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Toxics Board

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	Eugene OR 97401	Ward	1	Neighborhood	None
Occupation	Executive Director	Employer	Beyond Toxics		
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	Eugene OR 97440	How did you learn of this vacancy?	Web Site		

Optional Information

Gender	F	Age	56-65	Ethnicity	White/European American	Disability	N	Description	
Additional Languages spoken	English								

Education / Training

M.A. Education; B.A. Performing Arts. Many workshops and trainings in environmental pollution.

Job Experience

**Executive Director, Beyond Toxics
Associate Professor, University of Oregon**

Community Service / Volunteer

**Lane County Planning Commission, member 2002-2012 (Chair 2010)
Eugene Sustainability Commission (2006-2011)
DEQ Toxics Strategy Work Group (approx 2007-2009)
Portland Air Toxics Advisory Committee (2011-2012)**

Personal Experience

I have been a community advocate for environmental health for 16 years. My interest is children's health. I believe in the fundamental concept of a community's right to know about the quality of their air, water and soils.



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Personal Interest

I've always been interested in community service. That is why I have devoted many hours of my own personal time to service on the Lane County Planning Commission and the Eugene Sustainability Commission. I have worked with local community groups on topics that enhance livability, I am also interested in gardening and hiking.

Contribution

I believe that I am a good candidate for the position that represents community advocacy. I am familiar with the history of the Community Toxics reporting charter amendment and how the program works. I have a strong background in air quality rules, industrial chemical characteristics, and local land use. I also have a good grasp on issues related to air and water quality, and environmental policy that are being discussed at the state and regional levels of government. I plan to use this knowledge to the benefit of the Board. I understand how much time it takes to be a well-prepared and contributing member of a city commission, and I can offer the necessary effort and energy to be a good member of the Toxics Board.

1 Please explain your understanding of Eugene's right-to-know law.

On November 5, 1996, the citizens of Eugene passed its Right-to-Know Charter Amendment by a 55% to 45% margin. Eugene citizens enacted the Right to Know Charter Amendment in order to know the identity and amounts of toxic chemicals released in their community. The organization for which I work, Beyond Toxics, was formed soon thereafter to help ensure public understanding for the program. I have prepared and presented two reports on the Eugene Toxics Right to Know law to the City Council in 2005 and 2010. I have also used the Right to Know website to prepare reports for the US EPA and LRAPA on air quality and children's health in Eugene. I am familiar with the fee structure and reporting requirements.

2 How would you work to make decisions as a board member given that there may be persons on the board whose views are in direct opposition to yours? do you have any experience doing this? Please explain.

In my 8 years of service on the Lane County Planning Commission I learned to conduct meetings according to Roberts Rules of Order. I understand the value of each and every member's contribution to the discussions at hand. It is important that each Board member have a fair chance to speak and express their opinions. Furthermore I make it a point to demonstrate a respectful and welcoming attitude toward members of the public and city staff who may attend meetings.



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3 Please describe your experience in the formation of or implementation of public policy and regulations.

As mentioned, serving as a Planning Commissioner at the county level required a detailed understanding of land use policy and regulations. I gained valuable experience implementing the policies in an informed way that met legal guidelines and served the needs of present and future Oregonians. I also have a good amount of experience at formulating policy recommendations to elected officials.

4 Why did you apply for the Toxics Board, and what do you hope to contribute?

I am applying to the Toxics Board because I am interested in the issue of community livability and sustainability. I think the Toxics Board plays an important role in both of those interests. I feel that I fit the requirements of the community advocate position. I hope to contribute a good understanding of state and local environmental laws, an understanding of the history of the issue in Eugene, and my deep commitment to betterment of our City in such a way as to support and further the goals of the Eugene Toxics right to know law.

5 FOR RIGHT-TO-KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your experience advocating for the public's right to know.

I use the online program frequently and I am familiar with how the program benefits our community. I have presented reports on the Community Toxics right to know program to the City Council in 2005 and 2010. I have attended many neighborhood meetings for the purpose of explaining the concept of community right to know; I have also given lectures about the research possibilities to UO students.

6 FOR RIGHT TO KNOW ADVOCATES ONLY:

Please describe your familiarity with chemical substances and processes used in manufacturing.

I am not a chemist, nor have I worked in an industrial facility. However, based on my work at Beyond Toxics, I have become very familiar with the types of chemicals used in manufacturing, their purpose and their environmental fate.