



**RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**  
**680 REFUGIO VALLEY ROAD, HERCULES, CA 94547**  
**(510) 799-4561 FAX: (510) 799-0395**

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## DIRECTOR APPLICATION

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DATE: 2/6/23

Robyn Mikel

NAME

[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

PHONE NO.

Hercules

CITY

[REDACTED]

E-MAIL

1st H.E.L.P. /Mental Health Advocate, Volunteer

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

2

No. of years residing in District

EDUCATION: Cal State University; Hayward

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

Volunteer for 1st HELP; non-profit focusing on firefighter mental wellness, advocacy and suicide data collection. RHFD Board Member

REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)

It would be an honor to be considered again to serve my community in this capacity

2/6/23

DATE

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10. **If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Yes</b>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>No</b>

**Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body, whether as an elected or appointed member, or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

RHFD Board of Directors; appointed 4/11/22  
Board member (elected 9/21) of First H.E.L.P. a non-profit who's mission statement is: Reducing mental health stigma through education, advocating for benefits for those suffering from post-traumatic stress, acknowledging the service and sacrifice of first responders we lost to suicide, support families after a suicide and bringing awareness to suicide and mental health issues.

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Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board of Directors

**Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

As a full time volunteer for 1st HELP I am responsible for community/family outreach, firefighter suicide data reporting, social media/marketing, and fundraising.

**Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

As the widow of a fallen firefighter who served with the Alameda County Fire Department for 14 years I have a high-level understanding of the day-to-day operations of a fire department while still being in-tuned to their served-community's expectations and needs. After losing my husband and father to our now teenaged son I am passionate about advocating for our firefighters health and wellness for not only their benefit but also but also the public that demands and deserves high-performing first responders.

**What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

Exactly as the mission statement reads; It is the mission of this organization to provide the highest level of service to the community; to mitigate the devastating effects of fires and other disasters; to deliver emergency medical services; and to educate the public and maintain a constant state of readiness. In addition, being able to achieve these goals within an established budget.

**What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

Working as a liaison between the Fire Chief and community members, the governing board must effectively be the voice of the public while assisting the Chief in management of the department and providing fiscal oversight.

**Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District.**

I'm a newer resident to the Rodeo-Hercules community, however I've lived in the surrounding area my entire life. Born in Napa and raised in Vallejo, I've only ventured as far as Hayward over the years. I have finally found a home and a safe community in which to raise my son. It is my mission to give back to our firefighters and where better to do this than in my own city, Hercules.

**What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

As one of the few areas in the east bay that can still call itself a true "bedroom community" We have an opportunity which is unique in the Bay Area...room for growth. Because of this, We can look to some older, more mature fire districts for guidance on strategy and avoidance of any pitfalls. Having now served on the RHFD Board for a short time, I can also see the love its residents have for the community and their public safety officials.

**What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

With the continued new builds in the Rodeo-Hercules area I see it necessary to make sure our fire department expands in-line with the subsequent population growth. I also see a desperate need for our firefighters to have opportunities for development and growth and career advancement all of which provide increased well-being for our department and the community it serves.



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Jerrold "Jerry" Parsons

NAME

[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

Rodeo

CITY

PHONE NO.

[REDACTED]

Claims Specialist - Social Security Administration

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

E-MAIL

48+

No. of years residing in District

EDUCATION: John Swett High School  
Some college

**PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:**

- Current: Hercules/Rodeo Rotary
- Previous: John Swett Unified School District (JSUSD)
- Western Contra Costa Transportation Authority (WestCAT)
- West Contra Costa Transportation Advisory Committee (WCCTAC)
- Rodeo Municipal Advisory Committee (RMAC)

REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)

Continue my commitment to serve our amazing community with my years of public service.

February 1, 2023

DATE

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- 1. Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

Yes I have over two decades of board experience, but not on a fire district.  
JSUSD - Board Member and prior President of the board  
WestCAT - Board Member - WCCTAC - Board Member  
Contra Costa County Transportation Authority (CCTA) - EX-Officio Board Member  
RMAC - Board Member  
Olympian Hills Homeowners Association - Board Member

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California School Boards Association - Delegate  
California Latino School Boards Association  
Contra Costa County School Boards Association - Treasurer  
JSUSD - Finance committee and maintenance committee

I would say that I have worked with our local fire district indirectly.

- 3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

Rodeo Chili Cook Off - participant and also the emcee  
Rodeo Christmas Tree Lighting - emcee  
Veterans Walk of Honor - provided transportation and financial support via donations  
Contra Costa Community College Foundation - sponsored event for several years  
JSHS - Drama Department play that raised over 12K in donations and left the account with funds over 10K so that future plays had secure funding.

- 4. Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

With recent discussions of consolidation and concerns about retaining firefighters in our fire district (FD) I started having a personal interest in how can I help and what can I bring to the table with my prior public service.

Ensuring fiscal responsible actions and ensuring we have revenues to support our incredible FD that has outstanding response times for our citizens.

