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FRESNO CITY CLERK

Yvonne Spence, City Clerk
City of Fresno
2600 Fresno Street, Room 2133
Fresno, CA 93721

RE: APPOINTMENT TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT – FRESNO CITY SEAT

Dear Yvonne Spence:

There is currently a vacancy on the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District (District) Governing Board that must be filled by a Councilmember from a "large" city within Fresno County. Pursuant to the Health and Safety Code Section 40600.5, appointments to the District Governing Board will be made by the San Joaquin Valley Special City Selection Committee (Committee). According to the procedures adopted by the Committee, the next step in the appointment process is for all cities within Fresno County to select a candidate from the applicant for the vacant position, as follows:

- **Councilmember Drew M. Bessinger, City of Clovis**

Your City Council must hold a vote to either nominate the applicant listed above to the Committee for appointment to the District Governing Board, or reject the applicant. The vote must take place as an item on your City Council's publicly noticed agenda, and be discussed during your regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Attached is a sample resolution for your consideration. Also attached is a copy of the proposed candidate's application.

Seyed Sadredin
Executive Director/Air Pollution Control Officer

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4800 Enterprise Way
Modesto, CA 95356-8718
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Central Region (Main Office)
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726-0244
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34946 Flyover Court
Bakersfield, CA 93308-9725
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In order for your city's vote to be counted towards nomination to the Committee, you must return a copy of your City Council Resolution on this matter to the District by **January 16, 2018**, to the following address:

Seyed Sadredin
Executive Director/APCO
San Joaquin Valley Unified APCD
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue
Fresno, CA 93726

Thank you in advance for your timely action on this matter. If you have any questions, please call me at (559) 230-6036.

Sincerely,



Seyed Sadredin
Executive Director/APCO

Attachments:

- Sample Resolution (1 page)
- Candidate Application (6 pages)




**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS A CITY REPRESENTATIVE
ON THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
THE SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT**

Current Vacancy

Large City: One member representing the cities with a population more than 100,000 from Fresno County. Councilmembers from City of Clovis are eligible to apply.

If you are an elected official on the Council of the city identified above, you may submit an application for appointment to the Governing Board of the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District.

Applicant Name: DREW M. BESSINGER	
Residence Address (Must live within the boundaries of the San Joaquin Valley APCD): 823 OAK AVE CLOVIS 93611	
Mailing Address: 1038 FIFTH ST CLOVIS 93612	
Telephone: (559) 960 9252 Primary	(559) 322-1998 Alternate
Email Address: DREWB@CITYOFCLOVIS.COM	
Applicant Signature: 	Date: 12/12/17

Please submit this form along with any other pertinent information (e.g., resume, candidate statement, education, experience) that you would like to be considered to the address below. **Please limit candidate statement to no more than one page.** Please complete this application and return it by December 15, 2017 to:

Sayed Sadredin
Air Pollution Control Officer
San Joaquin Valley APCD
1990 E. Gettysburg Avenue, Fresno, CA, 93726

Drew M. Bessinger

823 Oak Avenue, Clovis CA 93611
(559) 322-1998 (h)/ (559) 960-9252 (c)
Drewb@cityofclovis.com

I am seeking appointment to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District as a City Representative. I am currently the Mayor Pro-Tem of the City of Clovis. I have been a public servant for over four decades, a U.S. Army veteran, and a resident of Clovis for over 32 years. I am a retired Clovis Police Captain, and I have served as a Police Chief for three Fresno County communities over the last few years. I have included a synopsis of my professional career accomplishments and duties that highlight my extensive experience and leadership in public and governmental affairs.

Employment History

- 3/2017-Present Mayor Pro-Tem, City of Clovis. I was elected in March to serve the citizens of Clovis.
- 4/2017-7/2017 Interim Chief of Police, Fowler Police Department. Appointed as interim Police Chief during a period of departmental leadership transition.
- 2012-2017 Public Safety Captain, Fresno Yosemite International Airport Department of Public Safety, Fresno, California. I supervised law enforcement, safety and emergency services at FYI. I am currently in a part time role with these duties.
- 7/2015-12/2015 Interim Chief of Police, Parlier Police Department, Parlier, California. Appointed as interim Police Chief during a period of departmental leadership crisis.
- 2014-2015 Interim Chief of Police, Kingsburg Police Department, Kingsburg, California. Served as the interim Police Chief for 10 months during departmental leadership transition.
- 1987-2009 Clovis Police Department, Clovis, California. I held the ranks and positions of Officer, Detective, Corporal, Field Training Officer, Detective Sergeant, SWAT Team Leader, Honor Guard Commander, Patrol Watch Commander and Police Captain.
- 1984-1987 California State University-Fresno Police Department. I was employed as Police Officer.

