



Study Session of the City Council
Live Oak Council Chambers
9955 Live Oak Blvd., Live Oak, CA 95953

The Council may take up any agenda item at any time, regardless of the order listed. Action may be taken on any item on this agenda. Members of the public may comment on any item on the agenda at the time that it is taken up by the Council. Requests to speak on the item should be made to the Mayor at the time an item is discussed. We ask that members of the public come forward to be recognized by the Mayor and keep their remarks brief. Absent permission from the Mayor, comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Mayor – Diane Hodges
Vice Mayor – Rob Klotz
Council Member – Harold Childers
Council Member – Gary A. Baland

August 3, 2009 **6:00 PM**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ROLL CALL**
- C. CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS**
- D. ADJOURNMENT**



DATE: July 28, 2009
TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council
FROM: Jim Goodwin, City Manager

COUNCIL AGENDA STAFF REPORT

SUBJECT: Interviews for City Council Applicants

RECOMMENDATION:

FISCAL IMPACTS: TBD

At the July 15, 2009 meeting the Council made the decision to fill by appointment the vacancy caused by the death of Council Member Al Fortino. Staff then advertised the vacancy and eight (8) applications were received. The applications are attached for your review.

Each applicant has been notified of this interview meeting. I suggest the Mayor ask the same five questions of each applicant (suggested list attached), and then allow individual Council Members the opportunity to ask follow-up questions for clarification. Once an interview has been completed the applicant is free to leave or listen to the other interviews.

Staff drew names randomly to determine the following order for interviews:

1. Gerald (Jerry) Stewart
2. Ganga Singh, Jr.
3. Felicity Clark
4. Joe Resendez
5. Malcolm Weston
6. Cynde Landers
7. Sharlet Morris
8. Melinda Russell

This meeting is for interviews only. The actual appointment will occur at the August 5 City Council meeting.

Sample Interview Questions:
Live Oak City Council

1. Please share with us your qualifications for serving on the Live Oak City Council.

2. Please share with us what you like about Live Oak and what you believe needs to change. What role does the City Council play in achieving your vision for Live Oak? Please be specific.

3. Serving on the City Council requires you to be available a minimum of two City Council meetings per month, plus periodic study sessions and other committee meetings. Are you prepared for the time commitment? Please explain.

4. The City Council must often balance competing interests when making decisions. Not all decisions will be popular. In your opinion, what are the most important factors for the City Council to consider in its decision-making? Please provide us one or more examples that illustrate how you weigh competing views and ideas when making a difficult decision. Please be specific.

5. Do you have any questions you would like to ask?

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August 3, 2009, 6:00 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL CANDIDATE INTERVIEWS

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON
THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: GERALD (JERRY) STEWART

ADDRESS: 10822 STEPHANIE DR. LIVE OAK

DAY TIME PHONE: 530-415-1095 (C) EVENING PHONE: 530-415-1095 (C)
530-695-2978 (H) 530-695-2978 (H)

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

SEE ATTACHED

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

SEE ATTACHED

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

G. Stewart
SIGNATURE

7/21/09
DATE

Please return completed application to the address below.

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Telephone (530) 695-2112 • FAX (530) 695-2595

July 21, 2009

Gerald (Jerry) Stewart
City Council Appointment

Qualifications:

B.S. - San Jose State University - 1968
Retired from Union Pacific Railroad with 38 years service.

I view the Council as a work group, where you must listen, investigate and reach decisions that may or may not be popular ones. My work history includes being a part of or leading numerous accounting groups (receivables, payables, payroll, etc.), as well as working independently on special projects. These experiences have helped me to acquire skills that would allow me to effectively participate as a member of the Council.

Reasons to serve:

1. To be part of the decision-making process concerning the issues confronting the city.
2. To serve the citizens.



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Ganga Singh JR.

ADDRESS: 2949 Devin Ct Live Oak

DAY TIME PHONE: 933 2878 EVENING PHONE: 933 2878

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

Sutter County Planning Commission 3+ years - Dist 1
Sutter County Planning Comm. Vice Chair
" Chairmen
City of LO Planning Commissioner 3+ years

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

Serve the best interests of the Citizens of
Live Oak.

