

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
**COUNTY BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND COMMITTEES**

Submit Date: Oct 17, 2023

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**Instructions**

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

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.

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**Profile**

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Youth Commission: Submitted

**Incumbent?**

Yes  No

Walter

First Name

Helvin

Last Name

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Grass Valley

City

CA

State

95949

Postal Code

**Mailing Address (if different from residence)**

**Business Address (Optional)**

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

District 2

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

Not yet determined but most likely in the afternoons or evenings of weekdays past 4 or 5 pm Monday - Friday.

Email Address

**Business Email Address**

Walter Helvin

Mobile: [REDACTED]

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

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## 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

I am a senior in high school and I will graduate Ghidotti Early College High School at the end of this school year. I attended a summer program about sustainable transportation at UC Davis through the California State Summer School of Mathematics and Science (COSMOS). For the last few years, I have worked for neighbors and local ranchers to do yard work, weed-eating, hay-baling, and other similar jobs. I have been employed by Sierra College as an academic tutor for the past 2 years. In the past year, I worked as a tutor for a couple of private clients.

## Community Experience and Affiliations

I have volunteered for a number of local non-profits such as Sierra Streams Institute, Bear Yuba Land Trust, Wolf Creek Community Alliance, South Yuba River Citizens' League, and the Interfaith Food Ministry. I have been a co-leading member of Nevada County Sunrise for a couple of years and have worked to promote environmentalism and empower young people in our community. I was part of recent efforts that our group led to campaign for local officials, participate in the protests against the Idaho Maryland Mine, and encourage policy changes at the local government level on energy, climate, and other issues.

## List any other County boards, commissions, or committees on which you have served:

I have served as the chair of the School Site Council of my high school, which is essentially a joint oversight committee that reviews documentation pertinent to the high school's functions, accreditation, etc.

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

I attended and graduated from the Nevada County Citizens' Academy program last year.

## References: Please list two references with telephone numbers

Dr. Nathan Conkle, my English professor at Sierra College who I now assist as part of my position as a tutor. ~ [REDACTED] Heather Heckler, a staff of the CEO's office who I met during Citizens' Academy and helped me to learn a lot about our county government. ~ [REDACTED]

[Walter\\_s\\_Resume.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Additional Attachments

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## Agreement

Walter Helvin

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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.

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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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# Walter Helvin

As a curious and passionate young adult, I love to learn new subjects and skills. I find many academic subjects interesting which has opened my eyes to potential career paths. Working and volunteering in my local community has also taught me valuable skills and inspired me in other ways. My goal is to help others as I further my own self-development and education.

Grass Valley, United States

## EDUCATION

### Sierra College

#### William And Marian Ghidotti High School [↗](#)

08/2020 - Present

Grass Valley, California

Enrolled in both high school and college courses on the Sierra College Campus in Nevada County as a Ghidotti Early College High School student

- Accepted into National Honors Society: Phi Theta Kappa
- Member of student government as a class representative
- Chair of school committee: Ghidotti Site Council
- Weighted GPA: 4.25 as of the Fall 2023 Semester

### California State Summer School for Mathematics and Science (COSMOS)

#### University of California, Davis [↗](#)

07/2023 - 08/2023

Attended a month long summer school at UC Davis in a sustainable transportation program

- Final project analyzed land use, demographics, and economic data in GIS to determine financial solvency of development in Nevada County

## WORK EXPERIENCE

### Academic Support Tutor

#### Sierra College, Nevada County [↗](#)

01/2022 - Present

Grass Valley, California

Sierra College is a public community college with several campuses in Northern California

Achievements/Tasks

- Completed the College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) tutor certification
- Providing academic assistance, support, and encouragement to both Ghidotti and Sierra College students
- Assisting professors with lesson material and facilitating student communication

### Self Employment

#### Landscaping, Yard Maintenance, and Ranching

06/2019 - Present

Grass Valley, California

Working for local community members to care and maintain their properties as well as helping with seasonal ranch work

Achievements/Tasks

- Pipe repair, fence repair, moving and stacking firewood, and simple woodworking
- Lawn care, weed-eating, trimming trees and brush, clearing vegetation and other debris, and pond maintenance
- Bailing hay and building/repairing fencing
- Managing, herding, and caring for farm animals

## SKILLS

Teamwork

Organization

Communication

Time Management

Problem-Solving

Leadership

## VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

### Nevada County Sunrise (09/2021 - Present) [↗](#)

Volunteered to plan and execute a community event supporting and hosting local electoral candidates. Presented to students at local high schools about environmentalism. Serving Nevada County govt. in an advisory capacity to develop climate policy.

### Wolf Creek Community Alliance (10/2022 - 09/2023) [↗](#)

Participated in volunteer events to clean up local waterways and to plant native plants in a community garden.

### Sierra Streams Institute (10/2022 - 01/2023) [↗](#)

Volunteered to assist professional staff with water quality and macroinvertebrate surveys of local waterways to assess water quality, biodiversity, and ecological health. Helped to perform water chemistry tests and lab work.

### Nevada County Media (03/2022 - 05/2022) [↗](#)

Volunteered to work renovating a building at their new location including painting and woodworking. Assisted with moving and setting up equipment for their grand opening.

## CERTIFICATES AND AWARDS

### Certificate of Graduation of Nevada County Citizens' Academy [↗](#)

Received upon completion of a 10-week educational and civic program about and hosted by Nevada County government in May of 2023

### Phi Theta Kappa Membership [↗](#)

Member of honors society since October of 2022

### Mental Health First Aid (MHFA)

Awarded in March of 2022 upon completion of a training in mental health awareness, guidance, and first aid

### Academic Tutor Certification (CRLA) [↗](#)

Completed the CRLA organization's recommended training and requirements for tutors in January of 2022

## INTERESTS

Environmental Science

Urban Planning

Physics

History

Public Service

Politics and Activism

Soccer and Athletics