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To the Board of County Commissioners,

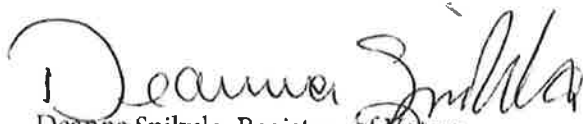
The Registrar of Voters has consulted the Washoe County Voter Rolls and has confirmed that on

December 24, 2019 , the applicant Michaela Tonking

was registered to vote at the following address 546 Lantern Ct, Incline Village, NV 89451

which is within the bounds of the Incline Village General Improvement District.

Comments regarding applicant if the above does not apply


Deanna Spikula, Registrar of Voters

1/3/2020

Date

**INCLINE VILLAGE GENERAL IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT TRUSTEE
APPLICATION OF INTEREST**

(Note: This document and accompanying materials will become public record.)

Only complete applications will be forwarded to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.

General Information

Applicant Name: Michaela Tonking

Physical Address: 546 Lantern Ct.

City: Incline Village **Zip:** 89451

Mailing Address: 546 Lantern Ct. Incline Village. Nevada 89451

Best Contact Phone Number: 775-225-0748

Email Address: Tonkingmichaela@gmail.com



I certify, by signing below, the following:

☒ That I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at the physical address listed above, which is **WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES** of the **Incline Village General Improvement District**

You can verify that you live within the boundaries of the Incline Village General Improvement District by visiting the Washoe County Voters [website](#)

☒ That I am a **QUALIFIED ELECTOR** pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada;

☒ That there is no legal condition, status, or other matter which would prevent me from taking the oath of office as an IVGID Trustee or from holding such an office.

Michaela Tonking

1/3/2020

Signature

Date

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Along with this application, you may attach information regarding your background and education such as a letter of interest, a resume, or a statement of qualifications. (For example, you may include information about community work, memberships in various organizations etc.)

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

Your completed application may be delivered in-person to the County Manager's Office, 2nd Floor, Room 201, Washoe County Administrative Complex, 1001 E. 9th St, Reno, 89512 or emailed to bvujeva@washoecounty.us by **5 PM, January 6, 2020**. Applicants for appointment must present their government issued ID and be present during the Board of County Commissioners meeting on January 14, 2020 at which the BCC will make the appointment.

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing to express my interest in IVGID Trustee, my passion for government, accounting and Incline Village coupled with professional and academic rigor makes me a valuable candidate for this trustee position. I had the privilege of growing up in Incline Village and the was presented with the opportunity to further my career in the amazing place I grew up.

As a former public accountant for Deloitte and Touché, I decided to follow my passion for education and volunteer at a juvenile detention center in Nashville. I am now working as a data and advocacy director in school finance. Prior to working at Educate Nevada Now. I worked as a consultant on school funding formulas and program evaluations. I received a Masters of Arts in Urban Education Policy from Brown University and both Master's and Bachelor's degrees in Business Administration from the University of Colorado at Boulder, with an emphasis in accounting. I seek the trustee position because I am passionate about government and process, I am skilled in collaboration and decision making and I am well informed budget decision making. I will work together with the board to make decisions that allow IVGID to grow but also maintain a reasonable budget. Additionally, I want to include the voice of the younger generation in IVGID and have them become more actively involved in local government.

I possess a strong background in applied quantitative analysis through my accounting and data skills to evaluate systems. At APA Consulting I created models from districts' and schools' financials, conversations with CFOs, administrators, and teachers on the types of resources needed in schools in order for students to meet state standards. Additionally, I preformed program evaluations on early childhood programs and various non-profits. I collected and analyzed data to pin point areas of improvements and create implementation plans. As a research assistant for the Rhode Island School Funding Formula Committee, I was responsible for best methods of conveying data analytics to senators, school administrators, and community members. This involved creating easy to read tables from pivot table analysis. I created graphs that showed the correlation between Free and Reduced-Price students and ELL students. I developed charts explaining the different weights that could be used for ELL students and students with IEPs, as well as, how these weights would affect the budget.

Finally, I have experience with collaboration and education reform. As Data and Advocacy Director at Educate Nevada Now. I worked with all of Nevada CFOs and Superintendents as well as different stakeholders' group in forming a coalition working on creating, adequate and equitable school funding in the state. I created and presented different funding formula models and education seminars on school funding and resource allocation. Additionally, I analyzed the budget changes from previous years to see how many of the mandates from legislative session are able to be met by the funding provided at each district and which innovative programs districts would be able to implement.

I hope you agree that my experience has prepared me to be an asset as an IVGID Trustee. I look forward talking in depth about this opportunity.

My contacts are as follows:

Email: tonkingmichaela@gmail.com

Phone: 775-225-0748.

