

**Profile**

Robert

First Name

Dickerson

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

CA

State

93456

Postal Code

**Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application \***

Fourth District - Bob Nelson

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Arts Commission: Submitted

**Reference 1 Name**

Leigh Collier

**Reference 1 Address**

[Redacted]

**Reference 1 Telephone**

[Redacted]

**Reference 1 Occupation**

District Representative Supervisor Bob Nelson

**Reference 2 Name**

Glen Morris

**Reference 2 Address**

[Redacted]

**Reference 2 Telephone**

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[Redacted]

**Reference 2 Occupation**

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President / CEO Santa Maria Chamber of Commerce

**Reference 3 Name**

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Alice Patino

**Reference 3 Address**

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[Redacted]

**Reference 3 Telephone**

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**Reference 3 Occupation**

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Mayor - Santa Maria

**If you are now, or have ever been employed by the County of Santa Barbara, please list the department in which you worked, your title, and the dates you were employed.**

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N/A

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**Interests & Experiences**

**Please explain why you are interested in serving, and what experience you bring to the Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

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I have had a long interest in the arts both as a collector and as a member of several community boards. In 2010 I joined the Board of the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA) Foundation. In addition, in 2020 I became a Board member of the Santa Maria Philharmonic Society. Due to time constraints, I am no longer a member of either Board but am still an active supporter.

**Give any information explaining qualifications, experience, training, education, volunteer activities, community organization memberships, or personal interests that bear on your application for the above Board, Commission or Committee. Attach additional documentation as necessary.**

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See Attached Resume

[Arts Commission Application Text - 2023.doc](#)

Upload a Resume

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**Demographics****Ethnicity**

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Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

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Male

  
Date of Birth

**Education Completed:**

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B/A in Political Science Graduated from Cal Poly SLO

**Please Agree with the Following Statement**

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**I agree that upon submission of this application all information provided is a matter of public record, and is subject to disclosure.**

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I Agree \*

**County of Santa Barbara  
Arts Commission  
Application (Supplemental)  
For  
Robert J. Dickerson**

Having spent the last thirty years in business as an Entrepreneur, I come to the Arts Commission with the ability to analyze and assess the various matters, plans and issues that may come before the Commission. I grew up on the Central Coast and attended Cal Poly, where I graduated with a BA in Political Science. I have successfully founded, grown and sold two businesses - the last a chain of vocational schools that were started here in Santa Maria in 1998. That business and all of its locations were sold in 2005. Prior to founding the vocational schools, I successfully reorganized and grew a failing medium sized publishing company in Chicago, more than tripling its revenue and bringing it to a state of profitability in two years. In 2003 I was appointed to the Advisory Committee for the State of California Department of Consumer Affairs Bureau for Private Postsecondary and Vocational Education, a position I continued to hold until I resigned after selling the schools.

In 2005 I was appointed to the Santa Maria Block Grants Advisory Committee and served until May of 2014. I was Chair of the Committee from 2008 to 2010 and was re-elected in 2012. I was appointed to the Housing Authority of the County of Santa Barbara (HASBC) as its Commissioner representing the 5<sup>th</sup> District in 2009 and was Chair in 2012. In 2010 I assumed a position on the Board of Directors for the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts (PCPA) Foundation. In 2013 I was appointed to the Santa Maria Planning Commission, where I continue to serve and have been Chair several times, the most recent in 2022. I am a 2008 graduate of the Leadership Santa Maria Valley program. I have served as a Board member of the Northern Santa Barbara County United Way as well as Chair of its Santa Maria Advisory Council Team. I am a member of the class of 2009 Federal Bureau of Investigation Citizen's Academy. I own Applied Imaginations, Inc. and two subsidiary manufacturing companies that are located in Santa Maria.

I believe that being locally raised, my education, my decades in business, and experience on the Santa Maria Planning Commission, Santa Maria Philharmonic Society, the Pacific Conservatory of the Performing Arts Foundation, Block Grants Advisory Committee and as a former Commissioner for the HASBC as well as other community service-related organizations allows me to bring a diverse set of skills that would be of benefit to the Arts Commission should I be appointed.