

REVIEWED

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Building and Fire-Life Safety Commission Applicant

John Vidovich

Application Date: 02/24/21

Elected position: no

If yes, please specify:

State of California registered architect: no

State of California registered civil or structural engineer: no

State of California licensed building contractor: no

State of California certified access specialist: no

State of California Registered Fire Protection Engineer: no

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Current or prior service on city boards/commissions:

Community activities:

Board Member LA Harbor Boys and Girls Club - 22 years Chairperson of a \$9 million dollar Comprehensive Campaign

Port of Los Angeles Charter High School Board Member 2 1/2 years Assist in overseeing capital improvements

Qualifications, experience, education, and technical or professional requirements:

I am a retired Fire Marshal from the City of Los Angeles and have been involved in development and development decisions for the last 20 years. I was also the Commander of the Construction Services Unit and interacted daily with the Department of Building and Safety. I hold a Bachelors Degree in Fire Service management and a member of the NFPA.

Areas of demonstrated expertise:

I had 37 years of service with the Los Angeles City Fire Department and held the rank of Deputy Chief and Fire Marshal for the City of Los Angeles. I was also the Assistant Chief of Fire Prevention, where I served as the Assistant Fire Marshal. I have spent many years in the Fire Prevention and Public Safety Bureau. I was Captain of the High-Rise Unit and the Construction Services Unit and was involved in many projects. My experience, knowledge and leadership skills, has proven to be some of his strongest assets.

My Affiliations include: Member, National Fire Protection Association, Member, International Association of Fire Chiefs, Member California State Firefighters Association, Member, Los Angeles City Firefighters Association – Past President and member of the Los Angeles Area Fire Marshal’s Association.

I was recognized in Human Relations Recognition (Positive Influencer 2007), Spirit Award of Los Angeles Award (Above and Beyond the Call of Duty – Mayor Villaraigosa, City of Los Angeles Certificate of Recognition – Exemplary Efforts 2005 Landslides, City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Award – Construction Services Plan Check Inspection and City of Los Angeles Certificate of Appreciation – Navigating Adaptive Resuse Projects through the Permitting System.

Goals:

Vision:

I think I will bring a perspective for the eyes of the first responder in order to bring commonsense solutions to sometime difficult challenges. I truly believe in the spirit and intent of our codes but also understand the need to be flexible while still maintain safety. I always try to figure out how we can get to yes and look as my self as an advocate for helping understand alternate means of complaince.

Personal Qualities:

As Chief of Staff, it was my responsibility to assist the Fire Chief in implementing policies and procedures as well as managing Deputy Chiefs to ensure they were in alignment with the Fire Chiefs vision. Additionally, I was the key liaison with City Departments and elected officials ensuring that public safety objectives were articulated. Additionally I represented the Department at City Council meetings and Committee meetings, such as Public Safety and Budget and Finance. The Fire Chief appointed me to represented him as an alternate member to the Joint Powers Authority for the LARICS project due to my calm demeanor and ability to work with different jurisdictions.

Will you be able to commit the necessary time to perform your duties if appointed to the board?

yes

How did you learn about the vacancy in this board or commission? (select all that apply)

Word of Mouth- Council or Board/Commission member, City Staff, neighborhood groups, etc.

BUSINESS INFORMATION

Occupation: Consultant

Business name: SME Consulting Services

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