Sincerely,

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EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATION

- 2016 *BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, RI – MASTERS OF ARTS – URBAN EDUCATION POLICY*
Competitive, accelerated program integrating research, theory, and practice. Comprehensive, hands-on training in data analysis and data-based decision making, economic theory and application for policy analysis, human development in an urban education context, and urban demographics and politics.
- 2015 *UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO, BOULDER CO – MASTERS OF SCIENCE AND BACHELORS OF SCIENCE – BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION EMPHASIS IN ACCOUNTING*
Gained enhanced knowledge of financial statements and budgeting. Developed analytical skills in account testing and data driven results. Received proper amount of credit hours to sit for the CPA exam Passed all four parts of the CPA Exam and working to finish audit hours

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2018 – Present

EDUCATE NEVADA NOW, NORTHERN NEVADA, NV – DATA AND ADVOCACY DIRECTOR

A nonprofit working to change and create a new way for funding schools in the state of Nevada. I act as Educate Nevada Now's Director of Data and Advocacy. I gather and analyze data and research related to ENN's school finance/resource Database which includes performance data, teacher data, budgets and survey results. I work with school districts and communications to create analytical presentation, conduct surveys, and create models to discuss various education issues facing the state. I advocate for the goals of ENN and the Fund Our Future NV coalition, through direct policy advocacy towards stakeholders and lawmakers, assisting with communications and PR, consensus building with various partners, and developing supporting data and research. I assist with outreach efforts, particularly in Northern Nevada and rural regions, by speaking to community and parent groups, meeting and coordinating with organizational partners, and managing partners interested in promoting ENN and/or the coalition's goals. I educate legislators and state officials on behalf of ENN and the coalition goals, including but not limited to testifying before the legislature and agencies, assisting in drafting white papers and reports to aid their decision making, and meeting directly with lawmakers.

2015- 2018

AUGENBLICK, PALAICH AND ASSOCIATES, DENVER, CO – ASSOCIATE

A consulting firm that works to improve quality, effectiveness and efficiency in our nation's public schools. I worked on with five states' school funding formulas ensuring there are adequate resources for all students. I created databases that analyzed the allocation of revenue in schools and districts across the state, as well as students' performance and growth. Additionally, I evaluated various education programs, I researched the costs associated with ten teacher preparation programs across the country as well as a comparison of their eligibility requirements, generated the return on investment of an early child care management software, assisted in the implementation of programs in the education and social services.

2015-2016

RHODE ISLAND'S SCHOOL FUNDING WORKING GROUP, PROVIDENCE, RI – RESEARCH ASSISTANT

A group appointed by the governor to analyze and address current problems in the state's school funding formula. I researched 50 states' funding formulas and their policies around local share contributions and English Language Learners. I ran correlation and regression models on students who are Free and Reduced Priced Lunch and ELL or have an IEP. I analyzed the policy implementations of providing a weight for students with IEPs versus applying a categorical grant.

2015-2016

BROWN UNIVERSITY, PROVIDENCE, RI – GRADUATE STUDENT ASSISTANT

The main liaison between the Urban Education Policy staff and the students. I organized and planned three guest speakers, admit day, and open house for prospective students. I designed and edited flyers, newsletter and invitations. I recruited all current admitted students and managed four ambassadors throughout the year.

2014

WOODLANDHILLS JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER, NASHVILLE, TN – INSTRUCTOR

A juvenile detention center designed for boys 12-19 who have more than one felony charge. The program provides specific treatment plans that must be followed before release. I instructed an English and History class during the day and developed interactive lessons on the holocaust and governmental systems. I lead discussions around power, race and lifelong goals.

2014

DELOITTE & TOUCHE, DENVER, CO – BUSY SEASON INTERN

A "big four" accounting firm responsible for auditing business financials and providing stakeholders with the most accurate information. I was responsible for validating the accuracy of accounts receivable, accounts payable, and inventory by reconciling bank statements, examining invoices, and counting inventory. I met with company heads and learned about the operations of their businesses and the checks and procedures they had in place.

LEADERSHIP

Present **NEW LEADERS COUNCIL - FELLOW –**

New Leaders Council is an six month intensive learning environment that equips fellows with the skills to run for office, manage campaigns, create start-ups and networks of thought leaders.

Present **WE THE PEOPLE HIGH SCHOOL PROGRAM – COACH**

A governmental debate class for high school students.

2014 **NEW ERA COLORAD, BOULDER, CO – INTERN**

A non-profit that is responsible for getting youth involved in democracy, as well as increasing the amount of registered voters. I worked to register and get 100 people to the polls. I developed an understanding of grassroots organizing through working to pass bills in the state congress around education and energy.

SKILLS

Microsoft Suite, STATA, Dedoose, Adobe Suite

PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST