

Date: 09/29/2020

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County of Santa Barbara
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: 3rd District Appointment to Civil Service Commission

For placement on the Board of Supervisors agenda for the meeting of: October 6, 2020

I would like to recommend the appointment/ reappointment of the following person to the: Civil Service Commission


Salutation: Mr Mrs Ms.
Full Name of Appointee: Tamara Rowles
Address:
City/State/Zip:
Home Phone:
Work Phone:
E-mail: [t](#)

Appointee will represent the Third District on this commission.

Position was formerly held by: Jean Morris

Check box only if this appointment is filling an unexpired vacancy.

Third District Supervisor: Joan Hartmann

Signed by: 

COB Information Verification	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Letter of Resignation on file
<input type="checkbox"/>	Vacancy Notice on file
Term:	
<input type="checkbox"/>	_____ years
<input type="checkbox"/>	Beginning date _____
<input type="checkbox"/>	Ending date _____

Profile

Tamara

First Name

Rowles

Last Name

[Redacted]

Email Address

[Redacted]

Street Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

[Redacted]

City

CA

State

93463

Postal Code

Indicate Supervisor Who Will Receive a Copy of your Application *

Third District - Joan Hartmann

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Alternate Phone

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Civil Service Commission: Submitted

Reference 1 Name

Mientje D'Arelli

Reference 1 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Telephone

[Redacted]

Reference 1 Occupation

Consultant

Reference 2 Name

Dorit Warner

Reference 2 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Telephone

[Redacted]

Reference 2 Occupation

Attorney

Reference 3 Name

Sarah Gonzales

Reference 3 Address

[Redacted]

Reference 3 Telephone

[Redacted]

Reference 3 Occupation

Event Manager, UCSB

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.

N/A

Interests & Experiences

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

Since moving to the Santa Barbara County five years ago, I have pursued opportunities to utilize my legal background in service to the community. The Civil Service Commission serves an important role in matters involving county employees. As a trained mediator, I am skilled at distilling the facts and legal issues of a dispute, asking pertinent questions, and guiding parties to resolution even in the most complicated and discordant of cases. I also frequently attend city council meetings and served as a journalist reporting on local politics. I am well-versed in the Brown Act and rules of procedure and decorum. These experiences will serve me well in the matters before the Civil Service Commission.

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.

See attached CV, which details my employment experience and community service activities. I have been a licensed attorney since 2003, CA Bar No. 228940. My primary area of practice is litigation, though I have some experience handling employment cases as both an attorney and mediator. I have volunteered in many community organizations, including CASA, Santa Barbara Superior CADre program, Mothers of Preschoolers (MOPs), and Bethania Lutheran Church Food Drive for Covid-19 relief efforts. I also created and host a local podcast called SYV Stories, which highlights residents of the Santa Ynez Valley who make valuable contributions to the community. The purpose of the podcast is to bring people in our community together through stories and shared history.

[Resume CV Tamara Rowles 2020.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

Please attach any additional documents here

Demographics

Ethnicity

Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

Female


Date of Birth

Education Completed:

See attached CV. Juris Doctor, University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law

Please Agree with the Following Statement

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

I Agree *



Tamara M. Rowles, Esq.

Objective

To support and contribute to the County of Santa Barbara by serving on the Civil Service Commission

Contact information

Mobile:

[REDACTED]

Email:

[REDACTED]

Websites:

www.StoryGem.com
www.SYVStories.com

Address:

[REDACTED]

Community Activities

CASA Volunteer

- Court Appointed Special Advocate for children who experienced abuse

Santa Ynez Valley Star

- Journalist reporting on Solvang and Buellton City Councils and Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

SYV Stories

- Creator and host of popular local podcast that highlights community members who make a positive contribution to the Santa Ynez Valley

Ballard Elementary

- Current PTA Treasurer; former Vice President and Secretary

Bethania Lutheran Church

- Volunteer at Food Drive and other activities to support Covid-19 relief efforts

Santa Barbara Superior CADre

- Mediator at Court Administered Dispute Resolution program

Work Experience

StoryGem

Founder | February 2020 - Present

- Interview and record audio memoirs
- Edit and digitally master audio recordings to preserve clients' life stories

Dovecote LLC / Rowles Holdings LLC

Counsel | 2015 - 2020

- Counsel for property, employment, and licensing matters
- Hospitality and guest relations
- Managed events, tasting room, and wine club

Constructive Counsel PC

Founder | 2012 - 2015

- Founded boutique mediation firm specializing in personal injury, real property, commercial, and landlord/tenant disputes
- Achieved over an 85% settlement rate on the day of mediation

Reed Smith LLP

Senior Associate | 2005 - 2012

- Litigation senior associate at Top 50 global law firm specializing in financial services and products liability litigation
- Successfully represented Fortune 500 clients in all phases of litigation from complaint through trial

Academic History

University of California, Davis, King Hall School of Law Juris Doctor, 2003

- Senior Editor, Law Review

University of California, Los Angeles / Berkeley Bachelor of Arts, History, 1999

- Alumni Scholar, UC Berkeley
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