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Contact Information

Select the board(s) that you wish to be considered for

Selection 1

Library Board

Selection 2

Human Relations Commission

Selection 3

Housing and Human Services Commission

Name

Melanie Dykstra

Phone

Email

Address

Chandler, Arizona. 85286

Profession

Volunteer and Community Resources Manager

Employer

Town of Gilbert

How many years have you lived in Chandler

13

Are you registered to vote?

Yes

Boards and Commissions Info

Professional Experience

I have 30 years of public sector experience, working in the City of Mesa, Gilbert Public Schools, and the last 14 years with the Town of Gilbert. I have served in the Town Manager's Office, Community Resources, and Parks and Recreation. In my current role, I coordinate major recognition programs such as the MVP Community Volunteer Awards and Town Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, serve as staff liaison to For Our Town Gilbert, manage the Native American Management Internship Program, provide leadership and direction to the Community Initiatives Coordinator in developing the action plan for implementing Community Engagement Task Force (CETF) recommendations, assist in the management of non-profit funding, coordinate homeless solutions and have served on multiple committees, including Vice Chair of the Human Services Initiative Committee, MAG Local Jurisdiction Committee, and currently serve on the Dignity Health Benefits Committee, Domestic Violence Committee, and as co-chair of the East Valley Resource Coalition.

Board/Committee Experience

Vice Chair, Chandler Parks Recreation Board (Current- term ends in April); Secretary, Valley Christian School Board -6 years (term ended June 2025), Gilbert Parks, Recreation Library Services Advisory Board - 6 years; President, Chandler Christian School PTO- 6 years; Secretary, Chandler Christian Academy School Board- 9 years Chair, Gilbert Citizen General Plan Committee

Briefly explain why you would like to serve on the board / commission

I am interested in serving on a board or commission because I care deeply about strengthening community connections and supporting the programs that enrich the lives of Chandler residents. The Library Board is my first choice, as I have a lifelong passion for reading and a strong appreciation for the role libraries play in learning, creativity, and community engagement. As I term off the Parks Board, I would welcome the opportunity to remain involved in the ongoing Recreation and Library Strategic Master Plan, ensuring continuity and supporting the long-term vision that ties these services together. I am particularly interested in helping the community better understand, utilize, and celebrate the full range of library resources available to them. From early literacy to lifelong learning, libraries are a cornerstone of an informed and connected community, and I would value the chance to help expand awareness and engagement. I am also open to serving on other boards or commissions. Many of them align closely with my professional experience and my commitment to public service. I enjoy learning from others, sharing best practices, and contributing to collaborative solutions that benefit the community. Serving in this capacity would allow me to continue supporting Chandler's mission, values, and strategic priorities while bringing my background in community resources, recreation, and civic leadership to the table.

Referred By

Erika Berry

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