- 1980-1984 Santa Barbara Police Department, Santa Barbara, California. I was employed as Police Officer.
- 1979-1980 Department of Defense Police Department, Fort Belvoir, Virginia. I was employed as DOD Police Officer (GS4) inside U.S. Army experimental command located in a restricted area.
- 1975-1979 Military Police Officer, United States Army. US duties included law enforcement and combat support at Fort Dix, NJ. I was also stationed in Germany for 28 months. My duties included enforcement of US, Military and German customs laws and regulations as a MP Customs Investigator. I was also certified by US Customs as a Customs Inspector. I was Honorably Discharged as a Sergeant E5.

Relevant Governmental Experience

- **Councilmember, City of Clovis.** I was elected in March of 2017 to serve the remainder of a term of a departing Councilmember. I was appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem.
- **Interim Chief of Police, Fowler Police Department.** I was appointed in an interim capacity when the current Chief retired before he was due for replacement. I worked closely with City management and elected officials to evaluate the department and prepare it for new leadership. I assisted the City in the selection process.
- **Interim Chief of Police, Parlier Police Department.** I was sought out to fill an interim Chief of Police position to address serious issues in the Parlier Police Department. The department was in the midst of a leadership and public trust crisis, and I took immediate steps to address these issues. I was tasked to evaluate training, personnel, finances, and trust and public confidence issues that were detrimental to the department and the community. I identified deficiencies in and improved a substandard Animal Services Facility. I addressed long standing ethics and detrimental conduct issues that lead to the removal of employees. I worked closely with city management and council, community members, and other law enforcement agencies to elevate the professional status of the agency. I prepared extensive reports for City Council review. I also worked with the City Manager in the recruitment and selection process for the next Chief of Police, and prepared the agency for the leadership transition. As a PERS retiree, I was unable to apply for the full-time Police Chief position.

- **Interim Chief of Police, Kingsburg Police Department.** I was selected to fill an interim term as Police Chief following the retirement of the Police Chief. I was asked to evaluate the agency and personnel, improve the department's professional and community image, and make necessary changes. I identified and addressed several problem areas, most notably: leadership and professional development of personnel; evidence room audit and oversight; lack of on-going training; lack of professional integration with allied agencies; failure to address community standards issues; lack of trust issues between management and line level personnel; and improving a substandard Animal Services Facility. I initiated contact with the Kingsburg Unified School District regarding truancy issues, and worked in close collaboration with District on the School Attendance Review Board (SARB) to help reduce trancies. I initiated a vehicle and property nuisance abatement program to remove inoperable vehicles from the roadway and private property. I assigned my staff to conduct enhanced DUI reduction patrols, Operation Lifesaver (rail safety) education, and traffic safety demonstrations geared towards high school age drivers. I revamped the department's professional image through the use of Facebook to keep the citizens informed on crime and community events, and also gave timely tips on safety and crime reduction. I worked closely with the City Manager, other department heads, and my staff to find collaborative remedies to these and other problems. I also worked with the City Manager in the recruitment and selection process for the next Chief of Police, and prepared the agency for the leadership transition. As a PERS retiree, I was unable to apply for the full-time Police Chief position.
- **Public Safety Captain, Fresno-Yosemite International Airport Department of Public Safety (DPS).** In my assignment at the airport, I saw an opportunity to fine tune the professional and public image of the agency. Working through my Chief, I played a pivotal role in the redesign of both the agency patch and the police vehicle graphics. The DPS hires younger workers for duties at the airport curb, an extremely busy and often difficult enterprise. These employees did not receive specific training in dealing with the difficult people they might encounter. I created and presented a training class to all the non-sworn staff to improve their verbal and public contact skills to help them be more effective with the public, thus increasing the professional image of the DPS and the airport. I also created and presented a safety presentation for employees on "active shooter" incidents. I have hands-on experience as an Incident Commander dealing with aircraft emergencies, medical emergencies, and other aspects of airport safety operations. I am certified as an Aircraft Rescue Fire Fighter (ARFF).

