

# City of Reno Board or Commission Membership Application

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These positions are limited, in most cases, to residents of the City of Reno. The City Council endeavors to appoint persons who represent all of the various communities within the City of Reno. Please be advised that certain boards and commissions may have professional qualification requirements or require filing of financial statements with the Secretary of State. Contact the City Clerk's office at 775-334-2030 with any questions.

Contact Information				
First Name (Required) *		Middle Name/Initial	Last Name (Required) *	
DILLON		JACOB	DAVIDSON	
Nick Name/Preferred Name		Email Address (Required) *	Phone Number (Required) *	
		DILLONJACOBDAVIDSON@GMAIL.COM	419-310-4368	
Home Address (No PO Box) (Required) *			City (Required) *	Zip Code (Required) *
527 Nixon Ave			Reno	89509
Business Address			City	Zip Code
				Ward

I agree to inform the Reno City Clerk's Office of any contact or address changes.

☒ I Agree (Required) \*

Is this a new application, an application for reappointment, or an amendment to an existing application? (Required)
<p>*</p> <p><input checked="" type="radio"/> New Application</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Reappointment</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Amendment</p>

Name of Board or Commission for which you would like to apply: (Required)
<p>*</p> <p>Redevelopment Agency Advisory Board</p>

Explain briefly why you would like to be appointed to this board or commission.

Through my current position, I work with businesses on development and market access. This board would be a great opportunity to expand outside of my typical business of food and agriculture, and work with those that love Reno as much as I do.

Relevant Education or Training

Masters degree in Agricultural Economics

Are you currently registered to vote in the City of Reno?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

Are you 18 or over?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

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.

☒ I Agree \*

**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.


**Printed Name of Applicant: \***

Dillon J Davidson

**Today's Date \***

12/20/2024

**Signature of Applicant: \***



**Attach Resume (1)**

Document Name	Attachment Type
DAVIDSON, DILLON APPLICATION FOR REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ADVISORY BOARD (WARD 2) - 12/20/2024	RESUME

## **Dillon Jacob Davidson**

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### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

#### **Nevada Department of Agriculture**

April 2019- Present

##### **Senior Trade Officer**

- Serve as Department point of contact and spokesperson for policy issues on state, local and federal levels
- Brief Director of Agriculture on trade, marketing, and economic development issues concerning Nevada agriculture
- Oversee the development and implementation the NDA's global trade and economic development program, including USDA Market Access Program (MAP), Western United States Trade Association (WUSATA) and United States Meat Export Federation (USMEF)
- Lead development of the Department marketing plans for livestock and plant industries that are integrated with state level councils and groups, resulting in a \$466.2 million agricultural output in the state
- Establish and maintain effective working relationships at multiple levels with key stakeholders including local, state, national and foreign representatives, to develop disseminate trade and economic topics
- Actively engage, cultivate, and manage trade and policy opportunities to ensure increased food and economic impact on the State of Nevada, which has resulted in a 57% increase in foreign agricultural exports over a 5-year period
- Plan, direct and implement domestic and international trade missions for the Department and Governor, involving work with high-level, international government officials building diplomatic relations
- Supervise 7 employees ranging from entry level to mid-senior level and maintain a budget with allocated funds from state and federal sources totaling over \$750,000
- Testified in front of the U.S. Senate during a hearing on enabling rural businesses to grow at home while competing abroad
- Develop and implement marketing and promotional strategies to facilitate efficient and cost-effective promotion of Nevada's agricultural products
- Serve as State Marketing Officer (SMO), and agency liaison for Made in Nevada Program to promote Nevada food, agriculture and beverage producers
- Represent the Department and State on media appearances, including television, radio, podcast, and news interviews

#### **Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry**

June 2018- April 2019

##### **Assistant International Marketing Coordinator**

- Performed specialized studies and program support on exploring the exporting markets to Europe, Asia, and South America for Oklahoma agricultural products
- Recruited for and execute Midwest Buyers Mission, Private Label Buyers Mission, Expo West, and a Focused Trade Mission to Thailand and Philippines
- Lead meetings with Oklahoma food and agriculture exporters to ensure company information is accurate and complete in Food Export database
- Planned, prepared, and supported Oklahoma companies in domestic or international missions offered by Food Export Midwest
- Promoted activities and programs offered by Oklahoma Department of Agriculture, Food & Forestry and Food Export Midwest to smaller, expanding Oklahoma companies

