



APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OR COMMISSION

BOARD/COMMISSION Health Advisory Council (Hospital Board)

DATE 9/27/16

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OCCUPATION 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: I am currently on the HAC and feel that I can keep contributing to its mission and can keep helping move our Healthcare in Valdez forward.

Please explain in greater detail those items you have checked: Local government is where decisions that are made truly effect the lives, for better or worse, of every citizen. I am concerned about and hope to help make decisions that will influence lives for the better.

Educators are busy people, but they are also the people that have their pulse on children's and families' challenges, so this segment of our population should be on every council/board/commission that deals with services our community's people use.

An outline of my education, work and volunteer experience. (**See below**)

How did you learn of this vacancy? **Word of mouth**

Signature

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

A little about my background

I love people and have always spent my volunteer hours trying to improve life for my community members. My husband, Alan Sorum, and I have been married for 34 of my 57 years. Our daughter, Elise, is married and teaching in Douglas, Alaska. We moved to Valdez in 1999 (from Wrangell, Alaska), our children graduated from VHS, we built our home in Alpine Woods, and continue to enjoy our surroundings and the wonderful opportunities that living in Valdez affords.

I have taught for well over 30 years in Arizona, and Alaska, in a one-room schoolhouse and in small and large school districts. My students have ranged from kindergarten to college, but the bulk of my classroom time has been in grades 5 – 9. The degrees I have earned are a B.S. in Cellular and Developmental Biology from University of Arizona and an M.A. in Education Administration from Northern Arizona University. I have worked many jobs: wild-land fire fighter, Hotshot, E.M.T., small business owner, guide for our guide outfitter business, phlebotomist/medical lab assistant and nurse's aid to name a few. My current hobbies include: gardening, fishing, hiking, reading, and following Alaska politics. I have been a member of the church of Christ since I was 14 and use His teachings as my guide to life and how to treat others. I am an active member of the Alaska Public Employees-American Federation of Teachers' union both on the state and local levels and I value the work of all public employees.

I care deeply about Education, Health Care, and Economic Diversification. My belief is: **Stronger Education & Health Care Systems = a Stronger Economy & More Employment.**