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

[Signature]
SIGNATURE

7/19/09
DATE

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON
THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Felicity Clark

ADDRESS: 2718 Ida St. Live Oak

DAY TIME PHONE: 695-0504 (cell) EVENING PHONE: 923-8369

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

See attached

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

see attached

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Felicity Clark
SIGNATURE

July 20, 2009
DATE

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Telephone (530) 695-2112 · FAX (530) 695-2595

Qualifications

Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies
Concentration: Business, Social Science, Psychology
Charter Oak State College
55 Paul J Manafort Dr
New Britain, CT 06053-2150
860.832.3800

I have numerous years of experience in the customer service industry, dealing with the public directly. In my many years of customer service I have acquired exceptional people and communications skills; I am articulate, honest, time sensitive, and dedicated. I handle sensitive matters with tact, empathy and poise in a diplomatic manner. I have experience with many different cultures; as I have lived in a variety of places due to my husband's prior United States Military background.

I have dealt with sensitive cultural issues in my experience as a school teacher in the State of Alaska. For example, with the large Russian population that resides there and the cultural differences that exist. I learned to be a public servant to the families of the school; tactfully and empathetically addressing the concerns and expectations of the parents of my students.

Through my mother's small business I learned the administrative processes involved in running a business:

- How to meet deadlines and commitments.
- The importance of maintaining a sound budget.
- Setting and achieving goals
- Keeping the objective and vision in sight

My Desire to Serve

We bought our home in Live Oak because we felt that it is a safe, family oriented community. I desire to serve my community as my family has served and is serving their communities. My mother currently serves her community as an instructor at her local public community college in Tennessee. My father serves his community and the State of Florida as a firefighter with the Division of Forestry. My step-father is a public employee for the State of Tennessee, negotiating land deals for the State. My husband served our country in the United States Military, and currently serves a local community as a police officer. I have grown up in a community service oriented family and it is my desire to serve my community as well.

I am a mother to five children and I want to see our community maintain a safe growing environment for my children and the children of all the residents of Live Oak. I want to make a difference in our city and watch it grow for the betterment of all who reside in it. I want the City of Live Oak to grow to its utmost potential. I would like to see more recreation and businesses, a hospital, and police department. I would like to see Live Oak become an independent city, where its citizens need not travel outside its limits to meet their needs. I would love to be an integral part of bringing that vision to fruition.



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Joe Resendez

ADDRESS: 2867 Gum St Live Oak CA 95953

DAY TIME PHONE: 530-300-4136 EVENING PHONE: Same

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

I have been an active of the Live Oak Community for 26 years. I have served as Vice President of Little League, as well as a coach. I worked for The Live Oak Unified School District which included coaching football, basketball ect... I was a Lions Member. I was public relations officer for the Mexican American Culture Club, duties including fundraising for college scholarships.

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:


I want to be a part of the Growth of the Live Oak Community. In having a good repone with the community, I believe I could bring the concerns and ideas to the Council.

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Joe Resendez
SIGNATURE

7-22-09
DATE

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON
THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Malcolm Weston

ADDRESS: 9653 Collier Avenue, Live Oak, CA 95953

DAY TIME PHONE: 530 695 2258 EVENING PHONE: SAME

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

See attached sheet 2 of 3

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

See attached sheet 3 of 3

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Malcolm Weston
SIGNATURE

July 20, 2009
DATE

Please return completed application to the address below.

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO:

City Council

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1. Describe your experiences and/or qualifications which will assist the City Council in evaluating your application

I worked for 21-years in Flood Control Planning in the Hydrology Section of the Contra Costa County Flood Control Planning Division. I have worked closely with Local, State, and Federal Agencies in forming agreements and being the County's Representative to the ALERT (Automated Local Evaluation in Real Time) User's Group of California. I have done field studies and reports to Planners to provide meaningful and accurate data for decision-making. My best attribute has been providing detailed reports by good observation and investigation techniques. I have made public presentations for Watershed Groups and cities in Contra Costa County. I have met with and given guidance to consulting engineers on storm drain design-flow issues, insuring that storm-drain improvements are properly designed. I supervised the NPDES monitoring program for Contra Costa County.

Prior to working for Contra Costa County, I worked 18-years for the Water Resources Division of the U.S. Geological Survey. When I left to work at Contra Costa County, I was the Field Office Supervisor for a 5-county region stationed in Eureka, CA. I supervised 8 full-time and 5 part-time employees. I prepared budgets, served as safety officer, and prepared the annual reports, in addition to collecting, processing, and evaluating water resources data monitoring activities.

