

**CITY OF RENO
BOARD OR COMMISSION
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno's public record and is, upon request, available for public review. These positions are limited, in most cases, to residents of the City of Reno. The City Council makes a conscientious effort to appoint persons who represent all of the various communities within the City of Reno. Please be advised that certain boards and commissions require filing of financial statements with the Secretary of State or have special requirements. Contact the City Clerk's office at 334-2030 with any questions.

Name: Gary Cecil

Name of Board or Commission for which you would like to apply:

Ward 1 Neighborhood Advisory Board

Home Address:

Address: 255 N Sierra St., Unit 1618

City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89501

Home Phone: 916-607-9556 E-mail: garycecil621@msn.com

Occupation and Business Address:

Job Title: _____

Business Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Business Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Preferred Contact: *If appointed, the address, phone number and e-mail address you wish to use for your contact information.*

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How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno? 8 years

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno? Yes: No:

Have you ever been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor other than minor traffic violations? Yes: _____ No: X

If yes, please list conviction dates and nature: _____

Education or Training Relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:
B.A. in Education; M.A. in Educational Psychology; M.B.A. emphasis in Finance and Accounting.

During my recent experience on the Ward 5 NAB, I have received training in understanding the administrative code and adhering to the rules of a public meeting.

~Please also see my Resume submitted with this application.~

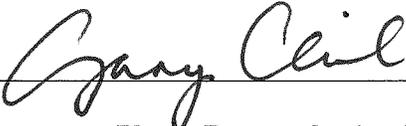
Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission. Please attach any additional information you wish:

Due to the redistricting project, my Downtown address will be located in the new Ward 1 as of Nov-24.

I have served on the Ward 5 NAB for two years and I would like to continue to be an advocate for the interests of Downtown residents on the new Ward 1 NAB.

During my two years on the Ward 5 NAB, I have never missed a meeting. I always prepare scrupulously for each meeting by reading the whole agenda packet and, when there is a development project up for our review and comment to the Planning Commission I go to Acela, download the application and other available documents, and then study them. This preparation ensures that I am ready to ask cogent questions and make relevant comments to both the applicant and the on-hand representative from Development Services. As a NAB member, I have also striven to exemplify positive civic engagement and also act as a bridge between Downtown residents and our Council Member. I believe I can continue to be a positive force on the Ward 1 NAB, and I would be proud to continue my passion of representing and communicating the interests of Downtown residents.

I certify that, to the best of my knowledge, the information I provided in the application is true. If the information provided is false or incomplete, it shall be sufficient cause for disqualification or removal. If appointed, I agree to attend a board or commission orientation session, if applicable, within six months of my appointment. I understand that failure to comply with this requirement will result in automatic removal from the board or commission.

Signature:  Date: 8/19/2024

Please Return the Application To:
City Clerks' Office, P.O. Box 7, Reno, NV 89504
Fax: 775-334-2432 e-mail: CityClerk@reno.gov

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**WAIVER OF NOTICE REQUIRED UNDER NRS 241.033(1)
TO ALLOW CITY COUNCIL TO
CONSIDER CHARACTER, MISCONDUCT, OR COMPETENCE
OF PERSON TO BE APPOINTED TO A BOARD, COMMISSION, OR OTHER
PUBLIC BODY FOR THE CITY OF RENO**

The City Council for the City of Reno will be considering on a future posted agenda your appointment to a board, commission or other public body for the City of Reno. Pursuant to NRS 241.033(1), in order to consider the professional competence of an applicant, notice need be provided to that person of the time and place of the meeting in compliance with such statutory provisions.

By signing below, it is confirmed that I have been provided notice of the meeting at which my appointment will be considered by City Council. Further, I knowingly and voluntarily am waiving my rights to all written notice requirements under NRS 241.033(1) pertaining to my qualifications, competence, and character to hold this appointment and consent to the evaluation of my character and competence by the Reno City Council in a public meeting.

Further, the undersigned acknowledges that he may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

Dated this 19 day of August, 2024.

