

City Clerks Association of California (CCAC)

Acceptance of Nomination and Candidate Statement

I, Melissa Thurman, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of President, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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Candidate Statement Request

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What a year. In early 2020, many of us were getting vacations out of the way prior to the big election in November. We were visiting family, friends, and had no idea what was just around the corner. In one year our "normal" was shaken to its core and we all had to stand together and show our communities just what Municipal Clerks are made of. We learned new technology, educated our residents on using said technology, when we were still learning it, too. We championed for our agencies and our teams, and we were confident in our skills, our profession and in knowing we were all doing this together, and we persevered.

I'm proud to be among you and I would be honored to stand with you for another year as we re-learn what it takes to hold in-person meetings, and sit in full offices again. As we continue to show all that Municipal Clerks can do, and we show it together. I would be honored to serve as your President.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as your Vice President these past two years and for teaching me exactly why Clerks Rock.

Signature 

Date 04/27/2021

Candidate Statement Waiver

I hereby decline the publishing of a candidate statement.

Signature _____

Date _____

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I, Marc A. Donohue, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of 1st Vice-President, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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it has been an honor to serve as your 2nd Vice-President! Throughout this challenging year, we were still able to accomplish so much. From expanding our professional services with Smith, Moore & Associates, to restructuring our board of directors, to improving our membership rate structure, we have truly set up our association for success in the future!

But all of that doesn't mean that the work is done. My goals and vision for the future is to continue our forward momentum from this past year. As we begin to enter a post COVID world, we need to take a deep dive into how we provide education for our members, we need to continue to find ways to better communicate with our members and we must continue to be accountable and transparent with our members.

Thank you again for the opportunity to serve you and I respectfully ask for your vote as 1st Vice-President.

Signature Marc Donohue Date 04-29-21

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I, Joelle Fockler, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of Second Vice President, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

(Only sign in one of the applicable boxes below)

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I have worked in the public sector for 30+ years and began my journey to become a City Clerk in 2011. With guidance and support from my mentors, colleagues, friends, and family, I obtained my CMC and MMC designations and became the Concord City Clerk in 2014.

I have been actively involved in CCAC since 2012, serving on the Fundraising Committee, as the Northern California City Clerks Association (NCCCA) Communications Chair, as the NCCCA Vice Chair-Legislation, and after the CCAC changed its governance model, as Region 15 Director.

The CCAC Board has accomplished many achievements over the past few years, including the adoption of a three-year strategic plan and a refinement of our mission statement. We are coming to the end of the second year of the strategic plan, and we are working hard toward the goals set for 2020-2022. I am proud to have been a part of these efforts and hope to continue to work for you to keep advancing the profession.

As a strong proponent of life-long learning, I will continue to work toward providing quality technical, leadership, and management training opportunities for our members. I am committed to serving CCAC and respectfully ask for your support and vote.

Signature Joelle Fockler Date 6/21/2021

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I, Jessica Blair, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of Communications Director, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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Candidate Statement Request

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It has been my pleasure and privilege to serve CCAC as Communications Director for the past two years. With our organization now having a presence on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter, CCAC is set up nicely for a seamless transition as we head to SMA taking on a more hands-on role. I look forward to leading that process for communications and ensuring that the spirit and heart of CCAC remains intact and grows as we continue to grow and further professionalize our brand. We have plans to update our logo and overall branding, and I am excited at the opportunity to see that through.

I began my career in local government in 1999. I have worked for the City of Half Moon Bay for the past six years as the Communications Director / City Clerk. Given my role overseeing communications in my everyday job, and having over 20 years of local government experience, I feel I am uniquely qualified to serve the association in this capacity.

I humbly and respectfully ask for your support and vote to continue as Communications Director for our great association, CCAC! Thank you for your consideration.

Signature Jessica Blair Date June 22, 2021

Candidate Statement Waiver

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Signature _____ Date _____

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I, Laura Nieto, MMC, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of Communications Director, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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Clerks, it has been a privilege to serve as the your Recording Secretary and see the enhancements being made for Members, guided directly by the Members. At this time, I have a strong interest in expanding my service to CCAC as its next Communications Director. The Vision of CCAC is "Empowering Each Municipal Clerk with Resources for Success". As the Communications Director, I will work to ensure that the CCAC Strategic Goal of Branding / Communications continues to grow and thrive, particularly in the area of our professional branding and stakeholder engagement. As a Member, you should have every possible resource that will contribute to your success and I will continue to build upon our existing systems, while being open to new ideas, to ensure that that happens. Your consideration is appreciated.

Signature Laura M. Nieto

Date 06/23/21

Candidate Statement Waiver

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Signature _____

Date _____

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It has been my honor to serve as the CCAC President. This past year, we had many accomplishments, including expanding professional support services for communications and design, membership management, conference planning, and education registration. We streamlined our membership dues to a flat rate for all members. We are moving forward with restructuring and right-sizing of the Board of Directors from 25 members to a manageable, productive, and accountable 13 members. And, we held our first virtual conference, and it was a huge success - far exceeding our attendance and revenue projections.

