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SUBMIT TO: Commission on Aging
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EL DORADO COUNTY COMMISSION ON AGING
ADVISORY COUNCIL TO THE AREA AGENCY ON AGING

MEMBER APPLICATION FORM

NAME: Roberta Rimbault AGE: 62
ADDRESS (RESIDENCE): _____

MAILING ADDRESS (IF DIFFERENT): _____
TELEPHONE: _____
email: _____

Persons appointed to serve as Commissioner must be:

- 1) Desirous of the office and willing to serve,
- 2) Community representatives who are concerned about and/or working with Senior Programs,
- 3) Having previous advocacy and/or legislative experience (preferable),
- 4) Given preference if over 60 years of age, and
- 5) Available upon request for interview by the Commission prior to appointment.

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT I HAVE READ AND UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE ON THE COMMISSION ON AGING, AND I HEREBY SUBMIT MY NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION.

SIGNED: Roberta Rimbault
DATE: January 5, 2012

In completing the following sections, please respond with as much information as possible (Attach additional sheet if necessary) in order to provide the Commission with a clear understanding of your qualifications to serve as Commissioner.

OCCUPATION (PRESENT OR PREVIOUS)

Various teaching credentials have given me the opportunity to teach in all grade levels K-12 including special education. A career in the pharmaceutical industry familiarized me with various chronic diseases and conditions associated with progressive loss of function such as wound healing or immunity such as post herpetic neuralgia. My training allowed me to deliver information to physicians and other health providers regarding features and benefits of various therapies. Currently, I am a part time instructor for a nursing program in Sacramento.

QUALIFICATIONS AND PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

While serving on the IHSS Public Authority Advisory Committee, I registered into the graduate certificate program in gerontology at CSUS. After the completion of this study and the death of my husband, I earned a masters degree in Health Education.

I have advocated for vulnerable children as a CASA volunteer and more recently have been involved in assisting elder residents with medical concerns.

My association with Molra Fordyce, MD began at a regional American Society on Aging regional conference. I accepted her invitation to attend the California Coalition for Caregivers.

In 2009 I was appointed to the California Task Force on Alzheimer's subcommittee for education and awareness. Findings and contributions were compiled to coordinate a state plan available at <http://www.alz.org/national/documents/StatePlan-Calif.pdf>

SPECIAL AREAS OF INTEREST:

Dementia assessment process and coordinated care

Caregiving support

Physical activity to prevent falls

Promoting quality of life

REASON FOR DESIRING TO BECOME A COMMISSION ON AGING MEMBER:

As the spouse of a husband whose memory and judgment were compromised by atherosclerosis, I recognized how much more challenging the issues we confronted must be for others without the information or resources available to me. The experience of changing behaviors, diagnostic delays and denials, supervision and communication adjustments, emotional, financial, social and physical losses and placement affect the well being of all.

My master's thesis was on Case Finding Dementia in Primary Care. Grant funding is available for printing materials in this regard.

Health Educators are trained to assess public health concerns, develop behavioral strategies, implement programs, and evaluate effectiveness.

COMMENTS:

I welcome the opportunity to apply my experience and acquired knowledge toward optimizing quality of life for our aging population through evidence based practices and an appreciation for the uniqueness of the individual.