

**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: Katie Colling

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

Human Rights Commission

**Home Address:**

Address: 730 N Maddux Drive

City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89512

Home Phone: 775-842-2545 E-mail: kmcolling8@gmail.com

**Occupation and Business Address:**

Job Title: Transition Specialist

Business Name: Nevada Youth Empowerment Project

Address: 1369 Faland Street

City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89503

Business Phone: 775-747-2073 E-mail: katie@nyep.org

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

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City: Reno State: NV Zip: 89512

Phone: 775-842-2545 E-mail: kmcolling@gmail.com

How long have you been a resident of the City of Reno? 35 years

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

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

If yes, please list conviction dates and nature: \_\_\_\_\_

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Education or Training Relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:

Reno Citizens Institute 2015 - and more SEE ATTACHMENT 1: Resume

Co-founder and vice president of Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality for 6 years,

Co- Author of a white paper, "An indepth guide to Homelessness in Washoe County" in 2022.

Co founder of Soil Solidarity and spent 8 years providing fresh nutrient dense food to Direct Mutual Aid groups,

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

I have been passionately dedicated to protecting and increasing human rights in Reno for the past 12 years.

I began in 2011 co-hosting a large potluck and free market at the shelter each saturday for 6 years.

After graduating from the Reno Citizens Institute in 2015 I was appointed to the Ward 4 NAB, I served two years.

In 2017 I moved to growing free food for people living outside. We provided the food to Direct Mutal Aid groups.

As of 2021 I co-founded Soil Solidarity. We host community gardens and launched a pilot housing project 2023.

I am a Transition Specialist at Nevada Youth Empowerment Project. A youth transitional living program.

SEE ATTACHMENT 2: Letter

*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: Katie Colling

Date: 9-19-23

**Please Return the Application To:**  
City Clerks' Office, P.O. Box 7, Reno, NV 89504  
Fax: 775-334-2432 e-mail: [CityClerk@reno.gov](mailto: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 25 day of September, 2023.

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

City Council's consideration: Human Rights Commission  
(Board/Commission/Public Body)

Signature of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

Katie Colling  
(Printed Name of Applicant)

**KATIE MARIE COLLING**

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**PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND:**

NEVADA YOUTH EMPOWERMENT PROJECT - Reno, NV 10/2022 - current  
Transition Specialist

- Assist youth (18-24 yo) through the program
- Volunteer placement
- Guide up to 12 girls on calendar management, meal prep, and commitments.

ACT NATURALLY - Reno, NV 5/2020 - current

Owner Operator/Sole Proprietor

- Professional Garden Hand
- Business management
- Facilitate large projects, client communication, and money management.

RENO INITIATIVE FOR SHELTER AND EQUALITY – Reno, NV 07/2012 – 3/2017

Co-founder/Vice-President/Director of Market Operations

- Manage and maintain all in kind, non-food, donations into the non-profit.
- Prepare meals for needy families in the Reno area each Saturday.
- Gather and distribute clothing and necessities to the homeless, both at the Free Market and ‘YOUR market,’ the youth free store.
- Assist in marketing the organization and obtaining donations.
- Manage 10-20 volunteers per week, 200+ clients through the line, manage distribution of 750 bags of clothing, 230 bins of hygiene items per year, 4 separate free markets, and Christmas stuff for 5-7 families during the holidays.

LAW OFFICES OF ALISON COLVIN, ESQ. – Reno, NV 09/2010 – 10/2012

Legal Assistant/Paralegal

- Responsible for maintaining the Attorney calendar.
- Possess strong knowledge of both Bankruptcy and Family Law.
- Supervise office staff.
- Organized own work product, set priorities, and insured that deadlines were met.
- Managed a high volume of client contact.
- Coordinated 100+ family law and bankruptcy clients at a time, managed two employees.

REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION – Reno, NV 06/2007 – 09/2008

Executive Assistant/Accident Investigator

- Performed administrative duties for the Director of Operations.
- Participated in accident investigations.
- Responsible for employee medical and CDL files.
- Compiled witness statements.
- Collected video evidence.
- Maintained and updated accident / incident databases.
- Investigated 20+ accidents each week including tracking down video evidence.

## Katie Marie Colling - Resume

SIERRA NEVADA LAWYERS GROUP – Reno, NV 06/2006 – 06/2007

Paralegal/Executive Assistant

- Reported directly to the Tribal Prosecutor.
- Managed office and tribal court calendar.
- Drafted various legal documents.
- Knowledgeable in various areas of law including: contracts, criminal defense and prosecution, family, and real estate.
- Drafted warrants, orders, and arrangements for Tribal Prosecutor.
- Worked with 3 judges writing 3 warrants a month, Managed 200+ clients at a time, and supervising two employees at a time.

### **EDUCATION:**

Career College of Northern Nevada - Paralegal Program 2004-2006

Associate of Science Degree - Graduated with Honors

Reno Citizens Institute - 2015

Bridges Out of Poverty training - 2014

Permaculture Pro Program at Oregon State University - currently

### **VOLUNTEER WORK:**

2012 - Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality – Co- Founder and Vice President

2012 - Saint Vincent's Dining Hall – Food Service Prep

2013 - Nevada Green Party – Member at Large

2014 - Nevada Youth Empowerment Project – Pit Count

2014 - The Eddy House – 'YOUR market' Manager

2015 - Women and Childrens and Center - Free Store

2017 - Katharina's Garden and Compost Program - Property/Garden Manager

2018 - Reno Food Systems - Farm Intern

2021 - Soil Solidarity - Co- Founder, President, and Garden Management

### **LINKS TO CURRENT PROJECTS:**

[www.renoinitiative.org](http://www.renoinitiative.org)

[www.soilsolidarity.org](http://www.soilsolidarity.org)

[www.washoehousingjusticeunion.org](http://www.washoehousingjusticeunion.org)

September 19, 2023

KATIE MARIE COLLING  
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775-842-2545

**SUBJECT: Human Rights Commission Application**

I am writing to express my interest in the vacancy on the Human Rights Commission. I have been deeply involved with local efforts to protect Human Rights for 13 years. I currently work as a transition specialist for the Nevada Youth Empowerment Project. ([www.nyep.org](http://www.nyep.org)) In 2012 I co-founded the Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality and was vice president for 6 years. I was in the trenches with our homeless neighbors helping provide food, clothing, and supplies. ([www.renoinitiative.org](http://www.renoinitiative.org)) .

I have been growing food for front line Direct Mutual Aid groups for 8 years. In 2021 I co-founded Soil Solidarity. ([www.soilsolidarity.org](http://www.soilsolidarity.org)) We actively participate in creating a sustainable and equitable world through direct action centered on food and housing justice. Over the years I have been committed to providing fresh nutrient dense vegetables to our homeless neighbors. This year we are piloting our first housing project, launching in December 2023..

Over the past 13 years I have volunteered countless hours to human rights. Some of the projects I have been involved with are:

- 2012 - Reno Initiative for Shelter and Equality – Free Market Manager
- 2013 - Nevada State Green Party – Member at Large
- 2014 - Nevada Youth Empowerment Project – Pit Count Manager
- 2014 - The Eddy House – ‘YOUR market’ Manager
- 2015 - Women and Childrens and Center - Free Store Manager
- 2017 - Katharina’s Garden and Compost Program - Property/Garden Manager
- 2018 - Reno Food Systems - Farm Intern
- 2021 - Soil Solidarity - Co- Founder, President, and Garden Manager

I also was a co-author of the 23 page white paper called, "An In-depth Guide of Homelessness in Washoe County" released in August 2022, we clearly line out ways in which our community can address the housing crisis. I will pursue the solutions in this white paper as a member of the Human Rights Commission. ([www.washoehousingjusticeunion.org](http://www.washoehousingjusticeunion.org)).

Best Regards,

Katie Colling  
Soil Solidarity President