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Mescal J6 Fire District,

I have attached my letter of interest and resume for the recently vacated board position. I am committed to serving in this role and have copied the county board of supervisors on this email should they need to enact their authority to appoint, and that I am considered in their appointment as well.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sonja Salcido
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June 26, 2024

Mescal J6 Fire District
98 N. Oak Drive
Benson, AZ 85602

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing to express my interest in the Mescal J6 Fire District board position. As a 25-year resident and dedicated member of this community, and having raised ten children in the Benson area, I am an advocate for public safety; I am eager to contribute my skills and experience to support the vital work of our local fire station.

With a background in customer service, communication, organization, public relations, writing, and publishing, I have honed valuable skills to promote the fire station's mission, enhance community engagement, and support fundraising efforts.

As a long-time resident, I know our community's unique challenges, particularly fire safety and emergency preparedness. My research on local history, including the pioneer William "Billy" Fourr, has given me a profound appreciation for the resilience and dedication required to protect and serve our community.

Moreover, my commitment to helping others navigate difficult circumstances aligns with the compassionate and supportive environment fostered by our fire station.

I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to collaborate with the board and the dedicated firefighters who serve our community. My passion for public service and professional expertise will bring valuable assets to the board.

Thank you for considering my application. I look forward to contributing to our community's continued success and safety through this esteemed position.

Sincerely,

Sonja Salcido

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cc. Cochise County Board of Supervisors

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Professional Summary

Since 1978, customer and public service have been a primary focus. Volunteering for the Benson Hospital Auxiliary at TMC and being a sponsored writer with two published books are vital achievements. Detail-oriented team player with strong organizational skills. Ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously with a high degree of accuracy.

REFERENCES UPON REQUEST

Work History

Sponsored Researcher & Writer

Jan 2019 - Current

NKB Inc.

Benson, AZ

- Gathered and organized information for research purposes.
- Performed research into study topics to increase knowledge and to provide valuable contributions.
- Researched and wrote news stories, articles and reviews for online publications.

Administrative Assistant

Mar 2010 - Mar 2019

NKB Inc.

Benson, AZ

- Maintained confidentiality of sensitive information by adhering to strict privacy policies and implementing secure filing systems.
- Delivered excellent customer service through prompt responses to client inquiries, addressing concerns effectively, and building strong relationships.
- Improved document organization with thorough file maintenance, archiving outdated records as necessary for efficient retrieval when needed.
- Enhanced office efficiency by streamlining administrative processes and implementing organizational systems.
- Assisted development and implementation of new administrative procedures.
- Volunteered to help with special projects of varying degrees of complexity.
- Transcribed and organized information to assist in preparing speeches and presentations.

Office Assistant

Mar 2012 - Aug 2012

Triangle T Guest Ranch

Dragoon, AZ

- Interacted with customers by phone, email, or in-person to provide information.

Waitress/Training for Restaurant Management

Aug 2009 - Mar 2010

Magaly's Mexican Restaurant

Benson, AZ

- Handled high-pressure situations with composure, maintaining excellent service standards even during busy shifts.
- Exhibited strong multitasking abilities, balancing multiple tables and orders while delivering prompt service.
- Remained calm and poised when dealing with difficult customers or during busy shifts.

Education

Associate of Art & Business

Sep 2006

UOP University of Phoenix Online

Phoenix, AZ

GPA: 3.65

Graduated

Jan 1980

Pine Island HS

Pine Island, MN

Residence

Mescal/Cochise County

Training and personal history

Since 1978, I have honed diverse skills, mostly centered around customer service, as I love interacting with people. I've owned a successful perennial business, worked as a licensed Cosmetologist, trained on SAABRE for American Airlines International Travel, managed a campaign for a JP3 Candidate, raised ten children, homeschooled five of them, worked as an Administrative Assistant for a Government Consultant, and am currently volunteering for the Benson Hospital Auxiliary at TMC. My experience also includes working on movies, fundraisers, and campaigns in the Benson area, showcasing my ability to adapt and excel in various roles.

I hold an Associate of Art and Business degree, have completed ad copy classes with Writer's Digest, and have completed an apprenticeship with a writers guild. As a sponsored writer, I've published two books through my company, Hill & Dell Publishing LLC, with many more in progress. My first book is set in Cochise County and tells the story of a border town boy who unknowingly adopts a stolen AKC Championship dog. It's available on Amazon, and its goal is to raise money for no-kill shelters.

For 14 years, I have been researching and writing about the 1800s Arizona Territorial Pioneer William "Billy" Fourr, whose ranch still stands in the Dragoon Mountains. I also have an article about him published in the Cochise County Historical Society Journal (Vol. 46, No. 2, Fall/Winter 2016 50th Anniversary Issue) and a book about his life due out in 2026. These experiences have led to my deep love for the Cochise County area and its residents and visitors.

Skills

- Strong Work Ethic
- Data collection and organization
- Critical Thinking
- Team Collaboration