City of Asheville
City Council Vacancy Application Form

Your name: Catherine Rosfjord Home Phone #: 828-335-7741

Street Address: 1110 Chicory LAne City: Asheville Zip Code: 28803

Mailing Address (if different): _____

Employer: NC Dept of Health and Human Services

Position: Branch Manager - Radon and Tanning Program Office Phone # 828-301-8807

Resident of City of Asheville (required): ● Yes ☐ No

Registered Voter in the City of Asheville (required): ● Yes ☐ No

Race: Caucasian Sex: Female Age: 43

Residence location (check one) Central ____ North ____ South ● East ____ West ____

Additional Information Required:

1. Resume
2. ½ page response to the essay questions below: (not attached)

eSigned via SeamlessDocs.com
Catherine Harney Rosfjord
Key: 906995faaf5d01d33d35162fadd2ad3f

Applicant Signature
Date: 08/20/2020

All applications and attachments must be
Returned by **Noon, Thursday, August 20**, 2020 to:

Maggie Burleson, City Clerk
PO Box 7148
Asheville, NC 28802
Email: mburleson@ashevillenc.gov
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CATHERINE HARNEY ROSFJORD

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

MANAGED AND OBTAINED OVER $2.5 MILLION IN FEDERAL GRANT FUNDS FROM EPA

Since 2011, successfully managed all aspects of the Environmental Protection Agency *State Indoor Radon Grant (SIRG)* for the NC Department of Health and Human Services (NC DHHS) including grant writing, project planning, public outreach, reporting, and budgeting for personnel, travel, purchases.

- Proven track record of creating partnerships and collaborating with organizations and individuals across the state to reach objectives.
- Give presentations to a variety of audiences.
- Responsible for writing all grant proposals, including in-depth budget and semiannual reports to EPA.
- Planned and implemented two 3-day Southeastern Radon Conferences in Asheville, NC

MANAGED ULTRAVIOLET (UV) TANNING PROGRAM FOR RADIATION PROTECTION SECTION

- Regulate a diverse community of over 1,000 registrants and assist facilities in maintaining compliance with NC DHHS regulations for UV tanning facilities.
- Managed rules revision process which was necessitated by new Food and Drug Administration (FDA) rules and new state laws. This revision required an in-depth fiscal impact statement for all affected parties, consultation from the Attorney General's office, and multiple meetings with the Radiation Protection Commission.
- Serve as point of contact for all Non-Ionizing Radiation concerns in the state. Developed website for public education on non-ionizing radiation which required researching scientific papers, medical opinion, and policy around the world.

DIRECTED STATEWIDE LAKE SAMPLING PROGRAM FOR WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION (WV DEP)

- Coordinated water sampling in order to provide direction and to measure the effectiveness of WV DEP, WV Division of Natural Resources, and WV Division of Forestry in the management and protection of the water resources for the state.

- Managed database to document assessment information, analyze, and interpret the data for management decisions, writing summary reports to be shared intra- and interagency, and presenting at conferences and workshops.
- Specialized skills included calibrating and maintaining sensitive environmental sampling equipment, adhering to strict sampling procedures, GPS navigation, and use of ArcView GIS mapping.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

ESTES ELEMENTARY PTA

Fundraising and teacher/student support for school of 740 students

Served at Treasurer 2016-2019 and Co-President 2019-2020

ENERGY SAVERS NETWORK

Non-profit installing energy saving devices in low-income homes in Buncombe Co

Served on Board since 2017

PRECINCT 18.2 VICE CHAIR

2018-present

BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS of WNC

Big Sister since 2016

WORK HISTORY

HEALTH PHYSICIST SUPERVISOR, MANAGER OF RADON AND TANNING BRANCHES

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NC DHHS)

RADIATION PROTECTION SECTION

RALEIGH, NC

February 2011 to Present

ENVIRONMENTAL SENIOR SPECIALIST

NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF HEATH AND HUMAN SERVICES (NC DHHS)

RADIATION PROTECTION SECTION

RALEIGH, NC

September 2007 to February 2011

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST II

WEST VIRGINIA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIORNMENTAL PROTECTION (WV DEP)

WATERSHED ASSESSMENT SECTION

CHARELSTON, WV

December 2005 to July 2007

RESEARCH ASSISTANT

SEN. GEORGE MITCHELL CENTER FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND WATERSHED RESEARCH, UNIVERSITY OF MAINE

BANGOR, ME

Fall 2003 to Fall 2005

EDUCATION

M.S. ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE (WATER CHEMISTRY), UNIVERSITY OF MAINE, 2005

Thesis: Evaluation of 20 year changes in lake chemistry due to the passage of the Clean Air Act Amendments.

B.A. PSYCHOLOGY/ANTHROPOLGY, VANDERBILT UNIVERSITY, NASHVILLE, TN, 1999

PUBLICATIONS

Rosfjord, C. H., K. E. Webster, J. S. Kahl, S. A. Norton, I. J. Fernandez, and A. T. Herlihy. 2007. Anthropogenically driven changes in chloride complicate interpretation of base cation trends in lakes recovering from acidic deposition. Environmental Science and Technology 41:7688–7693.

