudal

Chair, Region 10, NaFFAA

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