- Police Captain, Clovis Police Department.** Among my numerous assignments as a Captain were Internal Affairs, Discipline and Review Board functions, Federal and State Grant Oversight, and Financial and Evidence Room Audit roles. I oversaw a significant portion of a \$21M budget and supervised approximately 90 full and part time employees. I interviewed and hired prospective candidates for sworn and non-sworn positions at the Clovis Police Department. I supervised many aspects of the Police Department functions. I was a board member of the Friends of the Clovis Animal Adoption Center, which successfully built the Miss Winkles Animal Adoption Center. In 2006, in combination with my Command Staff peers and the Chief, we reduced our budget by over \$2M without laying off full time staff. The Police Department's budget was by far the largest in the City General Fund budget, and with our early intervention in the looming financial crisis, the City of Clovis has emerged from the recession in significantly better financial shape than many in the San Joaquin Valley. Due to staff reduction of Captains, at the end of my career I was in charge of one-half of the personnel of the Clovis Police Department and at least eight divisions and subdivisions of the agency.
- Police Sergeant, Clovis Police Department.** In my various assignments in this position, I supervised Patrol Division personnel as the Watch Commander, lead the Youth Services Bureau, was an entry team leader on the SWAT team, and supervised the Planning and Neighborhood Services Bureau. During the latter assignment, I wrote and administered a \$750,000 bid for the acquisition and delivery of 21 fully-outfitted police cars. I wrote numerous employee evaluations, corrective and disciplinary letters, and performance improvement plans. I was assigned to conduct Internal Affairs investigations and Pre-Employment Background investigations. I was also assigned to plan and administer numerous large community events and major police tactical operations.
- Community Policing, Clovis Police Department.** During my various assignments as Captain, Sergeant, Corporal and Police Officer, I took on additional responsibilities or was tasked to create programs that would benefit the Police Department and the community by reducing crime, improving the livability of neighborhoods, and creating a working partnership between the community and the Police Department. I created a program using the eviction process to target criminals, and wrote an article about it which was published in several national and regional publications. Many of these programs required fostering a close working relationship with community groups, the City Manager's Office, the City Attorney and other City Departments, and the preparation and presentation of staff reports before the City Council. The list below is an example of a few of the collaborative and community projects I created or was heavily involved in:

- Preparation of Gaming and Adult Oriented Business Municipal Codes
- Author of Municipal Codes dealing with Graffiti, Transient Camping, Door to Door Solicitation, and Public Nuisances
- Creation of an Abandoned Vehicle Abatement Program for the City of Clovis that removed over 100 inoperable cars from neighborhoods
- Creation of a Graffiti Abatement Program
- Creation of an Internet Education Program, geared towards parents and teens, detailing the internet's danger to our youth
- Planning and oversight of major community events such as the Clovis Rodeo, Big Hat Days, July 4th celebrations, large-scale funeral events for fallen police officers and US Military personnel, and the Pelco 911 event where NYPD/NYFD and NY/NJ Port Authority Officers were honored following September 11, 2001
- **Police Academy Instructor, State Center Police Academy, Fresno.**
I have instructed at the Police Academy for over 20 years on Community Policing and Juvenile Law, to include in-service training at allied police agencies.
- **Personnel Commissioner, City of Clovis.** In 2010, I was appointed to serve the City of Clovis as a member of the Personnel Commission. I resigned from the commission in October 2016, as required for all appointees seeking higher office.

Education and Professional Certificates

- BA Public Administration, California State University-Fresno 1995
- AA Administration of Justice, Santa Barbara City College 1982
- High School Diploma, Point Pleasant Borough High School NJ 1975
- Basic, Intermediate, Advanced, Supervisory and Management POST Certificates
- Graduate, California POST Sherman Block Leadership Institute (SLI) 2003
- Graduate, California POST Management Course 2008
- Graduate, California POST Basic Police Academy, Camarillo 1980

Advocacy and Community Interests

- Former Board member, Miss Winkles Animal Adoption Center
- Former Committee member State Center Police Academy Workgroup