

Office of the City Attorney
MEMORANDUM

To: Hon. Mayor Mary Casillas Salas

Kerry Bigelow, City Clerk

CC: Karla Mendez, Senior Council Assistant

Sheree, Kansas, Deputy City Clerk

Via: Board of Ethics Interview Panel

From: Glen Googins, City Attorney

Date: September 12, 2022

Re: Nominations for Appointments to Board of Ethics

Pursuant to Chula Vista Municipal Code section 2.28.050(A), a panel ("Panel") consisting of a Board of Ethics Member (Carmen Torres) and Charter Review Member (Dean Disharoon) interviewed applicants for appointment to the Board of Ethics (four vacancies) on July 27, 2022 and August 29, 2022 and hereby nominate the following for appointment to the Board of Ethics:

- Scott Wm. Davenport
- William Gersten
- Jose Torres, Jr.
- Alexia Velissaropolos

Scott Wm. Davenport would replace Mario Salzmann, William Gersten would replace Alex Welling, Jose Torres, Jr. would replace Stephanie Teel and Alexia Velissaropolos would replace Karla Chinn.

The Panel would like to place the below nomination for appointment to the Board of Ethics on the September 27, 2022 Council Agenda for ratification and schedule the oaths of office for the following meeting.

Thank you

Marion Reynoso

From: webmaster@chulavistaca.gov
Sent: Thursday, May 26, 2022 4:25 PM
To: CityClerk; Karina L. Lafarga; Karla Mendez; Stephanie Necochea; Board of Ethics
Subject: Board of Ethics Application - Web form

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Application for membership on the Board of Ethics

1. **Prefix**
(o) Mr.
2. **First and Last Name**
Scott Wm. Davenport
3. **E-mail**
[REDACTED]
4. **Home Address**
[REDACTED]
5. **City**
Chula Vista
6. **ZIP code**
91913
7. **Primary Phone**
[REDACTED]

8. Secondary Phone

Not answered

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

11. How Long?

2 mos.

12. Present employer

Manning & Kass

13. Occupation

Atty / General Counsel

14. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

15. Which one(s)?

N/A

16. Have you previously served on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

17. Which ones?

N/A

18. Per Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.25.030, I understand:

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(o) I have read and acknowledged the above statement.

19. Are you or have you been involved in any local, civic or community groups?

(o) No

20. Which ones?

Not answered

21. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas?

I lived in Chula Vista from 1989 through 2000. I just moved back approximately 2 months ago, just one mile from where we purchased our first home more than 30 years ago. I am currently serving as the General Counsel for a 200-lawyer national

law firm. I am frequently called upon to handle ethical issues and provide independent legal advice. I feel like I could contribute to the Commission.

22. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Member of the Board of Ethics? (250 words or less)

I met my wife in 1984 while a student at UC Riverside. Her family moved to the South Bay in 1967. As soon as we graduated, we moved to Chula Vista where we lived for 13 years. We moved away from work reasons in 2000 and recently returned home. I feel that I have a lot to contribute to the City and look forward to giving back to my community.

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Davenport CV.pdf

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(o) No

25. Have you, within the past 10 years, been convicted of any felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or been found to have committed a criminal violation of the Fair Political Practices Act?

(o) No

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(o) I have reviewed the Board of Ethics regular meeting date, time and frequency.

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28.

(o) I am familiar with the responsibilities of the Board of Ethics. I attest that the information I have provided is accurate and true.

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SCOTT WM. DAVENPORT
Manning & Kass,
Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester LLP
[REDACTED]
San Diego, CA 92101
Telephone: [REDACTED]
Email: [REDACTED]

AWARDS AND CERTIFICATIONS

AV-Rated
Martindale Hubbell

November 2002 to present

Certified Specialist, Appellate Law
The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

August 1998 to present

Certified Specialist, Criminal Law
The State Bar of California Board of Legal Specialization

April 2002 to April 2007

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

Manning & Kass, Ellrod, Ramirez, Trester 2000 to present
General Counsel. Practice Area Leader, Appellate Litigation Team (12 attorneys); Founding Partner, Supreme Court Practice Group. Handled in excess of 200 civil appellate matters in the California Courts of Appeal, California Supreme Court, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals and United States Supreme Court. Obtained summary reversal in United States Supreme Court. Litigated dispositive motions in state and federal courts. Practice areas include civil rights, premises liability, insurance coverage, business transactions, general liability and workers compensation. Filed multiple amicus curiae briefs in California Supreme Court and in the Ninth Circuit on behalf of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Davenport & White / Law Office of Scott Davenport 1995 to 1999
Senior partner in a firm specializing in personal injury/product liability, criminal defense and appellate litigation. Settled civil suits totaling over \$2 million; tried numerous felony criminal cases, including "three strikes" and murder cases; handled over 50 criminal defense appeals.

Office of the Attorney General 1993 to 1995
Served as a Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice. Litigated approximately 125 felony criminal appeals and over one dozen federal petitions for writ of habeas corpus.

Robinson & Phillips 1990 to 1991
Law clerk to Mark Robinson, President of C.T.L.A. and the trial lawyer in *Grimshaw v. Ford Motor Company* (1981) 119 Cal.App.3d 757 [\$125 million in punitive damages for an exploding Pinto]. Located and retained former Presidential Aide John Ehrlichman as an expert witness.

EDUCATION

Juris Doctor California Western School of Law	January 1992
Bachelor of Arts, Biology University of California, Riverside	August 1987

STATE BAR EXPERIENCE

Committee of Bar Examiners The State Bar of California (Chair 2008-2009)	October 2004 to 2009
Appellate Law Advisory Commission The State Bar of California (Chair 2002-2003)	October 2000 to October 2003

MEDIATION & JUDGE PRO TEMPORE EXPERIENCE

Appellate Settlement Officer California Court of Appeal, Second District	2003 to present
Judge Pro Tempore San Bernardino Superior Court	2000 to 2002

PUBLISHED OPINIONS

- *Los Angeles County v. Rettele* (2007) 550 U.S. 609
- *In re: Marriage Cases* (2008) 43 Cal.4th 757
- *Adoption of Joshua S.* (2008) 42 Cal.4th 945
- *People ex rel Govt Employees Ins. v. Cruz* (2016) 244 Cal.App.4th 1184
- *Anastos v. Lee* (2004) 118 Cal.App.4th 1314
- *Land v. Workers' Compensation Appeals Board* (2002) 102 Cal.App.4th 491
- *Maldonado v. Superior Court* (2001) 94 Cal.App.4th 1390
- *People v. Pulliam* (1998) 62 Cal.App.4th 1430
- *People v. Estrada* (1995) 11 Cal.4th 568
- *People v. Trejo* (1994) 26 Cal.App.4th 460
- *People v. Black* (1994) 23 Cal.App.4th 667
- *People v. Siravo* (1993) 17 Cal.App.4th 555
- *People v. Berry* (1993) 17 Cal.App.4th 332
- *Mendez v. Gardena* (2017) 677 Fed.Appx. 342
- *Mendez v. Gardena* (2015) 222 F.Supp.3d 782
- *Eclectic Props v. Marcus & Millichap* (2014) 751 F.3d 990
- *Perry v. Brown* (2013) 725 F.3d 1140
- *Jimenez v. Franklin* (2012) 680 F.3d 1096
- *Perry v. Schwarzenegger* (2011) 630 F.3d 909
- *Nelson v. Santa Barbara Cty. Sheriff* (2021) 844 Fed.Appx. 983
- *Titus v. County of Los Angeles* (2009) 308 Fed.Appx. 210
- *Benas v. Baca* (2005) 159 Fed.Appx. 762
- *Consortium v. Credit Data* (2005) 149 Fed.Appx. 575
- *Davis v. County of Los Angeles* (2002) 32 Fed.Appx. 941

LEGAL PUBLICATIONS

Workers' Compensation Appeals

Lulu Press (1st Edition, 2011)

Scientific Evidence in Criminal Cases

Chapter Author, "Novel Scientific Techniques Subject to *Kelly* Rule"

Continuing Education of the Bar (1st Ed., 2008) and Updates

MEDIA EXPERIENCE

Panelist, "You Decide"

2010

Panel participant for pilot debate program produced for distribution. The program, which featured four expert panelists debating topics of the day, was moderated by LA Times award-winning author and PBS on-air personality Patt Morrison.

Legal Consultant, CBS Studios

2002 to present

Provided extensive legal consulting on CBS program "The Guardian," resulting in the drafting of a recurring character named "Scott Davenport." Consulted on CBS program "John Doe."