Rosfjord, C. 2005. An Evaluation of 20 Year Changes in Chemistry in the EPA Eastern Lake Survey, a Statistical Population of Lakes in the Northeastern U.S. M.S. Thesis. University of Maine

Rosfjord, C., J.S. Kahl, K. Webster, C. Loftin, S. Nelson, 2004. Poster: A 20-Year Re-evaluation of Trends in a Statistical Population of Lakes in the Northeastern U.S. Maine Water Conference, Augusta, ME, April 2004.

Kahl, J.S. and C.R. Rosfjord, 2005. Tracking response and recovery in surface waters in the northeastern US. Invited talk, annual meeting of the Ecological Society of America, Montreal, August, 2005.

Kahl, J.S. and Catherine Rosfjord, 2005. Acid rain and the Clean Air Act in the northeastern US. Invited talk, annual meeting of the NH-ME Androscoggin River Watershed Council, Bethel, June, 2005

Kahl, J.S., J. Stoddard, C. Rosfjord, and K. Webster, 2005. Success and uncertainties for the Clean Air Act. Invited talk, annual meeting of the New England Chapter of the North American Lake Management Society, Plymouth State University, June, 2005.

CERTIFICATIONS

Introduction to Incident Command System (ICS-100), Emergency Management Institute - FEMA - Dept of Homeland Security

Radiological Emergency Management, Emergency Management Institute - FEMA - Homeland Security

Response Technical Tools for Core Damage Assessment, NC Emergency Management

Performance Management for Supervisors, NC Department of Health and Human Services, Equal Employment Opportunity Institute, NC Office of State Personnel

Radon Measurement Proficiency, Rutgers University - Eastern Regional Radon Training Center

1. Do you believe systemic racism exists? Do you support reparations. Context of equity and inclusion.

I do believe in systemic racism, without a doubt. I also support reparations, particularly in the manner that Asheville City Council has decided to go about it. That is, I wholly support providing resources and funding to low-income, minority communities. I think our community will be made stronger by supporting those who need it most. I appreciate that City Council issued a formal apology and acknowledged the role of enslaved people in the early development of our city.

2. Do you support Black Asheville Demands call for defunding APD by 50%?

No, I don't. I believe there are deep rooted issues with APD and police departments across the US. But I don't believe the solution is to defund police departments. I think the solution is to provide additional training, to pass laws to prevent certain uses of force, and to better screen applicants to police academies. The police still serve a vital and important role in our society.

3. Why I want to serve on City Council

I want to serve my community by helping to make tough decisions that will provide a greater quality of life for the greatest number of people in Asheville. Right now is a particularly difficult time for many people and we need good and thoughtful leadership to guide us through. I know that many people want their voices heard but are unable to serve in a public office because of constraints on their lives. Since I do have the ability to serve in this role, I feel I have a duty and obligation to try and make my community a better place for everyone to live.

4. How do you plan to communicate to C.C. members?

I would rely on all means of communication. I am partial to emails because I think you can organize ideas in a thoughtful way that does not waste the time of others. However, there are many topics which need to be discussed "live" to bat ideas back and forth. I am open to in-person discussion and also use virtual platforms on a daily basis, as I'm sure we all do. I work collaboratively on a daily basis with my colleagues at my job for the Department of Health and Human Services and with volunteer organizations where I have served as Estes PTA Co-President, Vice-Chair of Dem Precinct 18.2, and board member of Energy Savers Network. If chosen for City Council, I would rely on open communication with council members to gain their opinions and expertise on many issues.

5. What is the most pressing need or concern and how to approach resolution.

Without a doubt, getting public school children safely back to school is our most pressing concern. The fact that thousands of school age children are in their homes, without social interaction, and sometime without the supervision of an adult, is a CRISIS that should not be tolerated. Until the children of our community are taken care of, we cannot expect people to get back to work or for the economy to return to normal. This is sadly another way that low-income and minority families are bearing the brunt of this epidemic, as they have fewer resources for childcare or educational options, and many are essential workers who cannot work from home. My fear is that by keeping children home from school, we are taking away one of the few equalizers available to low-income families and we are further widening the

gap between the haves and the have-nots. If you want a way to put the reparation dollars to use, I would start by providing safe school alternatives for children in subsidized housing.

Of course we can only get children back in the classroom if it is done safely and does not increase our community's risk of transmitting COVID. To do this will take resources. Most of the private schools in Asheville will return at least partially this fall and this is because they have the ability to have small classroom sizes where students can distance. Of all the initiatives City Council could take on at this point in history, addressing getting children back to school is the most vital and deserves attention and funding. This may mean leasing additional space for classrooms or tutoring near low-income housing. Additionally it means hiring more teachers, teachers' assistance, or tutors who can provide in-person instruction for students. I know that these measures may seem extreme and unprecedented, but we are in extreme and unprecedented times that require new and innovated solutions. I can't stress enough then need for in-person education to address both economic and equity issues in our community. We owe it to the children in Asheville to provide a reasonably safe option for them to return to school this year.