

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Instructions: You may fill out this application on-line by tabbing between fields. After you have completed the form, print the application by clicking on the Print button at the bottom of the page. Alternatively, you may print the blank form and fill it out by hand. You must sign and date the application. Attach any additional documents and mail to the address at the bottom of the form.

Name of Board/Commission/Committee as listed on announcement:

Nevada Cemetery District

Filing Period (as listed on the announcement):

May 25, 2020

Type of Member:

Member, Board of Trustees

Incumbent?

Yes

No

Name: Last

Cassella

First

Dennis

Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County)

Mailing Address, if different from residence

Address

Address

City

State

Zip Code

City

State

Zip Code

Supervisorial District 1 through 5
(Available from Election Office, 265-1298)

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Home Phone with area code

Unlisted?

Email Address

Work Phone with area code

Extension

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.)

Any time

Experience: A resume, or additional sheets, may be attached containing any information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Education/Employment Experience

MPA-Texas A & M - Commerce; BA Univ. California-Davis Political Science and History; AA-Accounting Sierra College; AA-Political Science-Sacramento City College. Senior Adjunct Professor - Public Administration (1978-2000) Golden Gate Univ. Director General and Emergency Services, County of Nevada, June 1977 to August 2003. Nevada Cemetery District, Trustee and Chair-2008 to currently. Resume' attached

Community Experience and Affiliations

Resume' attached

Other County Boards, Commissions, or Committees on which you have served:

Resume' attached

Other experience you feel would be helpful to the Board of Supervisors in making this appointment:

References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

Supervisor Edward Scofield, Former Sheriff Keith Royal

Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a financial disclosure statement as part of the appointment process. The form may be viewed at <http://www.fppc.ca.gov>. An Oath of Office will be required upon appointment.

I have reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statement requirement:

DC
Initial

Signature

Dennis A. Cassella

Date

May 5, 2020

Applications must be filed with: **Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Nevada, 950 Maidu Ave., Nevada City CA 95959-8617.** This application is a public document.

DENNIS CASSELLA
MAY 2020

Dennis attended Hiram Johnson and Luther Burbank Senior High Schools in Sacramento; Sacramento City College; Washburn University in Topeka, Kansas; University of Alaska, Anchorage; and he received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and History from University of California/Davis in 1971. He earned a Master of Public Administration from Texas A&M University/Commerce in 1975. Feeling that he also needed an accounting background he earned an Associate degree in Accounting from Sierra College in 1980. Not being satisfied with the student side of the table, he was an instructor with Golden Gate University, Sacramento from 1979 until 2000 and earned the position of Senior Adjunct Professor of Public Administration with Golden Gate University in 1990.

He was a Staff Sergeant in the United States Air Force, serving from 3/1966 to 12/1969 in Kansas and Alaska.

In 1971 Dennis began his working career as a civilian employee of the U. S. Army in depot supply management. A short time later, 1972, he was hired as an Assistant to the City Manager and then City Personnel Director for Texarkana, Arkansas where he worked until 1975. In 1975 he received a governor's appointment to the Department of Local Government Services in Little Rock, Arkansas.

California was calling to its almost native son and Mr. Gene Newman as Director of the Department of Social Services hired Dennis as Administrative Services Officer on June 25, 1977. Mr. Jerry Sykes, Nevada County Administrator appointed Dennis as the Program Manager for the Comprehensive Employment & Training Act (CETA) Program in September 1977. Eighteen months later, Dennis was appointed by Mr. Gene Albaugh, County Administrator, as the Administrative Services Officer in the Administration Office. On December 8, 1980, he was appointed as the County Purchasing Agent, and promoted to the position of Director of General Services on April 15, 1985. In 1988, Emergency Services was added to the General Services Department and Dennis has managed 10 declared emergencies in Nevada County during his tenure including the county response to Y2K and the energy crisis which, were not declared emergencies. Dennis has also served since 1994 as an Administrative Hearing Officer for parking violations and contractor substitutions. In his last fulltime assignment, Dennis worked in the County Executive Officer's office as Chair of the 2002-2003 Budget Sub-Committee. In August 2002, Dennis retired from County government with 30 years of credited service. Since March 2004, Dennis has been appointed part-time to prepare updates to Homeland Security Plans and prepared the Nevada County Multi-Jurisdiction, Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan which was approved by FEMA in August 2006. He also served as an Administrative Hearing Officer for Nevada County.

Aside from his working career, Dennis spends countless hours volunteering his time and organizational skills to benefit all the residents in Nevada County. He worked on the Nevada City Constitution Parade Committee from 1987 until 2010. Also in 1987, he was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to prepare the Nevada County and California State Fair county exhibits. Under his leadership, Nevada County won numerous gold awards for their exhibits. In 1992, Nevada County took Best in Show, the People's Choice and Best Craftsmanship for its exhibit on Grass Valley. Dennis has been a member of Gold Country Lions since 1988 and has served in all elected offices of his club. He is a founding member of the Nevada County Library Foundation and is currently its Treasurer; having also served as its President.

Dennis is listed in "Who's Who in America 2000" and "Who's Who in the World 2001".

Dennis was elected to the Board of Directors of the Hospice of the Foothills in August 2002 and served until 2008. In April 2003 he was appointed by the Grass Valley City Council to a 2 year term on the Grass Valley Personnel Commission and was re-appointed in January 2006 to a 4 year term. He served in 2006 and 2007 as its Chair. In January 2004, 2006, 2007, 2008 and again in January 2012 he was elected as President of Chapter 78 of the Retired Public Employees Association of California (RPEA). He was elected to the statewide position of RPEA Director of Membership in October 2008 and June 2010. In 2012 he was appointed as RPEA Area VII Director and still serves in that position. Dennis was elected in 2007, 2008 and 2009 as Chair of the Board of Directors of the Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, in 2017 he retired as a Board member. In 2008 Dennis was appointed to the Nevada Cemetery District where he was elected Chairman in July 2011 and remains the Chair. Dennis is also a member of the Yuba Bear River Land Trust

Dennis served on the Placer-Nevada Tahoe Forest Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) in 2013-2014 and 2019 to the present time..

Dennis is a member of Unity in the Gold Country, a Grass Valley church.