I have worked effectively as a team member, leader, trainer, budget preparer, and cost estimator in my occupation, as well as providing counsel, input and decision-making in my church administrative callings. I have been a Boy Scout leader for over 25-years. The opportunities for and guidance of our youth have been a priority of mine since college. I played college basketball and semi-pro baseball and have coached youth baseball and basketball in years past. I have taught youth ages 12-18 as well as adults in Sunday school for most of my adult life.

Currently I am serving as a Planning Commissioner and member of the Community Relations Committee for the city of Live Oak, and teaching adult Sunday school each week. I am a Merit Badge counselor for the Boy Scout Weather merit badge.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO:

City Council

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2. What are your reasons for wishing to serve on the City Council?

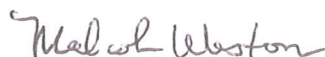
I feel that I can contribute to the planning decisions that the city of Live Oak is currently engaged in for the orderly development of business and residential properties in accordance with the proposed General Plan. I wish to help preserve and enhance the historic nature of Live Oak as well as maintain the small, family friendly sense of community that is so attractive to our citizens. Insuring sound planning for the city's infrastructure is important in our current and future development planning.

The opportunities are great to serve our community as the economy turns around. The historic buildings, the Buttes to the west, the river access to the east, and the State Route 99 corridor are great assets for inviting future development.

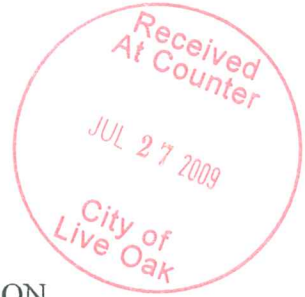
Providing opportunities for Live Oak's youth to learn trades are also a priority. I like what I hear about the potential development of the abandoned historical rail depot as an example of providing occupational skills for our youth.

Public education on local issues; open communications and community and business outreach; public safety; recreation; green belts; variety of local shopping options; the State Route 99 corridor; the downtown city core enhancement and development, along with all the other challenges and opportunities that are here with their budget restraints, are a wonderful opportunity for an individual citizen to be involved in public service.

I can make decisions based on evaluating the many sides and factors of issues, always being guided by what will serve the citizens to the greatest good. I have attended all but two (2) city council meetings since November 2008 and feel that I would be a good addition and asset to the current council. Thank you for the opportunity to apply for this appointment.



Malcolm Weston
9653 Collier Avenue
Live Oak, CA 95953
(530) 695-2258



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Cynde Lenders

ADDRESS: 2300 Walnut Drive Live Oak Ca 95953
218-1816 cell

DAY TIME PHONE: 530-237-1036 EVENING PHONE: 530-671-0467

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

I want to give back to my community.
I love California and my community
I think Live Oak is important to our area.
I want to see smart growth for our community
I would like to create jobs

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Cynde Lenders
SIGNATURE

7-24-09
DATE

Please return completed application to the address below.

Cynde Landers
2300 Walnut St.
Live Oak, Ca. 95953

Live Oak City Council

Dear Council Members:

I'd like to introduce myself and ask for your consideration as a nominee for the council person position.

My professional background is in property management and real estate. I've been in this field for over twenty years. I am currently employed as an executive assistant to Jack Haight, Broker at Associated Brokers. I also have an Associate degree in business, am a licensed realtor and have achieved my broker's license in real estate.

My reason for wanting to serve on the City Council is that I want to find a way to give back to the community and I feel that public service of this kind is an excellent way to do that. As a single mom I haven't had a lot of time for community service in the past, but now my children are older and I would have the time to dedicate to the Council.

I like the small town atmosphere of Live Oak and the friendliness of the people here. Although my work involves the buying and selling of houses, I am not necessarily for quick growth for our town. I would like to see Live Oak continue to grow slowly and in a planned way. I would also like to see us focus on attracting more businesses to town and create more jobs for young people, too.

As far as my personal activities, I have helped with the Relay for Life Cancer Walk, Hands of Hope and recently helped with the Sutter Yuba Realtor Association Charity Golf Tournament. Almost 80 local needy children, some of which are from Live Oak are getting to go on a shopping trip at the mall this month for school clothes thanks to our fund raising efforts this year. I also serve on the Education committee for the Board of Realtors.

I think that my background in business and finance could be helpful to the City. I pride myself on having good common sense and consider myself an ethical and caring person and think I could do a good job for the citizens of Live Oak.

