

Washoe County, NV Boards & Commissions

Application Form

Profile

D ALEXANDRA T. PROFANT
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Home Address Suite or Apt

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City State Postal Code

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Primary Phone Alternate Phone

What district do you live in? * DISTRICT ONE

~~None Selected~~

Question applies to Washoe County Board of Adjustment, Washoe County Planning Commission

Do you live in unincorporated Washoe County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

How long have you lived in Washoe County? SINCE 1970 [(SEE RESUME) CV ATTACHED,]

How long have you lived in your district? SINCE 1970 / I'VE BEEN DOMICILED ELSEWHERE FOR EDUCATION / WORK PURPOSES / FORESTLAND - HISTORIC HOME PROJECTS.

Question applies to multiple boards

Are you registered to vote in Washoe County?

☒ Yes ☐ No

SELF / THE TRINITY FOUNDATION ARCHITECT CONSERVATOR / DIRECTOR
Employer Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Washoe County Planning Commission: Not Submitted

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT.

Why are you interested in serving on this board or commission?

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED STATEMENT.

PLEASE SEE ATTACHED CURRICULA VITAE.

Upload a Resume

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Are you related to anyone employed by Washoe County by blood or marriage?

☐ Yes ☒ No NOT THAT I AM AWARE.

If yes, please list the names and relationship of all persons you are related to.

NONE.

Alexandra Profant ~~APPLICANT~~

Topics of Interest relative to land use and planning in District One in Washoe County Nevada.

So much rich history in the design-built, architecture and engineering world began in this region and my passion in cultivating this appreciation and understanding drives my interest and fuels my intrigue. Research and work experience in private education and curatorial realms, and contexts disconnects my training from the community I love, where policy which has and will direct us, as architects, designers, engineers, developers and builders, may serve to protect it, with the help of County Planning staff.

This is the purpose for my application: to fulfill and address this potential through this appointed position.

Offering my time and willingness to participate in a civil service planning capacity, on Washoe County's Planning Commission for District One is a venue to apply this knowledge and contribute /enrich public debates, and dialogue to preserve, celebrate, and interpret said histories.

Experience which causes me to have unique qualifications involve case studies research I performed while co-chair of the external relations committee of Incline Vision which was followed up with an elected position as the Incline Village Crystal Bay representative on the Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association, where access to seasoned professionals in the transit systems at the lake and in the Reno area, caused me to understand the complexity of right of ways, metropolitan Planning Organizations, Bi-state contracts relative to investments into the CA PERS system, and how it effects transit offered at the North Shore, road building MPO's /RTC's, versus others, special and specific funding mechanisms for special needs populations, vehicle miles travelled and how all of this interfaces with emergency management planning and evacuation plans in the Lake Tahoe Basin and beyond.

Despite all of this interest and research my experience in this has not been utilized, and there are enormous needs which are not being met in the transit realms. For instance, the parking issues of short term rentals are not getting intersected with these under met needs of Washoe county populations who are unable to drive, or are on vacation and would choose not to, if they had the choice.

These issues are highly relevant in an emergency management context. I also spent time with and read the book put out by Ron Aryel on Biohazards management in transit situations; he had recently relocated to Washoe County and is the go-to person in a CDC context in the event of a potential Disease control threat or potential disaster. How does the Planning Commission oversee or plan for this issue?

Having been gifted collections by locals who've lived here for many years, I posses books, papers, letters and archives, where knowledge having to do with military programs which caused surveys of river valleys, inventions of building materials, and caused famous architects to live in and serve this area, designed and built structures in and around district one, which go under appreciated and have fascinating stories behind them. I would hope to offer some of this knowledge to any discussions and alert those on the commission to the county's pathway toward a preservation planning effort which was underway but for some reason got abandoned. (This is required by federal mandate), yet said surveys and policies are getting ignored due to lack of knowledge, understanding, and liabilities associated with the breadth and scope of USCA Title 16. There are other remedies and ways around this, but they are require an interest and scope of knowledge which is being pioneered at present and not yet well established. (By the Tahoe Foundation with the help of Washoe Elders contributing much volunteer time and efforts to establishing these guidelines which would sidestep these mandates.)

My experience with being employed by the Art Institute of Chicago Institution - Resources Facilities Management in the nations National Landmark, The Meyer Schlesinger Building by Louis Sullivan, (where architectural classrooms, and offices reside alongside the country's oldest tobacco shop, and the elevated train station at Madison and Wabash) is valuable in thinking of histories interfacing with modern day threats and the preservation of the built environment. (A portion of this system was built with material from Nevada and California.)

My masters thesis research topic was dealing with the role the image made then has to preservation today, specific to the transmission lines-right of way architectures and architectural histories from the view corridor of the moving train, which informed and helped to design the nations transit signaling, and the AC/DC on grid power system development.(Westinghouse and Tesla's original generator is still on site in Chicago.)

As a forestland owner with forest land which comes under the 2001 California Forest Practice Rules, I am required to have a keen understanding about multiagency compliance agreements meant to assist landowners with protections of habitats, water resources, roads and offsetting/mitigating impacts through engineering and grading plans for erosion control issues, and how to best forecast thinning and implement harvesting to release growth of a healthy forest and offset fire danger by managing the undergrowth-understory. These rules and their updates call out the entire region of The Tahoe Basin, inadvertently govern forestland management in the Tahoe Basin.

