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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #28330

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Last Name*

Bennett

First Name*

David

District # You Live In.*

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Home Address*

1900 N 54 Ave

City*

Hollywood

State*

FL

Zip Code*

33021

Home Phone

9549875680

Cell Phone

9542945105

Email Address*

dbennett@connections.com

Owner or Renter *

own

Number of years as city resident*

Hollywood

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Occupation*

IT Support

Work Phone

9549209604

Business Name*

Connections for Business

Business Address

2843 Pembroke Road

City

Hollywood

State

FL

Zip Code

33020

Identify the board / committee(s) to which you request appointment (Please rank in order of preference)

Selection (1)*

Civil Service Board



Selection (2)*

None



Selection (3)*

None



Selection (4)*

None



Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? • Home Purchase Education, • Housing Market Employment, • Housing Market Stability, • Affordable Housing Construction, • Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? • Ownership Housing Affordability, • Rental Housing Affordability, • Housing Market Stability, • New Housing Construction, • Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

African American Advisory Council - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the African American Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to AAAC initiatives? 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 4. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Education, * Employment, * Economics, * Cultural Awareness, * Housing. 5. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism?

Artwork Selection Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. Why do you want to join the Artwork Selection Committee? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Monday each month at 5:30pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the Arts within the City of Hollywood?

Civil Service Board - Questions*

I'm renewing

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Describe your involvement with establishing, reviewing and interpreting policies and procedures? 2. Describe your involvement in employment practices including interviewing, testing, hiring, selection and promotion, demotions, transfers, etc. 3. Describe your knowledge of Civil Service and its purpose. 4. Why do you want to serve on this Civil Service Board? 5. Are you a continuous resident of and continuous registered elector in the City of Hollywood?

Community Development Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Do you reside in a low and moderate income (LMI) neighborhood in Hollywood per the most recent US Census data? A Hollywood LMI Map is located at www.hollywoodfl.org on the Community and Economic Development webpage. 2. What Community Development issues do you believe are the most important to Hollywood? 3. What is your definition of a healthy neighborhood? 4. What do you believe is the vision and primary work of the Community Development Advisory Board? 5. What do you believe uniquely qualifies you to serve on the Community Development Advisory Board?

Education Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are the current challenges facing education? 2. What is your vision for education in Hollywood? 3. What do you see as the primary work of the Education Advisory Committee? 4. With only one meeting a month, the Committee is limited in what it can do. How does/should the Committee decide what's most important? 5. How can the Committee know if its mission and goals are being accomplished?

Employees' Retirement Plan - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Are you familiar with the State's Sunshine Laws (Chapter 119 of the Florida Statutes)? 2. Are you available to attend in person regular monthly Board meeting (typically held the 4th Tuesday of each month)? 3. What knowledge, skills and/or abilities will you bring to the Employees' Retirement Plan? 4. What do you believe are the responsibilities of a trustee on a municipal retirement plan board? 5. Are you familiar with municipal defined benefit retirement plans and/or have previous experience serving on a municipal retirement plan board?

Firefighters' Pension Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 2. What experience do you have with firefighter pensions? 3 What is your financial background? 4. How many years have you lived in Hollywood? 5 How familiar are you with local retirement systems?

General Obligation Bond Oversight Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these four questions above. Why do you want to join the GO Bond Oversight Advisory Committee? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. 3. Which Bond interests you the most? Public Safety? Parks/Golf/Open Space or Neighborhoods & Resiliency? 4. What is your perspective on city quality of life, healthy neighborhoods, economic development & a strong tax base?

Historic Preservation Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Historic Preservation Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base, within the Historic Districts, while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. How would you balance historic architecture with modern architectural styles? 5. What do you like about the City's different Historic Districts?

Hollywood Centennial Celebration Committee*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your primary interest in serving on the Committee? 2. What is your financial/accounting background? 3. What knowledge, skills and abilities would you bring to the meetings? 4. What other organizations and/or associations were you previously, and/or currently involved with? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee meetings? (dates to be determined by all members)

Hollywood Housing Authority - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. In your opinion what is the greatest challenge to keeping housing affordable in Hollywood? 2. Which of the following disciplines are you most skilled? * Property Management, * Affordable Housing Administration, * Housing Market Stability, * Affordable Housing Construction, * Affordable Housing Activism. 3. Which of the following disciplines are you most passionate? * Property Management, * Rental Housing Affordability, * Housing Market Stability, * New Housing Construction, * Fair Housing. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. What role does housing diversity play in Hollywood's economic health?

Marine Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is your involvement with the City of Hollywood's Waterways? 2. What will guide your decisions on this board? 3. Are you able to dedicate 2-3 hours a month to attend the meetings? Attendance is paramount to this Board being able to get things done. 4. Are you currently or have you been a boater, marine industry professional or involved in any other marine related industry? 5. What is your vision for the city of Hollywood's Waterway system?

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these six questions above. 1. How many events have you attended in the past year at any of the parks and athletics facilities in the City? 2. How many City-sponsored special events have you attended for the past year? 3. Are you available to attend regular Board meetings? Regular meetings are on the 1st Thursday of the month for 8 months per calendar year. 4. What is your one area of highest interest related to the parks, recreation and cultural arts for the City? 5. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 6. How does parks, recreation and cultural arts contribute to quality of life?

Planning & Development Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. How have you prepared yourself to serve on the Planning and Development Board? 2. Explain how your personal and/or professional experiences will contribute to the meeting the goal(s) of the Board or City. * Personal experiences, * Professional experiences. 3. What is your perspective on balancing growth of the City's tax base while maintaining neighborhood stabilization? 4. What recent developments within the City are most proud of? 5. What is a Comprehensive Plan?

Police Officer's Pension Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is a fiduciary? And what is your responsibility to the police pension plan as a fiduciary? 2. What is the Sunshine Law? 3. What is Asset Allocation & Diversification? 4. Explain the history of Chapter 99-1 and Chapter 185? 5. Define the role of the Actuary and the Auditor?

Sister Cities Advisory Committee - Questions*

1. Do you speak more than one language? If so, what languages do you speak? 2. Do you have experience in travel, cultural exchange, and/or fund-raising? Please describe. 3. Which Sister City focus areas are you most passionate about: a. Art and Culture; b. Business and Trade; c. Community Development; d. Youth and Education. 4. What (if any) life experience motivated you toward volunteerism? 5. Please describe why you are interested in serving on the Sister Cities Advisory Committee.

Sustainability Advisory Committee - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. Why do you want to join the committee? 2. Have you attended any committee meetings? If so, how many? 3. What knowledge, skills, and abilities would you bring to the committee if appointed? 4. What other organizations, clubs, or associations are you involved in? 5. Are you available to attend regular committee and subcommittee meetings? Regular meetings are held monthly with subcommittee meetings held as needed. 6. What types of projects would you like to see the committee work on?

Young Circle ArtsPark Advisory Board - Questions*

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What are your primary interest in City Government and City Services? 2. How many ArtsPark events have you attended within the past year? 3. What other relevant organizations, clubs, or associations were you previously, and/or currently are involved in? 4. Are you available to attend regular committee board meetings scheduled for the Second Tuesday each month at 5:30 pm? 5. What is your one area of highest interest related to the ArtsPark at Young Circle?

Are you interested in serving on more than one board/committee?*

No

If so, how many?*

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Applicant must attend at least one board/committee meeting prior to consideration of application for every board applied. Please list board/committee meetings you attended in the last year?*

I'm renewing

Are you currently on a County or City Board?*

Yes

If yes, please describe

Civil Affairs

If you are applying for a board / committee, which has specific requirements / categories, please detail how your background and/or experience meets the required criteria.*

I'm renewing

Please describe your professional and/or volunteer experience or background, which best qualifies you for selection to the board / committee.*

I'm renewing

Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?*

No

If so, in what capacity?*

I'm renewing

Attach Resume (only .doc and .pdf files)*

(19) David Bennett .pdf



Home



My Network



Jobs



Messaging



Notifications



Me



For Business



Sales



David Bennett

President @ Connections for Business | Top 501 MSP

connections

- Connections for Business



- Barry University

Hollywood, Florida, United States · Contact info

500+ connections

Open
to

Add
profile
section

Resources

View my services

Show recruiters you're open to work — you control who sees this.
Get started



Share that you're hiring candidates.
Get started

Suggested for you

Private to you



Highlight your skills from
Connections for Business

Make it easier for recruiters to find you by showing where and how you used your skills.

Edit experience



Are you still working for Business?

Keeping your profile up-to-date the right opportunities.

Confirm current position

Analytics

Private to you



167 profile views

Discover who's viewed your profile.



7 post impressions

Check out who's engaging with your posts.

Past 7 days



132 search appearances

See how often you appear in search results.

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About



Are you spending 4 or more hours a week chasing down IT issues and your head hurts just thinking about it?

Imagine a Fast, Protected, Safe, and Headache Free IT experience....

...see more

Services



Computer Networking • IT Consulting • Backup & Recovery Systems

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Activity



5,287 followers

Create a post

David Bennett commented on a post • 1mo

Peyton... way to go!

David Bennett commented on a post • 2mo

I'm so excited in your new step Philip. Congratulations!

