



# APPLICATION FOR COUNTY OF EL DORADO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE

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| Board or Commission Applying For<br><b>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION OF EL DORADO COUNTY</b>   |  | Vacant Position or Title<br><b>HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION MEMBER SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 1</b> |                                      |
| First Name<br><b>Robin</b>   |  | Last Name<br><b>Valicenti,</b>   |                                      |
|  |  | Residential City<br><b>EI Dorado Hills</b>   | Residential ZIP Code<br><b>95762</b> |
| Daytime Telephone  |  | Mobile Telephone   |                                      |
| Occupation/Title<br><b>Clinical Counselor/Art Therapist/Mental Health and Social Justice Advocate</b>  |  | Employer<br><b>Self Employed/Private Practice</b>  |                                      |
| List all County boards, commissions or committees to which you are/were appointed. Please include dates of service.<br><b>I have not been appointed to any commissions or committees in El Dorado County at this time.</b>   |  |  |                                      |
| Summary of qualifications<br><p><b>-I am passionate about your mission and purpose to promote tolerance and mutual respect among all persons, and to foster peaceful relations in the interest of preserving the public peace among residents of different races, religions, national origins, and to promote human rights for all people in El Dorado County and appreciate our community s diversity by means of education, advocacy and action. -Licensed professional mental health counselor (2002-present). I worked with underserved mental health consumer populations and stakeholders for the bulk of my professional career as a clinician, community organizer and as an advocate. Served on legislative hearings to provide testimony as an experienced and qualified observer and professional clinician. -Red Cross certified Disaster Mental Health therapist. -Significant training and continuing education in the areas of social justice, diversity, equity and inclusion, mental health parity/addiction equity in healthcare and community services. Worked as an educator for various colleges (University of Pennsylvania, University of Evansville, Bryn Mawr College of Social Work and Social Research, Mount Mary College, Hahnemann University). Regularly supervise graduate students training to be therapists. -Leadership experience with associations for mental health, public health, social justice and human rights. -Developed and implemented an arts based civic education program for California students K-12 (Oakridge High School students in El Dorado County participated) to exhibit artwork addressing issues related to mental health and school safety at the CA State Capitol Gallery. Connected those students with their state legislators to express their concerns. -Committed social justice, mental health/human rights, antiracist advocate. -Developed and implemented community mental health outreach and advocacy programs while a director for NorCATA. <a href="https://norcata.org/Community-Service-Projects">https://norcata.org/Community-Service-Projects</a> -Developed and implemented a community support group for victims and refugees of the Camp Fire in Chico, CA with board members of NorCATA. -Registered (1993) and board certified (1999) art therapist. -Experience working with government offices, community offices, and the office of the Second Lady of the United States, Karen Pence, as an art therapy advocate when Mrs. Pence named Art Therapy as her signature cause. <a href="https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/articles/chose-initiative-art-therapy-healing-heart/">https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/articles/chose-initiative-art-therapy-healing-heart/</a> -Trained lobbyist, Hechinger Speakers Bureau</b></p> |  |  |                                      |
| Affiliations with professional and/or community groups<br><p><b>2012-present. Board of Directors, Chairperson and Legislative Committee Member, California Association of Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors. 2012-present. Board of Directors, Legislative Committee Chairperson and general member of the Northern California Art Therapy Association. 1996-present. Chairperson, Art and Legislative Committee member, Open Forum leader, general member of the American Art Therapy Association. 1990-present. American's for the Arts member and advocate.</b></p>   |  |  |                                      |

Why do you seek appointment?

**I am an action oriented, civically engaged person who believes that healing the division in our local body politic, while supporting basic human rights is not only possible, it is necessary. I want to be part of the solution and not part of the problem. As a therapist and global citizen, I have witnessed a lot of human suffering in my lifetime, much of which was not necessary if basic human rights were observed in governance and in the public. I am grateful for the United Nations Declaration of Human Rights and I am willing to do my part to create a more benevolent society here in El Dorado County by promoting respect and equitable support structures for human rights for all persons. I have time in my schedule to take on extra work in this lane and am happy to do so.**

Additional Information

**I am attaching some photos of the noted local Oakridge HS art exhibit that I curated at the CA Capitol K-12 gallery, from a Camp Fire Refugee Support Group program I ran, and a photo of the book cover to which I was a contributing author. I will also provide links to the programs. The Oakridge students visited the art exhibit at the capitol and then the offices of Kevin Kiley and Ted Gains. Students learned about civic engagement and how to exercise their rights as citizens of a democracy and let their elected officials know their concerns for school safety and mental health. <https://norcata.org/Butte-groups>  
<https://www.amazon.com/Therapy-Response-Natural-Disasters-Violence/dp/1787754065>  
<https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/articles/chose-initiative-art-therapy-healing-heart/> I am also attaching a copy of a Member Resolution from Senator Nielsen's office. The SCR60 resolution was not voted on by both chambers during the last session before recess so it is in process now. I drafted the document and worked with the legislators and Senator Nielsen's office to support this resolution. The measure should be passed soon!**

If known, indicate the member of the Board of Supervisors who will receive a copy of this application

**John Hidahl - District I Supervisor**

File Attachments

**Oakridge Gallery.jpg  
Oakridge Gallery 2.jpg  
resolution.jpeg  
butte county flyer.jpg  
art tx book.jpg  
2 Oakridge student work.jpg**

Signature of Applicant\*



Date

**01/27/2022**

\* You consent and agree that you are signing this document electronically. You further agree that your electronic signature is as valid as if you manually signed the document in writing.  
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