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Advisory Board & Committee Interest Form - Submission #29552

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Last Name\*

Baker

First Name\*

Steven

District # You Live In.\*

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Home Address\*

935 Scarlet Oak Way

City\*

HOLLYWOOD

State\*

FL

Zip Code\*

33019

Home Phone

Cell Phone

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Email Address\*

smbakeresq@yahoo.com

Owner or Renter \*

owner

Number of years as city resident\*

29

Are you registered to vote in Broward County?\*

Yes

Education (highest degree / level)

Doctorate

Occupation\*

Attorney

Work Phone

954-455-1933

Business Name\*

Baker, Reck & Associates PA

Business Address

2500 E. Hallandale Bch. Blvd.

City

Hallandale

State

FL

Zip Code

33009

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

Selection (1)\*

Affordable Housing Advisory Committee



Selection (2)\*

Community Development Advisory Board



Selection (3)\*

Parks, Recreation & Cultural Arts Advisory Board



Selection (4)\*

Sister Cities Advisory Committee



### **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee - Questions\***

1. NIMBY and lack of understanding how to build UP with self contained blocks containing residential and commercial uses.
2. The Law then affordable Housing Activism
3. Construction, Fair, Ownership, Rental Affordability
4. My life, to those much is given much is expected.
5. Its ESSENTIAL! Howllywood is very diverse, its why different groups are moving in. We need to KEEP it going but understand it must be governed correctly to make sure it stays that way. Its not 1977 anymore.

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\***

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\***

- 1, High, West Lake Village
2. Housing
3. You should be able to walk to most eveything you would need. I lived in Tokyo and traveled throughout Europe.
4. Distribution of funds through grants to serve plans implemented at Commision level
5. Experienced lawyer and traveler

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](http://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?

### **Hispanic Affairs Council\***

Please answer these five questions above. 1. What is the greatest challenge facing the Hispanic Community in Hollywood? 2. How many hours per month can you dedicate to HACA 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?

### **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\***

1, Unknown but 30+

2. Every Holiday and parade and other openings in City

3. Yes

4. Hollywood is exploding and we are already a tourist town, lets become a world class destination for golf, beaches, bicycling, parks, etc. We probably have the highest ratio of green space to city area then most

5. Diamonds in the Rough and advocate and speaker for Orangebrook Project

6. Those items must be dedicated and available to everyone and be BETTER. I have lived in Tokyo

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, No

2. I have lived in Tokyo and my family is half Japanese.

3. Hollywood has a chance to look as good as a Tokyo and be a cultural icon down here for a mixed culture city

4. I have always helped others as I know my gifts need to be shared.

5. I want to develop sister city with a Japanese city for this community

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?

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

Yes

**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?\***

Commision meetings

**Are you currently on a County or City Board?\***

No

**If yes, please describe**

**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.\***

See Resume

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

Lawyer for 30 years and Diamonds in the rough

**Are you presently employed by the City of Hollywood?\***

No

**If so, in what capacity?\***

HOLLYWOOD

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

SMB Resume City.docx

## Personal Information

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## Objective

My goal is to serve as a dedicated and engaged member of the City Board, contributing my experience, skills, and passion for civic engagement to help address the needs of our community, foster inclusive growth, and support sustainable development.

## Summary of Qualifications

- Going on 30 years of leadership experience as an Attorney in the Community
- Strong commitment to public service, community improvement, and civic participation
- Excellent communication, negotiation, and conflict resolution skills

## Professional Experience

Baker, Reck & Associates PA

Title: Attorney and Lawyer

Dates of Employment: 1996 – Present

- An attorney in the trenches with the citizens of Hollywood
- Managed cross-functional teams to deliver community programs with measurable impact
- Collaborated with city officials, stakeholders, and residents to develop and execute projects addressing critical local issues

## Education

Degree: BS Electrical and Computer Engineering, Juris Doctorate in Law

Institution: The Johns Hopkins University, Thomas Cooley Law School

Year of Graduation: 1991, 1995

# Community Involvement

- Volunteered regularly with Diamonds in the Rough, facilitating golf programs that serve underrepresented groups

# References

Available upon request.

# Statement of Intent

For many years, I have called this city my home. I have witnessed its growth, celebrated its achievements, and confronted its challenges alongside my fellow residents. This deep-rooted connection to our community underpins my desire to serve on the City Board and inspires my daily commitment to building a more vibrant, equitable, and sustainable city for all.

As a board member, I would strive to ensure open communication between residents and city leadership, champion inclusive policies, and advocate for thoughtful development that balances progress with preservation. I believe in the power of transparent governance, collaborative problem-solving, and evidence-based decision-making. My experience in public administration, coupled with my passion for community engagement, positions me to effectively contribute to the City Board's mission.

If given the opportunity, I will dedicate myself to representing the diverse perspectives of our residents, working to advance policies that support strong neighborhoods, safe streets, robust public services, and a flourishing local economy. I am eager to bring my skills, experience, and passion to this important role and to help shape a brighter future for our city.

# Additional Information

- Willing to attend regular and special board meetings as required
- Committed to ongoing education and training in municipal governance
- Available to serve on subcommittees or task forces as necessary
- Prepared to engage with residents through public forums, surveys, and community events

Thank you for considering my application for the position of City Board Member. I look forward to the opportunity to serve and contribute to the continued success of our community.