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Council District: 17 New Appointment Reappointment Attendance Record:

Library Board of Trustees Commission

The Library Board of Trustees meets at 12:00 Noon on the 4th Monday of each month at the Main Library- 25 Heritage Green Plaza, Greenville.

Name: Susanna Torke

Occupation: Lawyer/Chef

Employer: World Wide Technology

Highest Degree Earned: Juris Doctor

School Attended: California Western
School of Law

Year of Graduation: 2010

Field of Study: Law

Linked In Profile:

Social Media Profile:

Military Experience:

I have experience as a Civilian Attorney for the U.S. Navy.

Certifications:

Licensed Attorney in California
Registered Patent Attorney with the USPTO

Civic Organizations / Other Affiliations:

Volunteer Experience (Please List & Describe):

San Diego Volunteer Lawyer Program - Worked with low-income clients on a variety of matters including guardianship cases in probate court and special immigrant juvenile status in family court.
Voices for Children - CASA (Court-appointed Special Advocate) - worked with foster children in the courtroom, classroom, and community to ensure their needs were met. Met with the child's social worker, teachers, parents, foster parents, and the child and report my findings in court reports.
Completed internships with San Diego County Office of Education court schools and also I Love a Clean San Diego.

My interest in serving on the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

I am an avid reader and regularly use the libraries in every community I live in. I am concerned about the future of libraries, especially those in Greenville County as of late with various books being banned and entire communities of people being made to feel unwelcome.

Describe your understanding of the position for which you are applying:

My understanding is as described in detail on the Greenville County website. The Library Board of Trustees has a very large role in ensuring the successful operation of the Greenville County Library system.

Describe your strengths or skills that would positively contribute to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

I have a law degree and also a masters degree in social work. I feel very strongly that libraries are essential to healthy communities and are one place that offer so much to a community without requiring money to be spent by each individual user. I would be in support of a library system that welcomes everyone and does not ban books due to conflicting personal viewpoints.

My community topics of concern that relate to the Library Board of Trustees Commission:

My biggest concern is the change of leadership within the Travelers Rest library, and any actions that either discriminate on its face or can be perceived to discriminate against certain communities among Greenville County libraries.

Do you currently hold an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Have you previously held an elected or appointed office or commission?

Yes No

If yes, please list:

Have you ever been fined for an ethics violation?

Yes No

If yes, please explain:

Have you ever been convicted of a crime other than a minor traffic violation?

Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Are you currently, or have ever been, a part or party to any litigation with or against Greenville County?

- Yes No

If yes, please give details:

Would you be willing to submit to a criminal background check and/or credit check?

- Yes No

Are you aware of the meeting schedule and time commitment for the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes No

Have you attended a meeting of the Library Board of Trustees Commission

- Yes No

Are you aware of the County's attendance policy as it relates to County boards and commissions?

- Yes No

Are you aware this is not a compensated position?

- Yes No

It is the policy of Greenville County to require disclosure of any personal or financial interest that may be influenced by decisions of the Committee, Board or Commission for which any citizen applies for membership.

Do you or a member of your immediate family provide goods and/or services to this board?

- Yes No

Do you or a member of your immediate family benefit from the action of this board?

- Yes No

Does your employer provide goods and/or services to this board?

Yes No

Does your employer receive direct services from this board?

Yes No

Does your employer financially benefit from the actions of this board?

Yes No

By signing your name and turning in your application, you agree to and attest to the following:

All information contained in this application is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I understand it is my responsibility to insure my application is submitted within the application period and that it has been received by the Clerk to Council's office.

I have read the Greenville County Board and Commission Policy and I understand the rules of conduct for the position for which I am applying.

I understand my lack of attendance for three (3) consecutive meetings or 25% of all regular scheduled meetings within a 12-month period may result in my removal from the board.

I understand that I serve at the pleasure of County Council and all appointments are subject to the Ethics, Government Accountability, and Campaign Reform Act, S.C. Code Ann. Section 8-13-100 et. seq. Any member appointed to a board or commission whose action is inconsistent or may be perceived to be inconsistent with the spirit or intent of the Act, may be subject for removal.

I understand that information provided in this application may be subject to South Carolina Freedom of Information disclosure.

Applicant Signature:

Date:

Applicants are encouraged to notify their representing Council Member of their interest to be considered for a desired board seat.

