

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY BOARDS/COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

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NEVADA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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 County Building and Accessibility Standards Board of Appeals

Filing Period (as listed on the announcement): July 1, 2019

Type of Member: Member at Large

Incumbent? Yes

Name: Last Acton

First Ana

Residence Address (Must be a resident of Nevada County)

Mailing Address, if different from residence

Address [Redacted]
City [Redacted]

Address [Redacted]
City [Redacted]

Supervisor District (Available from Election Office, 265-1298) 4

Home Phone with area code

Cell listed?

Email Address [Redacted] Home phone with area code

Cell phone 213

Time(s) available for meetings (days, evenings, etc.)

Days

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

See attached resume

Community Experience and Affiliations

See attached resume

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

See attached resume

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

See attached resume

References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

Mark Fenicle, FREED Board of Directors, [Redacted]

Christina Mills, California Foundation for Independent Living Centers, [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 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: AA
Initial

Signature Ana Acton

Date 6/7/19

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.

Print Form



Ana Acton

OBJECTIVE

To advance independent living for individuals with disabilities and older adults.

SKILLS SUMMARY

- Organizational and community leadership
- Ability to build trust among diverse stakeholders through relationship building and sound judgment
- Clear communication of values to guide organizational vision and mission
- Excellent written, verbal and interpersonal communication skills
- Ability to develop and implement organizational goals and plans
- Grant writing and reporting
- Community organizing skills
- Plan, develop, and conduct presentations and trainings, facilitate meetings
- Knowledge of the Americans with Disabilities Act and California Title 24
- Knowledge of disaster planning, response, and recovery for individuals with Access & Functional Needs

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

FREED Center for Independent Living, Grass Valley, CA 2004 – 2010 & 2012 - Current

- **Executive Director, 2007 – 2010 & 2012 - Current**

A leadership position implementing FREED mission, vision, and goals to empower individuals with disabilities to live full, active lives as productive, self-sufficient community members and to educate the community on independent living and disability rights. Supervision of management staff to carry out independent living core services and drive the policies and strategic plans set forth by the Board of Directors. Collaboration with diverse stakeholders from both private and public sectors, and policy makers on local and statewide level to advocate for the rights of people with disabilities and to ensure that policies are responsive to the needs of the community.

Extensive experience advising public and private sectors on disability access laws and implementation. Supervised program implementation of new and innovative programs to meet the needs of the disability and senior communities. Disaster preparedness leadership to address needs of people with disabilities and older adults during planning, response, and recovery.

Oversaw organizational budget, successful grant writing, and reporting to funders. Increased organizational budget by \$700,000 to over \$1.5 million through grant writing and through community fundraising. Chair of Nevada County Long Term Care Council, California Disaster Strategies Coalition, California Association of Traumatic Brain Injury, and past-chair of the California Foundation for Independent Living Centers.

- **Program Manager, 2007**

Provided leadership and empowerment for independent living service staff in the delivery of consumer driven services and programs for people of all ages and with any type of disability. Developed and monitored policies, procedures, goals, and objectives for all core services and programs. Reviewed and monitored consumer data base tracking system, grant goals and objectives, and reported on activities and goal progress. Managed extensive Assistive Technology (AT) services and implemented the new AT Device Lending Library.

- **Systems Change Advocate, 2004 – 2007**

Organized people with disabilities to advocate for their own rights and have a voice in the political process. Researched and analyzed current policies and proposed legislation that impact people with disabilities. Made recommendations to management on organizations Systems Change Plan including development of positions on issues, developed outcome based goals and activities, and

prepared reports on all organizational systems change activities. Built ongoing relationships with legislators and educated them about policy impacts on the disability community. Collaborated with the Statewide Systems Change Network to develop goals and activities and carried out agreed upon strategies to further the disability rights movement on local, statewide, and national levels. Chaired the Systems Change Network's Voting Committee and made recommendations to independent living centers on effective Get-Out-The-Vote activities.

California Department of Rehabilitation, Sacramento, CA

2010 - 2012

• **Chief of Independent Living & Assistive Technology Section, Services Staff Manager II**

A leadership position implementing the Department of Rehabilitation's mission, vision and goals to work in partnership with consumers and other stakeholders to provide services and advocacy. Direct supervision of 9 staff to provide funding, compliance and oversight, and technical assistance to 29 Independent Living Centers, 7 Traumatic Brain Injury Program sites, the Assistive Technology Network, as well as a number of other non-profit organizations serving individuals with disabilities in California. Administration of \$17 million budget and over 120 grants and contracts annually. Supported two Statewide Committees, the Assistive Technology Advisory Committee and the Traumatic Brain Injury Advisory Committee. Worked collaboratively with the State Independent Living Council to develop, approve, and meet the goals, objectives and activities outlined in the State Independent Living Plan. Conducted fair and competitive solicitations for distribution of funding to meet State Plan for Independent Living and Assistive Technology State Plan goals. Conducted fiscal and programmatic compliance reviews of Independent Living Centers and other grantees. Worked collaboratively with State Departments and entities to ensure that the long-term service and support needs of individuals with disabilities are addressed in policy development and implementation. Implementation of the State Traumatic Brain Injury Program, a new program to the Department of Rehabilitation, to meet statutory requirements. Reported to federal funders on State Plan for Independent Living and Assistive Technology State Plan goals, objectives and expenditures.

California Disaster Strategies Coalition

2018 – Present

• **Coalition Chair**

Serve as California Disaster Strategies Coalition member and works in collaboration with the Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies. The Coalitions address the needs of individuals with Access & Functional Needs including planning during "blue sky" on disability related issues including notification, transportation, utility power shut-off programs, and sheltering. The Coalition organizes during disaster response to support coordination in address needs including sheltering, assistive technology, and FEMA assistance. Conducted multiple presentations and technical assistance on disaster planning, response, and recovery related to local wildfires and threats of flooding for community partners and stakeholders.

Nevada County Building and Accessibility Standards Board of Appeals 2015 – Present

• **Member at Large**

Serves as a member and provides input and technical assistance on matters relate to California Disabled Access Regulations to ensure decisions and determinations are responsive to the needs of people with disabilities and older adults.

California Association of Traumatic Brain Injury

2010 – Present

• **Committee Chair**

Serves on an association of traumatic brain injury programs throughout California to advance traumatic brain injury services through advocacy and coordination of services.

Secretary of State's Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee (VAAC)

2005 - 2010

- **Committee Member**

Served as a VAAC member under two Secretary of State's advising the secretary on issues related to the access of the electoral process by voters with disabilities. The VAAC committee consists of cross-disability organizations and county election officials. Recommendations to the Secretary have included assistance with accessibility policies related to voting systems, polling places, poll worker training, and voter education materials.

Team Phoenix, USA

1997 - 2007

- **Manager, Team Racer and Motivation Speaker**

Managed an off-road wheelchair racing team and competed in national and international mountain bike events. Assisted with the organization of domestic and national Challenge and Race Tours for people with disabilities, youth with disabilities camps, and served as an Independent Living liaison and motivational speaker.

Small Farm and Florist Business, Self-Employed, North San Juan, CA 1995 – 2004

- **Florist and Produce Sales, Customer Service, and Marketing.**

Managed, organized, and produced flowers for weddings and special events. Sold products at farmers markets and distributed products to local retailers.

LEADERSHIP ACTIVITIES:

- California Aging & Disability Resource Connection Advisory Committee 2015 - Present
- Host of KVMR radio monthly "Disability Rap" program 2007 – Present
- Nevada County Community Living Implementation Council 2008 – Present
- State Aging and Disability Connection Planning Committee 2010 - 2012
- Nevada-Sierra Regional IHSS Public Authority Governing Board 2008 – 2011
- Live Healthy Nevada County Coalition 2008 - 2010
- Dial 211 Implementation Committee 2008 – 2010
- Help America Vote Act State Plan Advisory Committee 2008 - 2009
- Nevada County Voting System Selection Advisory Committee Chair 2007
- National Disability Vote Alliance Member 2005 – 2007

EDUCATION & TRAINING:

California Health & Human Services Supervisors Training, 2010

Nevada County Community Leadership Institute Graduate, 2010

Center for Non-profit Leadership Team Fundraising Series, 2010

Sierra Health Leadership Program, University of Southern California School of Public Policy,
Class of VIII

Diversity Leadership Institute Designing & Developing Diversity Action Plan Training, 2007

DREDF Americans with Disabilities Act Training, Title I and Title III, 2005

Mid-West Academy Organizing for Social Change Training, 2005

California Foundation for Independent Living Centers (CFILC) Laws & Sausages Training, using
media and community organizing to further legislative advocacy, 2004

California State University Chico, Liberal Studies with a concentration in Environmental Studies,
53 Units Completed, 2001 - 2003

Sierra College, Associate of Arts, Liberal Studies, 87 Units Completed, 1995 - 2003

AWARDS:

- CFILC Systems Change Network Award for outstanding performance and lasting contribution to Systems Change Network Voting Committee, 2006
- CFILC Systems Change Advocate of the Year Award for Exceptional Leadership, Organizing, and Advocacy, 2005