

The following form was submitted via your website: Board / Committee / Commission Application

Select the Board, Commission, or Committee applying for:: Commission on Aging

I am currently a member of the above committee, and am seeking reappointment.: not checked

Name:: Yvonne Behrens

Sex:: Female

Applying as resident, employed in Emeryville, business representative, or special interest group representative?: Resident

If Special Interest Group Representative was checked please specify.:

Home Address:: [REDACTED]

Preferred Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Place of Employment:

Business Address::

Business Phone Number::

Occupation:: retired

Email Address::

Length of Residency in City:: 12 months

Length of Working in City::

High School::

College:: B.A, Political Science, Masters, Education

Trade or Business School::

Hobbies:: Bee keeping, gardening, flower arranging, drawing

Are you currently serving on other Boards, Commissions, or Committees?: No

Have you served on a Board, Commission, or Committee before?: Yes

City of Emeryville (past/current) advisory boards::

Board, Commission, and/or Committee Memberships (past/current) outside of Emeryville :: Please see below.

Please list organization memberships and positions held:: Planning Committee for the Annual Conference on Aging put on by the Beard Center on Aging, Lynchburg College

Fall 2009, in my capacity as Chair of the Public Awareness on Aging for the Lynchburg Consortium, I put on an Age Wave Summit with Denise Scruggs, Director, Beard Center on Aging, to inform players of Region 2000 about the increase in population of 65+, the effect on society and how best to prepare for this at the local level.

Member of the Steering Committee for the Bedford Council on Aging.

Member of the American Society on Aging and the Southern Gerontological Society.

Member of the Senior Citizen Coordinating Council in Roanoke, sitting on the Public Education and Employer Outreach sub-committees and participating, as their representative in the Roanoke Regional Housing Network Committee

Relevant Work / Volunteer Experience : Gave presentations educating the public and caregivers on the different aspects of the aging process and the effects on society. Wrote a blog on healthcare issues and aging in the U.S. (www.agingus.com) All of the above, except for stipend payments for the presentations I gave, were volunteer positions.

I also represented Posit Science and their product, The Brain Fitness Program, a software program created to stimulate the aging brain. This was not volunteer work.

When I was 20 years old, I worked in a small retirement home every other weekend from May through August. I had full responsibility for feeding, dressing, and distributing medication to 15 residents.

As a college student, I would visit and give companionship to the elderly in the retirement homes in the local community.

I was a caregiver to several members of my family over the course of 15 years. Each had their own set of medical issues which included cancer (mother and husband), dementia, and Parkinsons

Why are you interested in serving on this Board, Commission, Committee?: I have, since a very young age, been drawn to working with the elderly and with issues that confront the aging. I am now a senior citizen myself (!) and would like to continue working in this area.

"Planning Commission Applicants Only" A short (300 words or less) statement discussing your ideas and attitudes about planning in Emeryville. Please consider issues such as traffic, industrial and commercial development density, affordable housing, maintaining community diversity and jobs/housing balance.: