

Application Form**Profile**

Jamin

First Name

Pursell

Last Name

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Home Address

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Richmond

City

CA

State

94803

Postal Code

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Primary Phone

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Email Address

District Locator Tool**Resident of Supervisorial District:**☒ District 1

Strongsuit LLC

Employer

CEO

Job Title

Length of Employment

2 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?☒ Yes ☐ No**If Yes, in which District do you work?**

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How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

12 years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?☐ Yes ☒ No**Board and Interest****Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Hazardous Materials Commission: Submitted

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Seat Name

District I Seat

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

☐ Yes ☐ No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

☒ CA High School Proficiency Certificate

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

California State University East Bay

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA in Philosophy, BA in Political Science

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

McGeorge School of Law

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Master in Science of Law

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

☐ Yes ☐ No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I was born and partially raised in Alaska, where I witnessed the consequences of extractive industries on residents and the natural environment. As a millennial, my development has been further informed by the dual crises of climate change and economic precarity. I have been working within the political sphere for all of my adult life, and I believe that change starts at the local level. Municipalities, particularly in California, can provide policy templates for other jurisdictions and government agencies to follow. This is a time when the state is facing serious wildfire risks and ongoing growth of suburban sprawl and I wish to do my part to help protect its natural assets. Richmond is an environmentally diverse jurisdiction, with numerous creeks running through its borders. As a result of environmental racism, heavy pollution, and municipal neglect, local watersheds have been historically overrun with garbage, disrupted and rerouted, and choked with invasive vegetation. But local watersheds can and should be the site of community pride and enjoyment, rather than seen as a public health hazard, an eyesore, or a mere flood risk. Richmond residents deserve even more concerted environmental restoration and protection, and creeks are one place that require significant attention. Richmond does have some successful creek restoration projects to emulate, such as the efforts made around Wildcat Creek, wherein local youth directly participated in revegetation efforts. Urban Tilth has also done a fantastic job with its Basins of Relations program, which trains young people to become Watershed Restoration Technicians. As a county, we should recognize that the need for creek restoration also poses exciting opportunities for skilled employment and building both economic and climate resilience. Given that Richmond resides on a portion of the shoreline, countywide and inter-county collaboration is also particularly important: one municipality's shoreline policy undoubtedly impacts other jurisdictions within the region. The threats of sea level rise and flooding (and, in a similar way, air pollution) necessitate thoughtful regional planning. While the Bay Area Air Quality Management District is not a perfect enforcement mechanism, its existence does provide an important home to air pollution control mechanisms that can be improved upon. The Urban/Wildland interface is a place where human interaction with the natural environment must be particularly mindful, as it poses such risks as biodiversity destruction, wildfires, and the introduction of invasive species. As a California resident for over three decades, I have become keenly aware of the need to responsibly get more proactive about wildfire mitigation. I wish to give my skills and experience to work on these issues. It is necessary that we harden against the coming changes in climate to mitigate the impact. I know that if given the opportunity we can continue moving in the right direction.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

Highly efficient and accuracy focused activist with 8+ years of experience supporting organizations in challenging political environments. A grant administrator for the Crescent Park healthy environment project. Collaborated with multiple different environmental justice organizations to create education programs for the public regarding local climate issues. Ran for public office and was endorsed by multiple environmental groups including the Sierra Club, APEN, and 350 Bay Area Action among them.

[Upload a Resume](#)

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

☐ Yes ☒ No

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If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

I am co-chair of the Richmond Shoreline Alliance, Board Member and Director of Arts for Richmond Rainbow Pride, Steering committee of Richmond Progressive Alliance, Neighborhood Watch block captain and organizer, Treasurer of the May Valley Neighborhood Council in Richmond, Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante, ASPCA in California and Alaska.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

☒ I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

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Experience

Strongsuit LLC

Owner CEO 2020 - current

- Created a product from conception to creation.
- Hired and organized contractors for various creative and administrative needs.
- Coordinated collaboration with manufacturing and contractors..
- Crafted organizational strategies, business practices, ethical standards for staff.
- Maintained timeline for 2023 product release.

Equality California

Externship Jan 2015 - June 2015

- Created informational materials for bills being put forward
- Organized state congressional members to attend lobby day event
- Distributed EQCA materials to all members of state legislators and its agencies.
- Coordinated volunteers for Lobby day and assembled all materials.
- Crafted methods to streamline administrative tasks using technology

Team Richmond

Key Campaign Coordinator Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

- Creating cut sheets for canvassers using Nation Builder
- Generating online presence and crafting web advertisements
- Coordinating events to rally canvassers for the campaign
- Creating script for volunteers phone calls and canvassing
- Crafting campaign material and drafting speaking notes

Mark DeSaulnier for Congress

Volunteer Aug 2014 - Dec 2014

- Assisting coordination and execution of community outreach events
- Assisting with office management and governmental office transition
- Collecting donations and aiding at donor events

Bevan Duffy for Mayor Campaign

Assist. Deputy Campaign Manager April 2010 to Dec 2011

- Sorting of voter registration utilizing VAN
- Accounting verifications for SF city government ethical compliance
- Crafting Materials and coordinating events
- Demonstrating voter registration systems to interns and volunteers
- Managing office inventory and acquiring supplies

Education

2017 to 2019	Doctor of Jurisprudence, no degree earned, University of San Francisco School of Law, San Francisco, CA
2015 to 2016	Masters of Science and Law, focus on Capitol Lawyering University of Pacific McGeorge, Sacramento, CA
2009 to 2012	Bachelors of Arts in Philosophy, focus on Human Rights and Social Justice Bachelors of Arts in Political Science, focus on Constitutional Law California State East Bay, Hayward, CA
2005 to 2009	Los Angeles Community College, Los Angeles, CA

Activities and Interests

Volunteer Board Member and Director of Arts for Richmond Rainbow Pride. Steering committee of Richmond Progressive Alliance. Co-Chair of Richmond Shoreline Alliance. Neighborhood Watch block captain. Treasurer of the May Valley Neighborhood Council in Richmond. Citizens for a Greener El Sobrante. ASPCA animal fosterer.