COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES

Instructions

You may fill out this application on-line by tabbing between fields and selecting the green Submit at the bottom once complete.

Submit Date: Aug 06, 2025

If you prefer to submit a paper application you can select the Print button at the bottom of the page. Printed applications require an original signature and date noted. Any additional documents will need to be attached and then mailed to the address at the bottom of the form.

Must be a resident of Nevada County to apply.

Profile			
Which Boards wo	uld you like to apply for?		
Adult and Family Ser	vices Commission: Submitted		
Question applies to multiple Confirm your des	e boards ired member position:		
Low Income Sector			
Incumbent?			
⊙ Yes ⊖ No			
Dena	Malakian		
First Name	Last Name		
Home Address		Suite or Apt	
Nevada City		CA	95959
City		State	Postal Code
Business Address	if different from residence) i (Optional)		
	uth 200 Litton Drive, Suite 308 Gra	ss Valley, CA 95945	
	trict 1 through 5 (Available fro		265-1298)
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✓ District 1			
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lime(s) available			
Any			

Dena Malakian

Business Email Address
Mobile: Primary Phone Business: Alternate Phone
Are you currently employed with the County of Nevada?
○ Yes ⊙ No
Interests & Experiences
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
List any 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:
I grew up in Nevada County and returned as an adult in 2004. I've been involved in many collaboratives to build supports for youth and families since my return and care deeply about the well-being of all our community members. I've been a member of this commission since 2011.
References: Please list two references with telephone numbers
Jennifer Singer, Executive Director, Bright Futures for Youth: Senior Administrative Analyst, Housing and Community Services, County of Nevada:
Dena_Malakian_Resume_Current.docx Upload a Resume
Additional Attachments

Agreement

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.

✓ I Agree

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.
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DENA VALIN MALAKIAN

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Phone:	Email:	
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25+ years of management and leadership experience, including current role as Associate Director of a youth-serving nonprofit organization.

Proven track record of strengthening the quality and quantity of programs through strategic planning, impact evaluation, cross-sector partnerships, and resource development.

Core Knowledge & Skill Areas

- Organizational Leadership
- Strategic Planning
- Partnership Development
- Community Outreach
- Program Development
- Program Evaluation
- Resource Development
- Budget Management
- Marketing & PR

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bright Futures for Youth (formerly The Friendship Club)

2013 - Present

Associate Director

Oversee all aspects of program operations and supervise all program leaders for an organization with over 30 employees. Manage annual organization and program budgets and work closely with Executive Director to fulfill program-related strategic goals of the agency. Responsible for strategic planning in programmatic areas, program development and evaluation, grant-writing and reporting, human resources, partnership building and outreach.

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County & North Lake Tahoe

2004 - 2013

Executive Director

Directed all aspects of nonprofit organization with 6 employees and grew the organization from 40 mentor-mentee pairs to 300 pairs. Managed annual budget of \$300,000 and worked closely with Board of Directors to fulfill strategic goals of the agency. Accountable for strategic planning, program evaluation, resource development, financial management, policy-making, human resources, partnership building, public relations, outreach, and marketing.

Long Beach Better Learning After School Today (BLAST)

2000 - 2003

Director of Program & Evaluation

Developed and implemented mentoring program involving partnerships between institutions of higher education and primary schools in urban cities. Worked with higher education faculty to integrate service-learning component into their curriculum and had their students mentor primary school students while applying key learning principles from their class. Grew program from 100 college student mentors to 550 mentors annually in three years. Evaluated the impact of the program on both the mentors and mentees each year.

University of California at Irvine

1999 - 2000

Co-Director, Dept. of Education Collaborative After School Project (CASP)

Directed CASP in partnership with a faculty member and was responsible for developing, coordinating and implementing training and technical assistance for after school program leaders, policy-makers, and staff. Facilitated K-16 partnerships with after school programs and provided training and technical assistance in this area as key responsibilities.

University of California at Irvine

1998 - 1999

Coordinator of Academic Programs, Department of Education

Coordinated the Educational Leadership (Ed.D.) program for the Department of Education and worked closely with the faculty to provide support. Responsible for overseeing student recruitment, screening, and enrollment into the program, and advising students until degree completion. This included coordinating all coursework, exams, dissertation preparation and defenses for the Department.

EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education in Educational Leadership, 2008: U.C. Irvine, CA

Masters in Social Ecology, 1998: U.C. Irvine, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 1994: U.C. Santa Cruz, CA

Bachelor of Arts in Anthropology, 1994: U.C. Santa Cruz, CA

COMMUNITY SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Nevada County Adult and Family Services Commission, 2011-Current: Appointed Member and current Chair, Advisory to the County Board of Supervisors

Nevada County Child Abuse Prevention Council, 2020-Current: Board Member

Nevada County Juvenile Justice/Delinquency Prevention Commission, 2024-Current: Appointed Member, Advisory to the County Board of Supervisors

Center For Nonprofit Leadership of the Sierras, 2004-2018: Board Member and Chair of the Membership Committee.

YMCA of the Gold Country, 2015-2017: Advisory Board Member

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Nevada County, 2004-2014: Big Sister Mentor

Nevada County Substance Abuse Advisory Board, 2008-2010: Appointed Member, Advisory to the County Board of Supervisors