- 5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

To provide prompt quality life safety emergency services to the community and work with our neighboring fire districts/refinery to suppress fires and other emergency related services. The FD is also involved with fire safety and code enforcement

- 6. What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

To work collectively as a board to ensure the district is fiscally sound and has all the necessary tools to execute the mission of the FD. Supporting the FD Chief in its mission.

**7. Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District**

With a long history of public service and committent for a better Rodeo, I want to serve our FD to maintain its excellence and improve on future equipment technologies. I will educate myself and attend necessary workshops to ensure I understand what my role is and how I can best support the Chief.

**8. What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

Response time to emergency calls in the community.

Community involvment

Several of the Firefighters and leadership team are long term employees and actual local citizens.

It is my understanding we do have state of the art equipment.

**9. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

This seems a little odd for me as I feel we are so amazing, but possibly an updated website.

**10. If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

- Yes**  
 **No**





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Tara Shaia

NAME

[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

PHONE NO.

Rodeo

CITY

[REDACTED]

E-MAIL

Chef, City of Pinole

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

50+

No. of years residing in District

EDUCATION: see attached

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:  
see attached

REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)

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Tara Shaia, by email

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**Yes**  
 **No**

Tara Shaia  
Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Director Application, Feb 2023  
Responses to items on Application

**Education:**

College Level Certification in Culinary Arts  
Various Career Specific Certifications, Health & Safety

**Public/Community Service:**

Community Advocate for Seniors & Senior Health and Local Environment Issues  
Community Advisory Panel, Phillips 66 (Conoco Phillips) Rodeo Refinery, Past Member  
College Advisory Board, Contra Costa College Culinary Arts, Past Member  
Community Involvement: Rodeo Creek Watershed Vision Planning Group, Past Participant

**Reason for Applying:**

I believe strongly that our community deserves high quality emergency services that meet our community's needs.

- The department and the firefighters are an essential community resource and they deserve governance that supports their safety and their mission.
- The community of Rodeo and Hercules depend on the expertise and accessibility of the fire district services and they deserve fuller representation on the Board. The Board's current make-up is weighted toward Hercules and needs another Director from Rodeo.

**1. Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

No formal government experience.

I was an active member of the refinery's Citizens Advisory Panel (CAP) for several years.

**2. Have you worked on any city, county, citizen advisory or District committees or participated in any fire district related activities recently? Please list them.**

I ran for a seat on the Board in the recent election (Nov 2022) and placed 4<sup>th</sup> with 2,859 votes from the public. I regularly attend the Board meetings that are open to the public. When I am unable to attend, I review the minutes and video recordings of the Board meetings.

In the past I have served on community advisory panels, most locally for the Phillips 66 refinery and at Contra Costa College.

**3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

My experience includes management in leadership in the following:

- Management of professional kitchen in varying capacities: City program; private senior retirement; high-end dining; other. [employment]
  - Manage kitchen environment: equipment, safety and sanitation, personnel
  - Manage budgets
  - Train and manage staff in operations and customer service
  - Certified in areas of safety related to food programs and food service

- Created and implemented field-specific training programs for chemical usage and safety
- Regularly work with vendors, suppliers, and other departments to ensure consistent quality and safety in all levels of operation
- Customer service expertise
- Small Business Owner [self-employment]
  - Created, trademarked, structured, and operated successful small business
  - Fiscal and regulatory management skills
  - Created and managed budgets
- Community volunteer for City of Hercules Senior Center Group [volunteer]
  - Fundraising planning
  - Management of team participation
- Community Advocate for Seniors & Senior Health and for Local Environment Issues, all volunteer positions [volunteer]

**4. Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

I believe strongly that Rodeo and Hercules deserve high quality emergency services that meet our community's needs. I wish to serve as a representative of local voice to support our Fire District in being well prepared to respond to safety and health concerns within our community. I want to provide informed participation and direction in the oversight and implementation of the strategic plan, especially regarding the prioritizing of funding needs to maximize efficient, effective operations. I will facilitate consistent, clear communication among the Board, Fire District, and the community and facilitate community outreach for disaster preparedness, health, and safety, including within our schools.

**5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

Provide fire protection services, including fighting fires and preventing fires, providing emergency medical services, serving as a resource for the community in these areas, and educating the public on these areas of expertise.

**6. What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

Facilitate the establishment and execution of a strategic plan to guide operations and decisions about district business. Oversee the district's activities. Careful consideration of firefighter needs and how best to support those needs. Represent the community's voice.

**7. Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District**

I am a lifelong resident with long family history (3rd generation) in this community. I want to ensure that our community continues with strong, responsive emergency services for me and my family, my neighbors, and my community.

**8. What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

Expert at their job.

Well supported by the community, most recently evidenced by the Measure O vote.

Tara Shaia

Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Director Application, Feb 2023

Responses to items on Application

**9. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

Effective implementation of the strategic plan.

Rodeo's local voice is absent from the Board.