If elected as the CCAC Treasurer, I want to keep up this progress going and pump it up even more in the following ways:

- Provide financial updates in the Official Word and website on a regular basis
- Develop a fee schedule to be adopted by the Board
- Streamline our accounting practices for better tracking of revenues and expenditures
- Create standard templates for requests for payments
- Work closely with the Membership Director to launch a 1,000-member drive

My experience as the Southern Division Chair and Treasurer, Regional Director, and President have prepared me to serve as the CCAC Treasurer and I respectfully ask for your support and vote.

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I, Ricca Charlon, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of Treasurer, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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Ricca Charlon began working for the City of Ridgecrest in 2008. Ricca was appointed as Ridgecrest City Clerk in November 2016. In April 2015, she earned her International Institute of Municipal Clerk's (IIMC) Certified Municipal Clerk (CMC) designation and is continuing her educational studies towards obtaining her Master Municipal Clerk (MMC) designation. Ricca has been an active member of IIMC since October 2011 and the City Clerks Association of California (CCAC) since 2013.

Ricca has served in various roles over the years, including Central Division Trustee for the CCAC Board, Region 5 Director for the Desert Mountain Division, and Mentor for the CCAC Mentoring Program. Ricca also served as the Chairman of the Mentoring and Membership Committee for IIMC.

Ricca considers herself a Desert Rat and has lived in Ridgecrest all her life. She enjoys living in the small community she serves. When she is not working, she likes to take time to enjoy other interests, which include spending time with her grandchildren, volunteering within her community, spending time on her houseboat, camping, and paddle boarding. She looks forward to serving as your CCAC Treasurer and will work to better the organization and the AMAZING Clerks it serves!

Signature

Ricca Charlon

Date

4/27/21

Candidate Statement Waiver

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Signature _____

Date _____

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I, Amy Lind, a Voting Member of the City Clerks Association of California whose dues are paid in full for the current year and having been nominated for the office of Region 2 Director, do hereby accept said nomination and declare that I will serve in the position if elected.

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Signature _____ Date _____

Candidate Statement Waiver

I hereby decline the publishing of a candidate statement.

Signature Amy Lind Date 6/15/2021

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Linda A. Troyan, MMC, City of Rancho Cucamonga
Region 6 Director

Thank you for electing me to serve as your Region 6 Director for the past two years. It has been a very rewarding experience, and I ask for your continued support in the upcoming election.

If re-elected, I look forward to continuing to work with the CCAC Board, its members, and particularly my colleagues in the Inland Empire, to further the learning and professionalism of all Clerks through education, training, leadership development programs, achievement of certifications, personal and professional growth, and networking opportunities.

As a Master Municipal Clerk for over 25 years, I am passionate and committed to the City Clerk profession and giving back to our professional organization. I have served as CCAC Director, Mentor, and Volunteer; Southern California City Clerks Association Secretary, Nominating Committee and Director; IIMC Active Member and Volunteer, and San Diego County City Clerks Association Chairperson. I am a recipient of the California "City Clerk of the Year" 2004-05 and CCAC President's Special Award of Distinction.

I would be grateful to continue to serve as Region 6 Director. Thank you.

Ballot Title:

Shall Sections 3.6, 4.1, 4.3, 4.4, 5.1, 6.1, 6.3, 6.4, 6.6, 7.2, 8.1, 10.1, 10.2, 10.3, 10.4, 11.1, 11.2, Article XIII, and Article XIV, along with the introductory paragraph of Article V, of the Bylaws of the City Clerks Association of California be amended?

Submitted on 06/23/2021

Argument in Support of Measure 21-A

The CCAC Board of Directors unanimously voted to support and submit the bylaw amendment to reduce the Board of Directors from 25-members to a manageable, efficient, and accountable 13-member Board of Directors. In 2019, CCAC embarked on a three-year Strategic Plan focused on Governance, Communications, and Education. As a result, CCAC engaged a third-party research consultant to facilitate a comprehensive membership survey which informed the Board about the effectiveness of the existing governance structure and demonstrated that members were open to additional changes. The Governance Task Force closely examined the existing structure and developed recommendations which were overwhelming supported by the members in a follow-up survey.

If adopted, the new structure will improve the Board's governance by creating clearly defined and accountable positions. Many of the newly created positions will be supported by member-based committees which will help support and advise the Board Members. In addition, the regional representatives will be reimaged into a communications and networking committee assisting with outreach efforts and organizing networking opportunities. These committees will also ensure that members have ample opportunities to volunteer and learn more about CCAC.

For all these reasons, we urge you to vote to approve the Bylaw amendment.


Anthony J. Mejia, MMC
CCAC President


Melissa Thurman, MMC
CCAC 1st Vice President


Marc Donohue, MMC
CCAC 2nd Vice President


Patrice M. Olds, MMC
CCAC Immediate Past President


Randi Johl-Olson, MMC
Legislative Director