JUDICIAL CLERKING EXPERIENCE

United States District Court

Law Clerk to Hon. Leland C. Nielsen / Pro Se Civil Rights Law Clerk for the Southern District of California. Drafted bench memoranda and tentative orders for dispositive motions.

California Court of Appeal

Judicial Extern for Hon. Donald Work. Authored draft appellate opinions in both civil and criminal matters, including *Blackman v. Great Am. First Savings Bank* (1991) 233 Cal.App.3d 598.

PUBLISHED ARTICLES

"Insured's Default Not Binding on Intervening Insurer's Rights"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (October 2011)

"Proposition 8 Would Codify The Type of Intolerance We Fight Against Abroad"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (October 2008)

"When Law Enforcement Offices Make Honest Mistakes"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (February 2007)

"For the Good of the People – and the Parolees"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (June 2006)

"Strict Parolee Supervision Reduces Recidivism"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (October 2005)

"'Cravford' Effectively Muffles Victims' Deathbed Declarations"

Los Angeles Daily Journal (March 2004)

“Exclusion of Search Results: ‘*Sanders*’ Court Finds ‘Remedy Without Right’”
Los Angeles Daily Journal (August 2003)

“Royal Mess: 9th Circuit Decisions Place Sovereign-Immunity Defenses in a Chokehold”
Los Angeles Daily Journal (July 2001)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Moot Court Justice

UCLA School of Law

UCI Irvine School of Law

Glendale University School of Law

Guest Lecturer

Pepperdine Law School

Trinity Law School

LANGUAGES

- English.
- Spanish.

From: Webmaster
Sent: Wednesday, May 19, 2021 1:21 PM
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Application for membership on the Board of Ethics

1. **Prefix**
(o) Mr.
2. **First and Last Name**
William Gersten
3. **E-mail**
[REDACTED]
4. **Home Address**
[REDACTED]
5. **City**
Chula Vista
6. **ZIP code**
91914
7. **Primary Phone**
[REDACTED]

8. Secondary Phone

Not answered

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

11. How Long?

11 years

12. Present employer

City of San Diego

13. Occupation

Deputy City Attorney

14. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) Yes

15. Which one(s)?

Civil Service Commission-term ending June, 2021

16. Have you previously served on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) Yes

17. Which ones?

Civil Service Commission 2013-2021

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19. Are you or have you been involved in any local, civic or community groups?

(o) Yes

20. Which ones?

Cars & Coffee, Neighborhood Watch

21. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas?

I am being termed out as Chair of the Chula vista Civil Service Commission in June, 2021, and would like to continue my service to the city I call home. I have thoroughly enjoyed my tenure with the Civil Service Commission, and would like to continue to provide my time, energy and expertise to the City of Chula Vista.

As a practicing attorney, I am held to a high ethical standard and manage my job and personal life consistently with that standard. As a City of San Diego employee and Deputy City Attorney, I am familiar with the ethical laws and standards under local, state and federal law. Additionally, I have advised the City of San Diego on several ethical issues raised through the City Auditor's hotline complaint process and or referred by the City's Ethics Commission.

22. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Member of the Board of Ethics? (250 words or less)

I would like to continue the mission of the Board of Ethics in investigating and rooting out unethical conduct. I have vast experience in conducting investigations and administrative hearings, and would look forward to applying that experience to investigate complaints, hold hearings on them, and issue written findings thereon. Further, having worked with the City Attorney's office in relation to amending the Civil Service Rules, I would look forward to reviewing and seeking amendments to the Code of Ethics as needed. Last, I want to serve my community, which certainly is better served when addressing unethical conduct raised in an expeditious, transparent (as allowed by law) and fair manner.

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WILLIAM_J.RESUME.pdf

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(o) No

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Not answered

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WILLIAM J. GERSTEN

[REDACTED]
Chula Vista, CA 91914
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

CALIFORNIA WESTERN SCHOOL OF LAW, San Diego California
Juris Doctor Cum Laude, May 1990
Admitted to California Bar, November 1990, Cal. Bar No. 150591

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

- Class Standing: 19/191
- California Western Law Review/International Law Journal
Lead Articles Editor, 1989-1990
Staff Writer, 1988-1989
- Dean's List, 1988-1990
- Law Review Exemplary Service Award
- Academic Achievement Scholarship

CLARK UNIVERSITY, Worcester, Massachusetts
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science, May 1983

LEGAL EXPERIENCE

CITY OF SAN DIEGO, San Diego, CA
Deputy City Attorney, 2005-present

- Advise City Council, City Manager, Mayor, City Boards and Commissions, and City Departments on issues of public contract, labor, employment, personnel, retirement and benefits;
- Defend employment litigation and respond to administrative complaints;
- Legal Advisor to City labor negotiation team; and
- Draft resolutions, ordinances and other formal writings on behalf of City.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, CalPERS, Sacramento, CA
Senior Staff Counsel, 2001-2005

- Represented State Public Employees' Retirement System in all adjudicative forums;
- Provided in-house legal counsel to all divisions, program staff, and retirement Board and act as legal liaison to contracting public agencies;
- Drafted decisions, agenda items and other formal writings on behalf of Board; and
- Assisted in review of proposed legislation, contracts, and organization policies.

SUPERIOR COURT, County of Sacramento, Sacramento, CA
Judge Pro Tem., 2001-2005

- Presided over small claims and general traffic trials; and
- Conducted and presided over settlement conferences as part of the court's alternative dispute resolution program.

SUPERIOR COURT, County of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Staff Attorney II, 1995-2001

- Drafted bench memoranda on pre-trial, trial and post-trial motions in all areas of civil law; and
- Assigned as judicial attorney to the JCCP complex coordinated tobacco litigation.

SUPERIOR COURT, County of San Diego, San Diego, CA

Judge Pro Tem., 1996-2001

- Presided over small claims, general traffic and red light photo enforcement trials.

CORONA, BALISTRERI & RAMSEYER, San Diego, CA

Associate Attorney, 1992-1994

- Prosecuted and defended civil cases in active construction, employment defense and commercial litigation practice.

SUPERIOR COURT, County of San Diego, Vista, CA

Research Attorney I, 1990-1992

- Drafted bench memoranda and resulting judicial decisions for Law & Motion, Supervising, and Trial departments.

MULVANEY & KAHAN, San Diego, CA

Summer Associate, summer, 1989

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda, motions, and pleadings.

UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT, L.A., CA

Judicial Extern, spring semester, 1989

- Conducted legal research on criminal and civil appeals and drafted bench memoranda as well as published opinions thereon for a three judge appellate panel.

OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY, San Diego, CA

Law Clerk, fall semester, 1988

- Conducted legal research and drafted legal memoranda, motions and pleadings.

BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

CITY OF CHULA VISTA, Chula Vista, CA

Commissioner, Civil Service Commission, 2013-present

Chair, Civil Service Commission, 2015-present

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Application for membership on the Board of Ethics

1. **Prefix**
Not answered
2. **First and Last Name**
Jose Torres
3. **E-mail**
[REDACTED]
4. **Home Address**
[REDACTED]
5. **City**
Chula Vista
6. **ZIP code**
91911
7. **Primary Phone**
[REDACTED]

8. Secondary Phone

Not answered

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(o) Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

11. How Long?

12 years

12. Present employer

San Diego Harbor Police Dept.

13. Occupation

Police Officer

14. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

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15. Which one(s)?

Veterans Commission Board

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21. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas?

My interested are infrastructure, strong police force, homelessness and a strong economy. I would like to see Chula Vista continue to be prosperous and continue to grow. I believe I am fair, honest and law-abiding citizen of ChulaVista. My whole adult life has been in public service. I spent 6 years on active duty in the military,

then 9 years working in the prison system as a correctional officer and now the past 14 years as a police officer. I hold myself to a higher standard and strive to be an example to my 4 children. Justice is very important to me. So much, that I have a bachelor's degree from SDSU in Criminal Justice. I believe in integrity and doing what is right...even when no one is watching. I enforce the law for a living and have been for the past 24 years. I have strong ethics and would like to make sure our community, both civilians and government do as well. Everyone is accountable for their actions. I believe you should always follow the rules and regulations of your government. No one is above the law and I would like to do my part to help enforce it. One of my mottos is being Firm, Fair and Consistent in what I do. I am also a local small business owner and have been a business owner for 9 years. I have a good understanding for business, laws and fair treatment of others.

22. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Member of the Board of Ethics? (250 words or less)

To bring fairness, truthfulness and integrity to the position. To look at each and every case with open eyes and an open mind. I would look at all the facts and situation. I would then recommend the appropriate punishment. I would work as a team with the other board members and work diligently to ensure we are doing the best with can and representing the city of Chula Vista with respect and honor. I would do my part to ensure rules and regulations and the Code of Conduct are being followed throughout the city. I would use my skills I gained as a correctional officer and now a police officer and also as a CEO, to apply the appropriate outcome.

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Civic resume copy.pdf

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JOSE A. TORRES, JR.

██████████ ■ Chula Vista, CA 91911 / Phone: ██████████ ■ E-mail: ██████████

EDUCATION

San Diego State University **San Diego, CA** **Graduated**
December 2012

Bachelors of Science, Criminal Justice graduate

Miramar Community College **San Diego, CA** **Graduated**
December 2009

Associates in Science, Administration of Justice graduate

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

San Diego Harbor Police Department **San Diego, CA**
April 2008-Present

Police Officer

- Patrol the San Diego Tidelands and local communities while enforcing municipal, vehicle, and penal codes
- Patrol and enforce a variety of codes to include penal, vehicle, and fish and game codes on the San Diego Bay
- Patrol and enforce penal, unified port district, and federal codes in the San Diego International Airport
- Investigate crimes, apprehend, arrest and transport criminals county jail
- Write incident reports, issue emergency protective orders, and write warrants for arrests
- Issue traffic tickets, parking tickets, and impound vehicles
- Conduct security searches in buildings and conduct searches of suspects

San Diego Police Department **San Diego, CA**
April 2006-April 2008

Police Officer, Police Service Officer

- Patrol the community and enforce municipal and penal codes
- Apprehend criminals and transport to jail
- Write incident reports and log daily events into a Mobile Command Terminal
- Issue traffic tickets, parking tickets, and tow vehicles
- Conduct security searches in buildings and conduct pat downs of suspects

Federal Bureau of Prisons **San Pedro, CA**
March 1999-April 2006

Lieutenant, Acting Captain

- Supervised over 150 officers and 3,000 inmates in a federal prison
- Enforced and implemented rules and regulations of the prison to ensure a safe environment and provided training to staff
- Conducted criminal investigations to control gang violence
- Supervised forced cell extractions and coordinated riot control, made arrest and placed prisoners in heightened security
- Created and maintained a staff scheduling roster
- Supervised airlifts to different states for drop off and pick up of prisoners
- Provided security for the Warden and dignitaries when on the prison compound

Colorado Department of Corrections **Canon City, CO**
February 1997-March 1999

Correctional Officer

- Managed state prisoners in housing units and prison compound
- Chairman of the Employee Council and member of Executive Council, responsible for representing staff pressing issues
- Conducted Forced Cell Extractions, institutional counts, shakedowns and strip searches of inmates
- Wrote incident reports and testified on violations in policy by inmates
- Counseled inmates and their family member when needed

United States Army

Colorado Springs, CO

August 1989 -August 1995

Corporal, Aircraft Power Plant Repairer

- Provided security for aircraft and equipment
- Troubleshoot and repaired helicopter turbine engines
- Supervised fellow soldiers on field missions
- Assisted with security while at Operation Desert Storm in Iraq, Kuwait, and Saudi Arabia

RELATED ACTIVITIES

- *HOA VICE PRESIDENT OF A 92 UNIT COMPLEX- 2010-2015*
- *POLICE OFFICER ASSOCIATION BOARD MEMBER/TREASURER-2017 TO PRESENT*
- *CHULA VISTA VETERANS ADVISORY COMMISSION/CHAIR-2016-PRESENT*

Marion Reynoso

From: Tamisha Woods on behalf of CityClerk
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Application for membership on the Board of Ethics

1. Prefix

(o) Ms.

2. First and Last Name

Alexia Velissaropoulos

3. E-mail

[REDACTED]

4. Home Address

[REDACTED]

5. City

Chula Vista

6. ZIP code

91915

7. Primary Phone

[REDACTED]

8. Secondary Phone

[REDACTED]

9. Are you registered to vote in Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

10. Do you live within the City limits of Chula Vista?

(o) Yes

11. How Long?

Five Years

12. Present employer

Veliss Law, APC.

13. Occupation

Attorney

14. Are you currently serving on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

15. Which one(s)?

Not answered

16. Have you previously served on a Chula Vista Board/Commission?

(o) No

17. Which ones?

Not answered

18. Per Chula Vista Municipal Code Section 2.25.030, I understand:

-If I am currently serving on a board or commission, I must resign from my current board or commission if I am appointed.

-I must have served at least 12 months on my current board or commission in order to be appointed to another board or commission.