#### **Oklahoma State University, College of Agricultural Sciences & Natural Resources**

June 2017- May 2019

##### **International Programs Graduate Teaching Assistant**

- Guided the development and implementation of diversity strategies; analyze ways to improve the program within the college
- Developed broad expertise to assist faculty, staff, and students in planning and preparing for agriculturally based study abroad trips to China, New Zealand, Peru, Czech Republic, and Thailand
- Lead a group of undergraduate Multicultural Program Leaders to bring diversity awareness to the college, promote international travel
- Served as a Teaching Assistant for an undergraduate Diversity in Food course, assisting the professor and 50+ students in grading and online supplemental instruction
- Supported class instruction by providing evaluation, tutoring sessions, and classroom learning assistance to 120+ freshmen in the introductory course to the college

- Assist the policy director on agriculture, natural resources, homeland security and energy issues for Senator Portman
- Researched and wrote briefs on topics for the Senator to present on the floor and for meetings with Ohio constituents
- Tracked progress on bills, managed milestones, and ensured timely communication of policy updates for office leadership
- Worked collaboratively with a wide range of organizations, and across party lines to ensure the policy team's timely compliance with internal policies and procedures
- Held meetings with lobbyist groups, individuals, industry organizations, and other stakeholders on concerns or issues throughout the State of Ohio

## **EDUCATION**

Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, Oklahoma

Master of Science, International Agriculture with an Agricultural Trade & Policy Focus

April 2019

Thesis Title: *Effect of Different Methods and Timing of Nitrogen Application on Sorghum Grain Yields*

Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio

May 2017

Bachelor of Science, International Agriculture with a Policy Minor

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

**Catholic Relief Services, Farmer-to-Farmer Program**

May- July 2016

**Business Development Research and Instruction in Moshi, Tanzania**

- Prepared quantitative research on Tanzanian agricultural techniques, which lead to the growth of local foods being produced and sold in the market
- Instructed 30 secondary students about plant science, soil science, international trade, food science and other agricultural-related topics
- Guided students in the application of agricultural knowledge with hands-on experience, creating their own sustainable watering system in local gardens
- Conducted one-on-one and group instruction with 40+ local farmers about new and innovative agricultural techniques, to build more sustaining gardens, to produce a more diverse product selection for the market
- Identified and synthesize ways to allow students to gain a hands-on, real-world experience with community gardens

**Food & Agriculture Sustainability Policy Research in Monteverde, Costa Rica**

March 2016

- Designed, built, and managed data frameworks and economic models for sustainable agriculture within the Monteverde region
- Lead components of project implementation for sustainability market research projects and assessments and manage outreach with community stakeholders
- Provided support for the agribusinesses, including preparing business plan models, quantitative and qualitative research on market needs by regional consumers
- Monitored food and agriculture economic trends, commodity markets, trade, consumer wants, and the overall business environment for sustainable food and agricultural products
- Prepared and presented to local and federal governments on research findings for internal and external audiences, including live presentation, written reports and infographics

**Student School & Home Meal Diversity Research in Nairobi, Kenya**

December 2014

- Learned all areas of the region products and agriculture industry to become a market expert for product-related needs to produce expert guidance to farmers and schools
- Researched, identified, and addressed localization needs for the Nairobi farmers plant crop and livestock diversification needs to increase profit shares
- Used market expertise to provide feedback and support to farmers and schools within the region who experienced difficulties in the local markets
- Collaborated with local and U.S. cross-functional stakeholders to define new and enhanced products for the Nairobi consumers

## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

### **Vice Chair, Nevada District Export Council**

January 2024- Present

Assist the chair in quarterly meetings, represent Nevada exporters on the state and federal levels, give annual reports of Nevada export activity to the National District Export Council

### **Vice President Board of Directors, Urban Roots Non-Profit**

October 2019- Present

Assist the president and executive director with monthly board of directors' meetings, oversee fundraising and philanthropy committees, plan and execute 3 essential events on urban farm

### **President, North American Agricultural Marketing Officials (NAAMO)**

July 2024- Present

Serve as the organization's leadership, develop a cohesive body representation of all North American agricultural marketing officials. Focus on domestic and marketing policy spokesperson with coordination with the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture (NASDA).