
From: Dan F. Nolte
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 7:59 AM
To: Cori R. Beattie
Subject: FW: Application for County Commission vacancy
Attachments: CYoakum.Cover.docx; CYoakum.resume (1).pdf

From: Christa Yoakum <christayoakum@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, May 31, 2019 1:03 AM
To: Dan F. Nolte <dnolte@lancaster.ne.gov>
Subject: Application for County Commission vacancy

Dear Dan,

Please accept my resume and cover letter (in the body of this email and as an attachment) for consideration for the County Commission vacancy in District 2.

Many years ago, I actually started my career as a Lancaster County employee working as a CNA at Lancaster Manor to pay my college tuition. I learned that I especially loved working with people who had Alzheimer disease and continued to work there for more than a decade.

I am driven to serve and have a lengthy resume of volunteerism and community service. I have a proven record of collaboration and working to agreeable outcomes, putting people first in decision-making. I have served on boards and committees where very tough decisions had to be made. Even when a group may not feel the outcome is ideal, the best decisions come from a collaborative effort where trust has been built and everyone respects one another's good intent.

I have been interested in serving on the County Commission for some time and had seriously considered running before Jennifer Brinkman declared she was running. So this is not a new idea or one born in opportunity. You may also be aware I ran for Public Service Commission. I will bring those same principles of good stewardship, putting people first and collaboration to service on the County Commission.

I have watched this commission grow to be a more cohesive and smoother functioning board than in recent memory. I want to be a part of that commission.

Please do let me know if you have trouble with the attachments or need more information. I await learning next steps anxiously.

--
Christa Yoakum

"Alone we can do so little together we can do so much."-Helen Keller

Christa Yoakum

330 NW 13th

Lincoln, NE

68528

402-890-5662 / christayoakum@gmail.com

May 30, 2019

Dear Dan Nolte, Rachel Garver and Pat Condon,

Please accept my resume for consideration to serve the County Commission vacancy in District 2.

Many years ago, I actually started my career as a Lancaster County employee working as a CNA at Lancaster Manor to pay my college tuition. I learned that I especially loved working with people who had Alzheimer disease and continued to work there for more than a decade.

I am driven to serve and have a lengthy resume of volunteerism and community service. I have a proven record of collaboration and working to agreeable outcomes, putting people first in decision-making. I have served on boards and committees where very tough decisions had to be made. Even when a group may not feel the outcome is ideal, the best decisions come from a collaborative effort where trust has been built and everyone respects one another's good intent.

I have been interested in serving on the County Commission for some time and had seriously considered running before Jennifer Brinkman declared she was running. So this is not a new idea or one born in opportunity. You may also be aware I ran for Public Service Commission. I will bring those same principles of good stewardship,

I have watched this commission grow to be a more cohesive and smoother functioning board than in recent memory. I want to be a part of that commission.

Sincerely,

Christa Yoakum

Christa Yoakum

330 NW 13th
Lincoln, NE
68528

402-890-5662 / christayoakum@gmail.com

Relevant Experience

Nebraska Appleseed, Program Coordinator Nebraska Is Home

Engage community members across the state in community building, immigrant integration and inclusion to work toward communities where everyone feels like they belong. I with new Nebraskans to develop their skills and capacity and long time Nebraskans to be ready to accept newcomers. This includes race equity learning, cultural humility and identifying common local goals. The groups are diverse in sector and cultural backgrounds and include local leaders such as elected officials, business owners, Chambers of Commerce, educators, library staff, law enforcement, faith leaders and more to hold events across the state where neighbors can meet neighbors to break down barriers and find common goals and shared values and create local policies that work for everyone. These locally-led efforts have led to a new city position in Crete for community outreach, South Sioux City is developing a community-wide strategic inclusion plan, a co-working space for economic development was created in Schuyler. In Lincoln we hold an annual event with a citizenship oath ceremony and an all day multicultural festival with support of the city, county and state and partnering nonprofits. This work also led to the recent technical assistance grant (with the Chamber of Commerce) to move highly educated and skilled immigrants into jobs where they can apply their skills and gain higher earnings.

International Organization for Migration (IOM) for the Out of Country Vote in the Southern Sudanese Referendum Public Information Officer/Trainer

Responsible for registration and voter education and community outreach in Southern Sudanese communities in states from Ohio to Alaska, North Dakota to Oklahoma. This included delivery of materials via mail, email, new media, regional conference calls, individual telephone/email contacts with community leaders and making public appearances. Media outreach included news releases, interviews, connecting reporters/photographers to community members for stories. Daily reports of activities, maintaining community contact data. Also maintained accreditation for all international, domestic and media observers. Trained and oversaw the referendum voting process for compliance and accuracy. Staff included between 18-50 Southern Sudanese people. Oversaw daily record keeping, vote counts, managed sensitive voting materials. Assisted with human resource issues. Assisted with logistics and operational issues.

Change That Works Nebraska (SEIU) Logistics Coordinator and Lead Organizer

Change That Works Nebraska (SEIU); Organized and participated in statewide healthcare reform education, organized and held forums across the state to varied audiences. Logistics included site rental, volunteer recruitment and community outreach and media, issue and advocacy training, wrote field plan, event plans, managed human resources including hiring and discipline, managed time off, assisted with benefits use,

responsible for purchasing and office operations

The Arbors, Dementia Care Facility, Madonna Rehabilitation Hospital Assisted Living Administrator

Served on committee developing concept and designing building. As administrator, developed programming, recruited and hired staff, community marketing, worked with families facing difficult decisions (financial, end of life), managed leases, managed resident care delivery, maintained medical records and facility compliance for licensure, developed facility marketing materials, brochures, etc., managed adult day service program

Other Experience

Current volunteer

Community Health Endowment trustee

Lincoln Public Schools Superintendent's Facility Use Task Force committee member

Planned Parenthood of Nebraska Advocates president

Initially president of the 501c4 board, through an organizational transformation, I am now president of both the 501c3 and 501c4 boards and responsible for fiduciary oversight, promoting the brand and board decisions for policy and electoral work.

Past volunteer

Lincoln Public Schools High School Task Force committee member

Lincoln Public Schools Strategic Planning committee member

YWCA Lincoln Board of Directors president, past

I became president after an embezzlement and oversaw the investigation which led to prosecution. I also negotiated through mediation to reduce debt and avoid further legal action against the YWCA. During my term, I was also able to secure an endowment of more than \$1,000,000 for the YWCA and convened community members to rebuild the board and create the strategic plan returning the YWCA to its original mission.

Speaker's Bureau for Alzheimer's Association, previous presenter at state and national dementia education conferences, family support group facilitator