Name of Board, Commission or Other Public Body to which the undersigned is seeking

City Council's consideration: Ward 1 Neighborhood Advisory Board
(Board/Commission/Public Body)

Signature of Applicant: 

By: Gary Cecil
(Printed Name of Applicant)

Gary Cecil
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SUMMARY OF EXPERIENCE AND RELATED SKILLS

- Twenty-five years' experience as a senior manager of accounting and finance departments.
- Detail oriented, using data and research to drive decision-making.
- Valuable time spent learning a variety of industries including: payment processing, distribution of POS equipment, software development, gaming/lottery, and agribusiness.
- Special expertise in near start-up situations where cash flow needs careful management, where personnel development or planned turnover is necessary, and where solid financial and accounting practices are necessary to gain access to more operating capital.
- Strong GAAP experience, including exemplary performance throughout all compliance audits.
- Adept at budgeting and forecasting through numerous business scenarios, giving operating management effective tools to project profitability.
- Very competent external representative of an organization with such business partners as contracted customers, banks, auditors, venture capitalists, and vendors.

RECENT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2021 to present:	Member of Reno's Ward 5 Neighborhood Advisory Board.
2020 to present:	Member of Montage HOA's Community Affairs Committee.
2018 to present:	Baha'i representative for Renown's Inter-Faith Chapel.
2022 to present:	Started the Ward 5 Advocates Group (WAG).
2018 to 2020:	Member of Montage Finance Committee.
2019 to 2020:	Patient visitor for Infinity Hospice.
2019 to 2020:	Bethel AME Church food bank.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE (since 2000)

Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Mah & Associates, Sacramento, CA
Oct 2013 – Dec 2016

Consultant for full scope accounting for a non-profit educational organization. Responsible for all general ledger postings, preparation for tax filings, and presentation of financial results to board of directors. Also drove insurance policy search and updating of employee HR handbook.

Corporate Controller

POS Portal, Inc., Sacramento, CA
Oct 2010 – Jun 2013

Chief financial manager for a \$45 million privately-held company. Financial closings, audit management, banking and insurance relationships, budgeting and forecasting. Supervision of team of 8 accountants.

Achievements: Created daily and weekly cash forecasts with high degree of predictive accuracy. Re-staffed the entire accounting department with educated and motivated individuals. Created very positive working relationships with all line managers. Through three exhaustive annual independent audits received no adjustments to income statements. As business developed a first-time software product, created the first GAAP-compliant method of capitalizing development costs. Re-established first rate relationship with the bank such that further operating and capital cash requirements were granted.

Accounting and Finance Manager

TSYS Acquiring POS Systems and Services, Sacramento, CA
Apr 2007 – Sep 2010

Full range financial responsibilities for a subsidiary of a \$2 billion publicly traded company, including: closings, account reconciliations, financial analysis, SOX controls, budgeting, cost accounting, and sales taxes. Supervise staff of 5.

Achievements: Closed books on time every month; this had not been done in 5 years. Started the first SOX documents for the subsidiary. Greatly improved reporting package for senior management. Active participant in business decision-making, including contract negotiations, product and services pricing and strategic planning.

Controller

West Coast Computer Exchange, Sacramento, CA
Sep 2005 – Apr 2007

Full range financial responsibilities for a Subchapter S corporation, including: financial analysis, budgeting, cost accounting, payroll, sales taxes, insurance, HR and cash flow management.

Achievements: Negotiated 9% reductions in freight. Researched and implemented health insurance change netting a 10% reduction in premiums. Instituted daily invoice profitability measures.

Cost and Project Manager

Motion Control Engineering, Rancho Cordova, CA
Sep 1998 – Jul 2005

Product costing in a mixed make-to-order/ make-to-stock environment. Setting and maintaining standard costs for both externally-procured and in-house semi manufactured parts.

Management of a variety of projects including: construction of 100,000 sqft office and warehouse addition, development and implementation of inventory control best practices, implementation and training of SAP Sales Module.

Achievements: Detailed new product analysis leading to more accurate pricing and better margin management. Developed trend analysis for labor utilization and efficiency which improved VP Operation's control of labor costs. Finished building addition under budget and with no negative impacts on existing business.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration
Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville
Major Focus: Financial Planning and Analysis

Master of Arts
State University of New York, Buffalo
Major focus: Educational Psychology

Bachelor of Education
Cambridge University, England
Major focus: Educational Psychology

REFERENCES

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