

Santa Monica Library Board Applicant

Ms Paige Kelly

Application Date: 09/01/20

Reside in Santa Monica: yes

If yes, number of years: Less than 1

Hold an elected position: no

If yes, please specify:

INTERESTS AND EXPERIENCE

Current or prior service on city boards/commissions:

I have never served on a City Board//Commission.

Community activities:

I am new to the Santa Monica area as of 2020. In my previous community in the SF Bay Area, I was a member of my children's elementary PTA and I volunteered in the classroom weekly to help children with reading. As my twins, got older & teachers asked for less participation in the classroom which I agreed with, I volunteered for activities and fund raising opportunities, I was a member of the School Site Council for 1 year, and I chaired the 3 times a year Scholastic book fair. My kid's elementary school is a Title 1 school that was lucky enough to have a very progressive principal who successfully implemented common core and beyond. In addition, I was my son's Baseball team Mom and sometimes coach since he was in tee ball and my twins are now in middle school.

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

In December 2018, I received a Master's of Library and Information Science with an emphasis in Technology from Wayne State all done online from CA. While pursuing my degree, I worked as a contract librarian for Alameda County. For a year and half, I was a full-time Children's librarian specializing in STEAM programming for the Castro Valley branch and then part-time in the Dublin branch until early this year. In both branches, I was involved in the Summer Reading Programs, Library Card drives, Census, Veteran's Collections, beta testing a new library system, and more. I also did family and baby story times and planned summer programming like movies, magicians, and tumbling. I am well-versed in library funding sources within a county system and policies and procedures regarding donations and branch trusts.

I also received homelessness training from Ryan Dowd who is doing great things.

<http://www.homelesslibrary.com>

Prior to working in public libraries, I worked for Charles Schwab for almost 20 years holding management positions that involved budgeting, reorganization, compliance, and legal. At Schwab, I became a financial technology expert in multiple lines of the business and was often asked to untangle digital systems and the people working together often in different geographic locations. At Schwab, I gained an amazing education working for one of the most diverse and innovative corporations in the United States. I was licensed to trade but never did and I was certified in Agile.

My undergraduate degree is from the University of California at Davis. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations with an emphasis in World Economics and a minor in Textile Science and Marketing.

I just started my own consulting business, CommandosConsulting LLC. I am working on my website, roadmap, and mission now. My goal is launch in Q4 and to help people and small businesses impacted by COVID19 in my new community.

Areas of demonstrated expertise:

My LinkedIn account has more details: <https://www.linkedin.com/in/paigesammonskelly/>

While at Schwab, I won many awards. The one I am most proud of was being part of the 9/11 Taskforce. At the time, I was managing the websites and email digital teams. We quickly learned how best to work remotely and keep our clients well-informed. This involved fast-thinking, working with many cross-functional teams, strategic planning, budget oversight, and marketing. The policies and procedures like disaster recovery planning are still in place today which is why Schwab was able to respond to COVID19 better than most corporations.

In public libraries, I volunteered to be part of the committee that hosted a local fun run and as I said earlier I hired many performing artists and hosted events in and around libraries. At Schwab, I also did event management and many, many team building activities while following strict budgeting, HR, and corporate guidelines.

Since I have been in Santa Monica, I have frequented many local galleries and plan to become of a member of the National History Museum.

Goals:

I want to give back to my new community. I believe the role of Community libraries should be too close the digital divide while also focusing on digital balance.

Vision:

Librarians and other staff in circulation are front line workers that often do not get the recognition they

deserve. They are highly educated, disaster care workers that are well-versed in public health. The motto of libraries is Everyone is Welcome. Thank you Benjamin Franklin! This country and Santa Monica need libraries now more than ever.

Personal Qualities:

I feel like I have shown that professionally above. Personally, I am an optimistic person who likes to listen first and hear all points of view prior to making an informed decision. I love piloting new ideas and making sure I get opinions from all levels of an organization.

2019/2020 has brought lots of changes to my life: I placed my Mother into Memory Care, I dealt with some health issues, I am getting a divorce, and I relocated to new area. My capacity to role with life is well-earned and makes me well-suited to work in a group setting. I am a curious person and life-long learner. I believe in learning from the past especially mistakes but always striving for a better future. I always tell my kids "Just Try" and "Don't Let Fear Rule your Life".

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)

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