

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS-APPOINTED SPECIAL DISTRICT POSITIONS

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Name of Special District as listed on announcement:
Truckee Cemetery District

NEVADA COUNTY
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Filing Period (as listed on the announcement): To fill the current vacancy on the Truckee Cemetery District Board.

Type of Member: Trustee Incumbent? Yes No

Name: Freeman Kathy
Last First

Resident Address: [REDACTED]
(Must be a resident of Nevada County) Zip Code

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] Zip Code

Supervisorial District in which you reside: Fifth [REDACTED]
(This information is available from the Election Office at 265-1298). Email address

Phone Number: *HOME: [REDACTED] WORK: Retired teacher
*(Indicate if unlisted number)

Time(s) available to attend meetings (days, evenings, etc.) I am available most evenings and some days for meetings.

EXPERIENCE: A resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Please see attached resume.

Education/Employment Experience: 1990-2018: For 28 years, taught classes in journalism and English as a community college professor at Bakersfield College. 1977-1990: Reporter and editor for The Bakersfield Californian, a local newspaper.

Education: June 2000: Master's degree in English literature from California State University, Bakersfield. 1977: Bachelor of arts degree in journalism from California State University, Fresno.

Community Experience and Affiliations: Since October 2019, I have been state certified as a long-term care ombudsman, volunteering to assist LTC residents in 11 facilities in Nevada and Sierra counties. I also am a proud member and secretary of the Truckee Host Lions Club.

Other County Boards/Commissions/Committees on which you have served: None. This is the first county board I have applied to serve on.

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

I have served in leadership positions throughout my career, and now as a retiree, I enjoy volunteering as a way to continue to give back to the community. One of the Truckee community's gems is the Truckee Cemetery, a beautiful place of remembrance. If chosen to serve on the Truckee Cemetery District Board, I would uphold the district's mission statement to protect the cemetery, its services, and its history for residents and their families in Nevada County's Fifth Supervisorial District.

REFERENCES: Please list two references with telephone numbers:

Joe Aguera, Consultant, Truckee Cemetery Board, [REDACTED]

Lou LaManna, President, Truckee Host Lions Club, [REDACTED]

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

I have reviewed the Financial Disclosure Statement requirement: [Signature] Initial

Date: Sept. 29, 2021 Signature: Kathy Freeman

Applications must be filed with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, County of Nevada, 950 Maidu Avenue, Suite 200, PO Box 599002, Nevada City, CA 95959-7902. This application is a public document.

Kathy Freeman

Statement of Interest

One of Truckee's true gems is the Truckee Cemetery, a lovely place of peace, remembrance, and history. If chosen to serve on the board of the Truckee Cemetery District, I would uphold the district's mission statement to protect the cemetery, its history, and its services for residents and their families in Nevada County's Fifth Supervisorial District.

As a retired teacher, I enjoy being a part of local organizations as a way to continue to give back to the community. I became a state-certified long-term care ombudsman in October 2019, volunteering to represent residents and investigate complaints of elder abuse in 11 long-term care facilities in Nevada and Sierra counties. I joined the Truckee Host Lions Club in January 2020 to assist the club in its mission to provide vision-related services to those in need, becoming the club's secretary in July 2021.

Joining the Truckee Cemetery District Board would help the board and its community.

Work Experience

Bakersfield College: 1990-2018

Retired in May 2018 after teaching 28 years as an English and journalism professor at Bakersfield College, a community college. Career highlights included:

- Served as president, executive officer, grievance officer, and representative for the faculty union, the Kern chapter of the Community College Association.
- Received 2017 WHO ("We Honor Ours") Award from state faculty association officials for service to the Kern chapter of CCA.
- Selected for a 2009 National Endowment for the Humanities summer workshop, "Landmarks of American Democracy: From Freedom Summer to the Memphis Sanitation Workers' Strike," a two-week seminar held at Jackson State University in Jackson, Miss., and Rhodes College in Memphis, Tenn., that studied the history of the civil rights movement in Mississippi.
- Taught all levels of composition and helped develop English courses and curriculum, including team-taught advanced composition and critical thinking classes.
- Named 1995 Outstanding Journalism Teacher of the Year for two-year colleges by the California Newspaper Publishers Association.
- From 1990-2004, coordinated the Bakersfield College Summer Journalism Workshop, a project sponsored by The Dow Jones Newspaper Fund, Inc., *The Bakersfield Californian*, and Bakersfield College to encourage minority high school students to consider media careers. Team-taught the workshop for many years with George Ramos, a Pulitzer-Prize winning journalist with the *Los Angeles Times*.
- Advised the campus newspaper student staff, which won more than 550 local, state, and regional awards in all aspects of reporting, photography, editing, page design, and investigative reporting.
- Proud member of the Bakersfield College Bowling League, 1990-2018.

The Bakersfield Californian: 1977-1990

- Covered medicine, education, investigative news, city and county government, spot news and features as reporter for *The Bakersfield Californian*, a newspaper that covers Bakersfield and Kern County, for 13 years. Also worked as Special Projects Editor and Sunday Editor for eight years.
- In 1990, won *The Associated Press* Sports Editors' first place national award for Best Enterprise Reporting for series on steroid abuse as part of a *Californian* reporting team.
- As reporter and editor, won numerous awards from the Kern Press Club. In 1989, won top honors in reporting series for stories on infant mortality and top honors in business/economic writing for article on local hospital's financial problems. Also won *Californian's* monthly award for excellence several times.
- Proud member, officer, and negotiator for The Newspaper Guild, Local 202, 1977-1990.

Education

- June 2000: Master's degree in English literature, California State University, Bakersfield.
- June 1977: Bachelor of arts degree in journalism, California State University, Fresno.

Community Organizations

- State certified as a long-term care ombudsman for the Agency on Aging/Area 4 in October 2019. Represent facility residents and investigate complaints of elder abuse at 11 nursing homes and assisted living facilities in Nevada and Sierra counties.
- Truckee Host Lions Club secretary, July 2021-present. Joined the club in January 2020.
- In Bakersfield, campaigned for the college district's Measure J, a \$503 million bond measure, by working phones and walking precincts in 2016. It passed.
- Active in East Bakersfield graffiti removal project, 2005-2018.
- Assisted the Kern County Sheriff's K-9 Team with public relations programs for 12 years by writing brochures, working with their printer to create K-9 event programs, and by volunteering at sheriff's displays at the annual Kern County Law Enforcement Day.
- Judged the Kern High School District's Regional Occupational Program's Skill Olympics and served on its advisory board for three years, 1997-1999.