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Headwaters Fund Board Member Application

Instructions

Individuals interested in serving as a Headwater Fund Board Member must complete this application form. Please be concise.

For additional questions regarding board membership, please email COB@co.humboldt.ca.us or call 707-445-7745.

To learn more about the Headwaters Fund, please visit: gohumco.com/157/Headwaters-Fund

Please note that your application is subject to the California Public Records Act and disclosure requirements.

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What would you like to accomplish on the Headwaters Fund Board?	Assist in the identification, evaluation and the support of local small businesses that meet the criteria outlined in the Fund Charter.
Employment and Experience	<p>I attended HSU from 1977-80 before transferring to the University of California at Berkeley where I graduated with a BS in Conservation & Resource Studies.</p> <p>I went to University of San Francisco Law School and have been a lawyer in private practice in San Francisco since 1990. Broadly speaking, I am a business litigator with considerable experience in all facets of commercial real estate-related litigation. Practically speaking, I assist small to medium-sized businesses solve their day-to-day problems. I work with clients at all stages of their business operations from site selection to financing to leasing to build-outs to operations, often in the hospitality (bar and restaurant) sector.</p> <p>if I have a strength it is to gather and synthesize large quantities of information, and develop and implement a course of conduct to achieve identified goals efficiently, whether that ends in a trial or other contested proceeding or a business deal.</p> <p>My law practice is, and always will be, based in San Francisco. I work from my home office in Fortuna about half time and travel to San Francisco at least twice a month.</p> <p>We moved to Fortuna in 2021, when my elderly Mother-In-Law needed to move out of assisted living and in with family. "We" consists of my wife, adult son Barry (he has Downs Syndrome and is non-verbal) and Mother-In-Law Charlotte. My wife is a weaver. She has a Masters degree in Marine Biology and a law degree, worked for the EPA, Army Corps of Engineers, and then in private practice. She gave up the practice of law after the kids were born. She is extraordinarily intelligent and creative, and focusses her weaving on medieval-inspired patterns and interesting thread combinations. I'm a "smart enough" guy with a strong work ethic who enjoys yard work and physical labor. Moving to Humboldt County is the best decision we ever made.</p> <p>I am empathetic, care and try to be kind. If those traits and life experience add value, I'd be happy to assist.</p>
Previous Board (Or Comparable) Experience	None.
Vision	Ensure that it maintains a strong profile and meets its mandate of supporting diverse local business interests that strengthen

the community. Example: Cody and Thomas have effectively re-developed Loleta by opening an ice cream store. The County needs more of that kind of vision and effort.

Collaboration I would start by listening to develop a practical working knowledge of how the Board members work together. Beyond that, I don't know enough yet, except to say that the Charter requires collaborative efforts and I have never had difficulty working with others.

Contributions I work hard, have a lot of life experience, and years of professional experience with people in very highly stressful situations. I cannot be more specific other than to say with that background, I may be able to add value.

Your Role on the Headwaters Board I don't know yet. I would not presume to develop a role before having a working knowledge of how goals of the Charter are met by the Board functions. If appointed, I might have a better answer in six months.

Time Commitment Guesstimate ten hours per month. I have always just done what it takes to get the job done.

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