David Bennett commented on a post • 3mo

Congratulations Jonathan! I'm so proud of you

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Experience



connections **Connections for Business**
45 yrs 3 mos

President

Full-time

Aug 2003 - Present · 21 yrs 8 mos

Hollywood, FL

David is responsible for building a world-class IT support organization that serves small to medium business as their own IT department. Un ...see more

Senior Engineer

May 1986 - Aug 2003 · 17 yrs 4 mos

Hollywood, FL

Senior Engineer responsible for design and implementation of diverse computer networks. David developed systems and processes to ...see more

System Engineer

May 1983 - May 1986 · 3 yrs 1 mo

David's first technical training was all self-taught... reading manuals while watching over general system maintenance routines like backup! ...see more

Show all 4 experiences →



Senior Partner

ConnectSMART

Jan 2015 - Present · 10 yrs 3 mos

Hollywood, FL

As a founding partner in ConnectSMART, I'm able to fulfill my passion in providing clear operational metrics to help managed service pro...see more

Education



Barry University

Bachelor of Science (B.S.), Mathematics

1985 - 1989

As I couldn't find a computer science program that was cutting edge (I researched MIT, Carnegie Mellon and Georgia Institute of Techno...see more

Licenses & certifications



VMware Certified Virtualization Expert

VM training

Issued Dec 2011



Sandler Sales

Sandler

Issued May 2010

Show all 6 licenses & certifications →

Volunteering



Board Member

Urban League of Broward County

Aug 2018 - Present · 6 yrs 8 mos

Economic Empowerment

I'm excited to be part of the new board of directors for Urban League of Broward. Focused on lifting up members of our community thro...see more



Board Member

Greater Hollywood Chamber of Commerce

Jan 2018 - Dec 2024 · 7 yrs

Economic Empowerment

2018 - Present, Chamber Board Member; Graduate of Leadership Hollywood Class XXXXI...see more

Show all 3 volunteer experiences →

Skills



Cloud Computing



Endorsed by Jay McBain and 21 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 7 colleagues at Connections for Business



99+ endorsements

Networking



Endorsed by Dan Izydorek and 11 others who are highly skilled at this



Endorsed by 7 colleagues at Connections for Business

 96 endorsements

Show all 45 skills →

Recommendations



Show all pending

Received

Given



Michael Kady  · 1st


Executive Coach and Chairman of Peer Group Advisory Boards

February 27, 2020, Michael worked with David on the same team

David is a 16 year member of the Vistage group which I have had the privilege to lead for the past 4 years. He is highly regarded for his technical capabilities and hands-on experience in virtually all aspects of his company, Connections for Business. In addition, it is clear to all that he holds himself to high ethical standards that enable him to earn the respect of employees and clients alike. If Information Technology challenges are driving you to look for an excellent Managed Service Provider, you really need to talk to David.



David Walter · 1st

1 Best Selling Author, Entrepreneur Contributor... But I don't care about that  and neither should you! I walked away from this and reevaluated my life! Now success means being focused on the success of others!

January 18, 2019, David worked with David but they were at different companies

David is an avid reading constantly taking in brain food and this has helped him become a well respected thought leader in the IT Industry! He has the heart of a true servant leader that leads by example and is blazing new trails in the IT support business in South Florida!

David Walter

Show all 6 received →

Honors & awards



Managed Service Provider 500

Issued by CRN · Feb 2022

 Associated with Connections for Business

Recognizing the top technology providers & consultants whose forward-thinking approach to providing managed services is changing the landscape of the IT channel

Top 501 Managed Service Providers

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Organizations



Vistage

Jan 2003 - Present

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Leadership Hollywood 41

Aug 2016 - Jun 2017

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Leadership Hollywood provides an interactive program where participants can view our community up close, work together and achieve a unique knowledge of...

Interests

Companies

Groups



Urban League of Broward County

5,268 followers

✓ Following



Children's Harbor, Inc.

2,176 followers

✓ Following

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Profile language

English



Public profile & URL

www.linkedin.com/in/davidhbennett



David, explore relevant opportunities with
Signature HealthCARE

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Daniel Martin · 1st

Chief Evangelist at Resplendent Data / President at ConnectSMART

➔ Message



Rob Leon · 1st

Helping small MSPs grow with expert, tailored coaching.

➔ Message



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Dagoberto Borbolla

NETCOM Business IT Solutions

 Connect



Jason Knowles 


Business owner focused on excellent client service and happy employees.

 Connect



Matthew Meltzer

President of Compass Managed IT, Inc.

 Connect



Jeremie Scheiner

President of EZ MSP

 Connect



René Miller 

CEO | CISSP | P.E.

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