**10. If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

Yes

## MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION 3 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 14 of 14 (100.00%)

	Early In-Perso	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total		
Times Cast	5	3,664	257	3,926 / 5,622 69.83%		
Candidate	Party	Early In-Person	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total	
STEVEN MICHAEL DANZIGER		4	2,045	120	2,169 63.02%	
VINCE DELL' AQUILA		1	1,185	87	1,273 36.98%	
Total Votes		5	3,230	207	3,442	

## MORAGA-ORINDA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, DIRECTOR, DIVISION 4 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 6 of 6 (100.00%)

	Early In-Perso	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total		
Times Cast	2	3,899	253	4,154 / 5,717 72.66%		
Candidate	Party	Early In-Person	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total	
MIKE ROFMER		2	1,751	100	1,853 50.86%	
MICHAEL DONNER		0	1,689	101	1,790 49.14%	
Total Votes		2	3,440	201	3,643	

## RODEO-HERCULES FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, DIRECTOR (Vote for 3)

Precincts Reported: 26 of 26 (100.00%)

	Early In-Perso	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total		
Times Cast	21	10,504	942	11,467 / 22,662 50.60%		
Candidate	Party	Early In-Person	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total	
DELANO DOSS		18	7,231	619	7,868 32.03%	
MARIE BOWMAN		8	5,893	397	6,298 25.64%	
STEVE HILL		5	5,077	338	5,420 22.07%	
TARA SHAIA		7	2,591	261	2,859 11.64%	
ANN CARGO ZIFF		4	1,935	179	2,118 8.62%	
Total Votes		42	22,727	1,794	24,563	

## EAST BAY MUNICIPAL UTILITY DISTRICT, DIRECTOR, WARD 3 (Vote for 1)

Precincts Reported: 83 of 83 (100.00%)

	Early In-Perso	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total		
Times Cast	25	28,954	2,088	31,067 / 47,665 65.18%		
Candidate	Party	Early In-Person	Vote By Mail	Election Day	Total	
MARGUERITE YOUNG		17	17,026	898	17,941 72.20%	
MARK SEEDALL		7	6,270	632	6,909 27.80%	
Total Votes		24	23,296	1,530	24,850	



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**DATE:** Feb 02, 2023

Frank JM Grimsley II

NAME

[REDACTED]

HOME ADDRESS

[REDACTED]

PHONE NO.

Hercules

CITY

[REDACTED]

E-MAIL

Real Estate Agent

OCCUPATION AND EMPLOYER

30 years

No. of years residing in District

EDUCATION: BA Business Administration  
AA Accounting  
Certified Computer Programmer

PUBLIC/COMMUNITY SERVICE:  
On the Board of Measure O  
Board member of KOL Education foundation  
Member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity Inc  
Affiliated with a few Faith based organizations

REASON FOR APPLYING: (Please use a separate sheet of necessary)

as a resident of the City of Hercules now only do I feel it my obligation but my responsibility

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SIGNATURE



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- 1. Do you have prior experience serving on the board of a legislative body or another governing board, specifically a fire district board? Please list such prior experience.**

As a recent member of the Measure O committee, I have gain a little insight into the needs of our local Fire Department

- 2. Have you worked on any city, county, citizen advisory or District committees or participated in any fire district related activities recently? Please list them.**

Measure O

- 3. Describe any other community or business activities in which you have participated. Describe your role, and whether your work was volunteer or employment related.**

I am current a Real Estate agent with Keller Williams of Walnut Creek.  
I am currently focusing my energy on service Hercules not only as Real Estate Agent but as a responsible citizen

- 4. Why do you want to be a fire district board member?**

Public safety is important is important to me. I have seen the changes and progress of the City of Hercules, I believe that being a member of the Fire District Board will allow me to bring my insight and prospective to the Fire District.

- 5. What do you see as the basic purpose of the fire district?**

Fire District has a responsible to serve the community at large and help the community with fire prevention and help with public safety as well as to be help prepared local citizens to respond to local disasters; such as fires, earthquakes, mud slides, etc.

- 6. What is the role of the governing board in the fulfillment of that purpose?**

The Governing Board must provide training and information on safety to the citizen. The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to ensure funds are spent in the best interest of the community inwhich it serves

**7. Briefly describe your commitment to the Rodeo-Hercules community and our local fire District**

As a long term citizen of the City of Hercules I am fully committed to safety of the community via of the Fire District

**8. What do you see as the strengths of the fire district?**

My strengths begins with my concern for the safety of the community inwhich I live. I believe I have a fair understand of what is needed in the community as the area continues to grow. My educational back ground and my work experience with the US Postal Service in Labor Relations and as a Supervisor of Operation were safety was always at the forefront gives me insight of individual needs and oversight of processes and programs that affect daily life in Hercules.

**9. What do you see as the area(s) most needing improvement in the fire district?**

assimilation of information, training and preparess for local disaster is critical for community in general. If the Fire District wants to gain support and approval for the citizen in the community it must do more than put out fires but must teach the citizen to prevent them and how to response to limited lose of life and property

**10. If you are not selected as a member of the Board of Directors, would you be willing to serve as a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee?**

- Yes**  
 **No**