(o) I have read and acknowledged the above statement.

19. Are you or have you been involved in any local, civic or community groups?

(o) Yes

20. Which ones?

City of San Diego - Parks

21. What are your principal areas of interest in our City government, and what experience or special knowledge can you bring to those areas?

I would like to use my knowledge, experience and time to help better my community. I have served on a variety of boards in the past, including on a State Bar ethics board, which gave me insight into how to effectively implement board decisions and initiatives.

22. What would you hope to accomplish in the role of a Member of the Board of Ethics? (250 words or less)

Ensure the betterment of my community through establishing and upholding ethics guidelines.

23. I understand that to be considered, I must submit a resume along with this application.

Resume 2022.pdf

24. Do you have any "conflicts of interest" as defined below?

As defined in Chula Vista Municipal Code 2.28.050, a "conflict of interest" means the following:

1. The applicant or any of applicant's relatives is or has been an employee of or sought employment from any City official subject to this chapter;

2. The applicant or any of applicant's relatives is or has been supervised in an employment setting by any City official subject to this chapter;

3. The applicant has served in any capacity (including staff member, advisor, or volunteer) involving the election, selection, or appointment of any City official subject to this chapter to any public office (elected or appointed);

4. The applicant has served in any capacity (including staff member, advisor, or volunteer) opposing the election, selection, or appointment of any City official subject to this chapter to any public office (elected or appointed); or

5. The applicant is related to any City official subject to this chapter."

(o) No

25. Have you, within the past 10 years, been convicted of any felony or a crime involving moral turpitude or been found to have committed a criminal violation of the Fair Political Practices Act?

(o) No

26. The City understands meeting schedules and individual's availability may change. We ask that you consider the meeting schedule when submitting an application.

(o) I have reviewed the Board of Ethics regular meeting date, time and frequency.

27. I understand if I am selected to serve on this board or commission I will need to disclose certain economic interests (Form 700) in accordance with the City of Chula Vista's Conflict of Interest Code.

(o) I have reviewed the City of Chula Vista's Conflict of Interest Code.

28.

(o) I am familiar with the responsibilities of the Board of Ethics. I attest that the information I have provided is accurate and true.

Thank you,
City of Chula Vista

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Alexia Velissaropoulos

Employment

2015 – Present

Veliss Law APC

San Diego, CA

Attorney

- Provide legal services in relation to Business, Contracts, General Insurance Defense and Construction Defect Litigation.
- Draft and negotiate all manner of pleadings, motions, writs and appeals.
- Litigate all matters from inception to trial, post-trial and appeal.
- Recruit, train and manage all staff, including associates attorneys.
- Perform all functions of managing a full service law firm.

2012 – 2015

Taylor Anderson, LLP.

San Diego, CA

Attorney

- Provide legal services in relation to Business, Contracts, General Insurance Defense and Construction Defect Litigation.
- Draft and negotiate all manner of pleadings, motions, writs and appeals.
- Oversee associate attorneys and supervise litigation of all pending matters.
- Conduct firm wide training on business development and client relations.
- Conduct nationwide legal seminars regarding emerging areas of law.
- Litigate all matters from inception to trial, post trial and appeal.

2014 – 2017

San Diego University of Integrated Studies

San Diego, CA

Adjunct Professor

- Business and Labor Law.

2008 – 2012

Peoples Law Group

San Diego, CA

Attorney / Managing Partner

- Provide legal services in relation to various areas of Civil Litigation.
- Draft and negotiate all manner of pleadings, motions, writs and appeals.
- Litigate all matters from inception to trial, post trial and appeal.
- Recruit, train and manage all staff, including associates attorneys.
- Perform all functions of managing a full service law firm.

2006 – 2008

Lisitsa Law Corporation

Los Angeles, CA

Attorney / Law Clerk

- Provide legal services in relation to various areas of Civil Litigation.
- Implement alternative dispute resolution strategies and negotiate settlements.
- Conduct every aspect of litigation from inception to resolution.
- Perform client intake and maintain client relations.
- Draft extensive legal briefs, memoranda and points and authorities.

Education

2005 – 2007

Southwestern Univ. School of Law

Los Angeles, CA

Juris Doctor from the prestigious Scale Accelerated Program.

2001 – 2004

Robert Morris University

Chicago, IL

B.A., Business Marketing and Management.

Graduated *summa cum laude*. (Presidential Honors/Dean's List)