

If you have questions about the function and role of members, talk with the City staff liaison to the board, committee or commission you are applying for. The City Clerk can provide contact information for City staff members who are assigned to work with the boards, committees and commissions. It is important to note that City staff members cannot and do not recommend or lobby for any applicant.

Find out City Council's priorities and interests. Attend City Council meetings and review meeting minutes. Council meeting videos are archived on the City's website <http://ci.sebastopol.ca.us/> and are available for purchase on DVD from the City Clerk's Office.

Review the Code of Ethics for Appointed and Elected Officials (the Brown Act), available by request from the City Clerk's Office and understand that if you are appointed to a board, committee or commission, you will be required to abide by it.

Prepare for the interview. Although we do not know what specific questions Council will ask, we suggest that you clarify for yourself why you are applying for a specific board, committee or commission, understand its role and function, and be familiar with the current issues it is examining.

Treat the interview with City Council as a business or job interview. Understand that the City Council is not only considering what experience, skills and talents you bring, they are interested in how you will represent the City.

APPLICATION FOR CITY OF SEBASTOPOL BOARDS, COMMISSIONS & COMMITTEES

Contact Information

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Closed every Friday

Instructions:

Use this form to apply to serve on any of the City of Sebastopol's Boards, Committees or Commissions. Please complete the entire form. If a question does not apply, please note as not applicable. Please deliver completed form, by the date and time due, to the City Clerk. All applications will be reviewed by the City Council. If appointed, you have a choice whether you wish to have your contact information visible to the public; however, your information may be made public upon request by (a) member(s) of the public.

Board, Commission, or Committee being applied for? Public Arts Committee

Name: Robert Brent

Home Address, City, State and Zip Code:

[REDACTED] Rd

Sebastopol, CA 95472



Home Phone Number:

If appointed, do you want this number to be visible to the public?
 Yes No

Work Phone Number: n/a

If appointed, do you want this number to be visible to the public?
 Yes No

Facsimile Number: n/a

If appointed, do you want this number to be visible to the public?
 Yes No

E-Mail Address: If

appointed, do you want this address to be visible to the public?
 Yes No

Are you a registered voter in Sebastopol?

Yes No

If so, for how long?

Do you hold a current business license from the City of Sebastopol?

Yes No

If so, for how long?

Have you attended a meeting of this body? When?

No

Have you served on, interviewed for, or applied for this body previously?

Yes No

If so, when? Perhaps 5 years ago

Present Employer: Retired

Job Title: n/a



Have you previously served on any governmental bodies or held elected office? If so please list position held and dates:

Harmony Union School Board 1988-92

Please list civic or charitable organization to which you belong or have belonged:

Sebastopol Center for the Arts
Sonoma Land Trust

Have you been an officer in any of these organizations? If so, please list position held and dates:

Yes, served 8 years on SCA Board, 4 years as president. Managed SCA's move from Depot St. to Veteran's building, and managed all construction of remodel projects for the building to suit SCA.

Have served on Sonoma Land Trust Board for 27 years, and have served as Vice President several times over those years.

What special interests, skills and talents would you bring to this board, commission, or committee?

Have been a potter, currently a woodworker. Have owned 6 small businesses over my career, including manufacturing of potters wheels and related equipment.

Please list any college, professional or vocational schools you have attended with major subject studied, dates and any earned degrees:

Oberlin College, major in math, 1963. Did not graduate.

Please list any special awards or recognition you have received:

2013 Citizen of the Year in Sebastopol, jointly with Linda Galletta, for the remodel of the Vet's building into the Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

Please state why you would like to become a member of this board, commission or Committee, including what specific objectives you would be working toward as a member of this body:

Have always been interested in public art, and wish to continue community service in the area of arts.

Are you associated with any organization/employment that might be deemed a conflict of interest in performing your duties if appointed to this position?

Yes No

If yes, please state name of organization/employment: _____

City policy directs all appointed, advisory body members not to vote on matters where there exists a potential conflict of interest such as property ownership near a project, or a financial relationship with the applicant. Would you be willing to abstain from voting if such a conflict arises?

Yes No

How did you hear about this opening?

Sebastopol emailed newsletter

Is there any other information that you feel would be useful to the City Council in reviewing your application and materials provided with the application?

My past efforts for the arts in Sebastopol are probably known to the Council members.

What do you think qualifies you to be appointed to this board/committee/commission?

Past experience, willingness and available time.

Are there particular issues you think the board/committee/commission should concentrate on?

No

How should community comments be integrated into the board/committee/commission decision-making process?

As directed by Council and incorporated into the bylaws of the Committee.

If appointed, how would you handle it if another board/committee/commission member vehemently disagrees with your comments on a regular basis?

By voting for my position and fully accepting the outcome of all committee votes.

How would you handle a situation where a proposal comes before your board/committee/commission that the City staff finds consistent with City policies and standards, but that you personally do not support?

By voting for my position and fully accepting the outcome of all committee votes and Council directives.

I certify that I have thoroughly read and understand all material in this application.

Applicant's Signature : 

Applicant's Name (PLEASE PRINT): Robert Brent

Date: 5/29/20