Thank you for your consideration,



Cynde Landers



410 Century Park Drive
Yuba City, CA 95991
530-790-4111 Fax 530-790-4112

July 23, 2009

Dear Council Members,

I would like to recommend Cynde Landers for the vacancy for city council. She has been employed here at Associated Brokers for the last 3 years, and is currently our office manager and assistant broker. She has become invaluable to us here at Associated Brokers, I can say with the utmost honesty that she is the hardest working person I have ever worked with she is self taught and can learn anything new that comes her way, always on time never missed a day in the 3 years she has worked here, and, I would add the most ethical and moral qualities I have come to know, I would recommend Cynde for any position as I don't think there is a job that she could not do, however I hope she never leaves us here, as Associated Brokers would fail without her, I would be happy to answer any questions regarding her employment or qualifications.

Sincerely,



Jack Haight
Broker/Owner Associated Brokers

July 23, 2009

Live Oak City Council
9955 Live Oak Blvd
Live Oak, CA 95953

Dear Council Members,

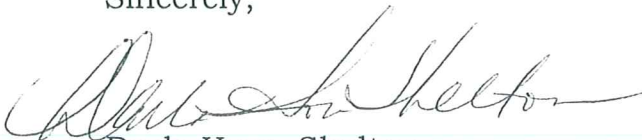
It is with my pleasure that I write you this letter of recommendation for Cynde Landers for appointment to your city council.

I have had the opportunity to work with Ms. Landers the past couple of years and have found her to be a very knowledgeable, personable and loyal individual. She listens without judgment and offers her opinions after careful consideration.

Ms. Landers is an individual the truly puts the needs of others ahead of her own. She truly cares for the people around her.

In my opinion, Ms. Landers would be a valuable addition to your city council and would represent your city in a positive manner.

Sincerely,



Darla Howe-Shelton
1697 Corsica Drive
Yuba City, CA 95993
530-790-6840



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON
THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: Sharlet L. Morris

ADDRESS: 10110 P Street, PO Box 326, Live Oak

DAY TIME PHONE: 530-695-1753 EVENING PHONE: same

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

see attached

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

Live Oak is a great city to raise and provide a home for the family. Our community has given my family many opportunities and I want serve on the City Council to give back to our city. With my employment history, I would be a valuable asset to the community of Live Oak.

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Sharlet L. Morris
SIGNATURE

July 27, 2009
DATE

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Please state your qualifications:

I have lived in Live Oak for 27 years. I have been a homeowner since 1985. I am married and both of my sons received their education at Luther School, Live Oak Middle School and graduated from Live Oak High School.

I belong to Delta Kappa Iota and am the current Treasurer. Delta Kappa Ladies support several organizations, which benefit our community.

I have worked in the financial and banking field for 25 years. I started my employment in the credit industry, then in the financial and banking arena. I retired from banking in 2008.



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO SERVE ON THE LIVE OAK CITY COUNCIL

(Please type or print legibly)

YOUR NAME: MELINDA RUSSELL

ADDRESS: 3061 SEAN DRIVE, LIVE OAK, CA 95953

DAY TIME PHONE: 329-4343 EVENING PHONE: 695-3777

PLEASE STATE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS (Attach a separate sheet if necessary):

~~I am very interested in serving on the Live Oak City Council and I am a resident of the City of Live Oak. Other qualifications include serving on the following:~~

- ~~• 2001-present City of Live Oak Planning Commission~~
- ~~• 2002-present Community Relations Committee~~
- ~~• 2003-present Consolidated Area Housing Authority of Sutter County~~

(Please see attached sheet)

PLEASE STATE YOUR REASONS FOR WISHING TO SERVE ON THE COUNCIL:

I wish to serve on the Live Oak City Council in order to use my experience, skills and dedication to help guide Live Oak through the challenging times ahead. Live Oak is a great community and I want to see it do well and prosper. I am familiar with the issues of the city, as well as the region, and believe I am well prepared to "hit the ground running" as a council member. It would be an honor and a privilege to serve Live Oak.

If appointed, I commit to attending meetings and fulfilling the responsibilities associated with the appointment.

Melinda Russell
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7/24/09
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MELINDA RUSSELL

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- 2004-present Sutter Community Affordable Housing
- 2005-present Live Oak General Plan Update Steering Committee
- 2008-present Sutter County General Plan Update Advisory Committee
- 2008-present The Spot, Revenue Resource Committee