Restoration and studying an historic bungalow in Ferndale California, where Infill and infiltration in the sewer lines, is a persistent issue with seismic realities, causes me to have had to understand federal benefit opportunities to offset liabilities to the town and the state's flood policy and issues as a planning commissioner there. Point source pollutants are contended with by and through water quality boards with federally vested authority due to Title 16 mandates and definitions, in the Tahoe Region and the Truckee River watershed, there may be implications for Washoe County, and in particular District One. Is anyone thinking about this or the encroachments and liabilities issues this could cause? How do we address these issues quietly and preempt potential issues with our planning staff? These are the issues near and dear to me as a Washoe County native and architect conservator.

How are REIT's informing the property use conversions from owner occupancy rates to transient occupancy uses? Preservation Tax credits are one of the incentives to cause such conversions and could be the cause to force owners out.

These topics interest me. I would think they are of interest to any person with the ^{power} ~~power~~ to effect change in the voting districts of Northern Nevada since residents have been the historic voting voices here. Should we allow foreign nationals to be able to fly in on vacation, stay at an air b & b, register to vote and effect our elections? Is anyone thinking about such potential outcomes when discussing the "short term rental" issues? If they are not, in my humble opinion, they, we all, should be.

Alexandra Profant

My interest in serving on this Commission is to restore the conduit between District One /Truckee Meadows and Reno second home owners, historic users of Incline Crystal Bay's recreation facilities, the Reno Sparks Visitors and Convention Authority, back to the Incline Region for the sake of serving all of District One, as it used to function-effectively.

Also, I have been approached by those of First Nations Washoe persons to bring awareness to issues relative to how they may participate in to be a part of the cultural resources considerations in a constructive context where privacy and reverence is foremost, versus identifiers as the means for others to locate, desecrate or steal. The Historic Preservation world and authoritative texts in this realm recognize this as being a threat, not only to first nations people but to anyone who has property which may have historic valuation remotely realized by REIT distant tax credit and project incentives.

2-3-2020

TO: Washoe County Planning Commission

RE: D. Alexandra T. Profant for a seat on the Commission

Hello Commissioners,

I am highly recommending Alexandra Profant for a seat on the planning commission. She would represent the Incline Village/Crystal Bay area in a very professional and knowledgeable manner.

She has served as chair and co-chair for INCLINE VISION and has been on the External Relations and the Demographic Committee within that organization.

She was active in the process of having county communications and planning education in the processes of planning matters for our area. She was also active in other county matters for the School District and transit. She is also very active in other areas of concern for the Incline Village/Crystal Bay communities.

She is committed, articulate, knowledgeable, experienced on boards and committees and would be a great asset to the planning commission.

Margaret Martini

Incline Village Resident

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ALEXANDRA PROFANT
Dawn Alexandra Tatu Profant
Reno, Nevada

Curriculæ Vitæ 2020

Co-Founder /CEO-Director
The T A H O E Foundation
2008- Present

Truckee North Tahoe Transportation Management Association
Incline Village Crystal Bay Representative

Incline Vision
External Relations Committee Co-Chair
Demographics Committee- Co-Chair

Planning Commission
City of Ferndale California

EDUCATION:

2010-2019
Reading the Law relative to property preservation issues
Nevada Supreme Court Library

° School of the Art Institute Chicago

• Masters in Science Historic Preservation
(Not completed) 2010-2011

• Bachelor of Fine Arts A.I.A. D. O. -2010

• High Tech High Nature-Digital Architecture Coding
Continuing Education Credits -Certificate Program

• University Of California Berkeley Department of Environmental Engineering
Certificate in NEPA/CEQA course
Continuing Education Credits-Certificate Program

• University of Colorado Denver-Bachelors in Science
(Not completed)
International Affairs /Masters in Architecture Program
Switzerland Program at SCI ARC Campus
Lugano Switzerland

• Universitie Jules Verne Amiens France
Certificate Program

• Reno High 1988
• Washoe County School District GATE-UNR Programs

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

NV APA- (Nevada American Planning Association) Treasurer
Registered with CA NAAB Architecture Education/Licensing Program

PUBLICATIONS:

Crit : A Journal Of The American Institute of Architects
Cut/Paste
Chicago Poetry Guild Issues
Varied Editorials-Available upon request

ARCHITECTURE:

Private Projects

Grossman Mansion- Interior FURNISHINGS Remodel
Denver CO

Vahl Residence -Interior CONCEPT DESIGN
Denver CO

The Moderne Cottage™- Private Residence
Ettersburg CA

Horizon House
Private Residence & Art Studio

The Ridge-Private Home/Library/Studio
Ettersburg CA

American Instiute of Architecture-Denver
Le Corbusier- A Private Show

PUBLIC PROJECTS:

Out of the Box Building Blocks™
A Community Preservation Planning Forum
[Bi-State (CA-NV)Tahoe Region]

A New Role for Bus Shelters:
Transit & Heritage Corridor Project Lake Tahoe Basin
(underway)

OUTREACH & EDUCATION:

Varied Projects and Programs at The Tahoe Foundation
The Tahoe Foundation® Public Service for Youth Artists-North Coast Preparatory Academy
The Tahoe Method®
www.tahoefoundation.com(designed-built website)

Fine Art portfolio -Gallery Shows /Receptions & Private Collections Available upon Request
World Site Visits relative to preservation planning and architecture education listr available upon request