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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

BOARD/COMMISSION Providence Valdez Medical Center Health
DATE 10/2/16 Advisory Council

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OCCUPATION PT Substitute teacher EMPLOYER Valdez City Schools

Please check the main reason(s) for applying for appointment to this board/commission:

- I have expertise that I want to contribute.
- I am interested in the activities the board/commission handles.
- I want to participate in local government.
- I am strongly concerned with better government.
- I want to make sure my segment of the community is represented.
- Other: _____

Please explain in greater detail those items you have checked: I love to serve,
both the individual and the community. I feel I have
experience and compassion to advocate for women +
families, as well as special needs and disabilities.
Being involved is part of why I love Valdez.

It is suggested you attach an outline of your education, work and volunteer experience.

How did you learn of this vacancy? (circle one)

Media Word of mouth Solicitation Other _____

Jessica Vincent
Signature

*** Please return this form to the Office of the City Clerk, P.O. Box 307, Valdez, AK 99686 ***

October 1, 2016

To Whom It May Concern:

I am interested in serving on the Providence Valdez Medical Center Health Advisory Council and I am submitting a brief background for your review. I am a longtime Valdez resident, having moved here with my family in 1987. Though I spent a handful of years living outside for college and work, I returned to Valdez in 2004 with my husband, Bryan, and we both love the community here. We have three young children, all of whom have impacted my life and its course in a significant way. Being a parent has inspired me to start a MOPS, International (Mothers of Preschoolers) group in Valdez and to strive toward my goal of obtaining my teaching certificate. I am working towards my BA in Elementary Education through the UAS distance program, and have been working at Valdez City Schools as a paraprofessional and substitute for the past three years. I was previously employed by Providence Valdez Medical Center prior to starting a family, and the City of Valdez before that. I believe in this community and what it has to offer. I want to encourage our students to know their worth and motivate them to accomplish great things.

I volunteer my time and energy into various community projects, such as serving on the board for the Valdez Cooperative Preschool in 2010/2011, serving as the food coordinator for the Valdez Community Playground Project this past year, and in 2013 starting the Valdez chapter of MOPS, Int'l. This is a group for mothers of children (ages 0-5) that meets twice a month during the school year and provides childcare, education and support for moms through every aspect of parenting young children. We offer practical guides and aim to meet emotional needs. We encourage strong, healthy families and help secure a broad support network that extends beyond the walls of our meetings. At MOPS, we want to fill our mom's cups so that they may have enough to pour their energy into the important work of building people.

I have a heart for serving mothers and children in our community, and I'm particularly passionate about reaching out to families of children with special needs, and citizens with disabilities. Please feel free to contact me, I'd be happy to discuss any of these topics in greater detail.

Kind regards,



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