Application Form

Notice of Public Record

Please be advised that all information contained in this application is part of the City of Reno's public record and is 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.

Profile

Massimo		Balestra
First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name

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Email Address

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Home Address	Suite or Apt

Reno	NV	89523
City	State	Postal Code

What ward do you live in? *

☑ Ward 5

Home: (775) 338-1235	Home: (775) 457-5833
Primary Phone	Alternate Phone

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

12 years

Are you over 18 years of age?

⊙ Yes ○ No

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

☑ Yes

rfxcel corporation	System Administrator
Employer	Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Ward 5 Neighborhood Advisory Board: Submitted

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:

Interests & Experiences

Education or training relevant to the board or commission to which you are applying:

I have been for 4 years a member of Ward 1 NAB. Now, with the redistricting, I am in Ward 5 and could be interesting to join also this NAB. I have a University degree (5 years) in Electronic Engineering obtained in a foreign country (Italy) before I moved to the USA.

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

I am always interested in local engagement. I think that local politics is more important than national because it is closer to the people needs. And a NAB is a way to participate in local politics. Often, to make our life better, we need only to see the issues from another point of view. I can provide often a different point of view as a person who lives in my neighborhood (that can be unique compared to other neighborhoods in Ward 5) and also an an immigrant who lived and participated actively in the life of another country.

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Upload a Resume

Ethnicity

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Gender

██

Sexual Orientation

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Open Meeting Law Waiver

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 agreeing 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 I acknowledge that I may at any time withdraw both this waiver and related application for appointment.

☑ I Agree

Acknowledgement

Please Agree with the Following Statement

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 results in automatic removal from the board or commission.

☑ I Agree

Massimo Balestra

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Profile

An accomplished Information Technology professional with extensive experience supporting large scale and heterogeneous European enterprise environments.

An innovative, creative, highly energetic, experienced leader of IT Operations with strong Problem Solving skills, having a technical background that is extended in breadth.

A proud resident of Reno.

Education

- Degree in Electronic Engineering at the Politecnico di Torino (Technical University of Torino, Italy)
  date: May 21, 1993
  Thesis: Method and Tools for Software Configuration Management
- Oracle DBA Training
  Architecture and Administration (Oracle 8.0); Performance and Tuning: Backup & Recovery. (June 1999)
- Gustav Kaeser Training
  Management: co-workers' motivating and leadership by Training Kaeser Italia. (October 2006)

Volunteer Experience

- Torino, Italy; From 1982 to 1993: Boys and Girls Scout association of Italy
  - Troop leader for children age 8-12
  - Group leader: manager of the whole group and organizer of motivational events for adult troop leaders
  - Trainer of adult leaders at regional level
  - Organizer of motivational and training events for adult leaders at regional and national level
- Reno, Nevada, USA; from 2015 to 2019
  - Member of the Neighbor Advisory Board for City of Reno Ward 1
- Reno, Nevada USA; from 2017 to 2022
  - Chair of the Washoe County Democratic Party Tech committee: we provide technical services for the County Party.
- Nevada, USA; from 2018 to 2021
  - Member of the Nevada State Democratic Party Executive Board.

Work Experience

rfxCel, Inc. Reno/Sparks, NV USA   03/2019-Current
System Administrator
- Manage the company site servers (Windows, Redhat Linux)
- Help to manage the local infrastructure.
- Help to manage the company services and security.

e-Quantum, a DemandBridge company. Reno/Sparks, NV USA   09/2008-02/2019
System Administrator and Web programmer
- Manage the company site servers (Linux, RedHat and Debian, Windows)
- Manage the client hosted servers (Linux, RedHat and Debian, Windows)
- Develop Perl, JavaScript, Ajax and Php programs.
- Manage the server infrastructure; Microsoft Azure and servers i co-location.
- Manage the developing infrastructure: MantisBT, git, Jira.
- Configure and manage the server tools: Nagios (for monitoring) Apache, ssh, MySQL, ...)

Atlas Reply (Reply S.p.A. group) Torino, Italy   03/2002-06/2008
Service Manager
I was a:
- Manager of an ITIL Tier2 support for a big mobile phone company (Vodafone). I led a workgroup of about 27 people to give a second level support for 130 applications
- Leader of a workgroup of 5 system engineers for an advertising company who outsourced us some of the core applications: Email (Microsoft Exchange), the corporate web servers, some intranet applications.
- Manager from conception of a service for a television company group (they own 6 national televisions) controlling and tuning an application that managed prepaid cards for pay-per-view TV.
For all the projects we followed the ISO9001 protocol and the ITIL best practices.

Byte Software House S.p.A. Torino, Italy   09/2001-03/2002
Network and I.T. infrastructure Manager
- Manage the connectivity suppliers (site to site and toward the internet)
- Manage the servers: Windows 2000/NT, Active directory, Unix

- Manage the network infrastructure and clients: security, installation, administration, ...

NetManager S.p.A. Torino, Italy   07/2000-08/2001
Network and site infrastructure Manager
- Manage the oracle DBs for the production and developing environments
- Install the and manage the PCs
- Manage the network infrastructure (Router, server, ...)
- Manage all the site infrastructure (electric connections, furniture, ...)

PPG Industries Intl, Inc., Quattordio AL, Italy   06/1997-07/2000
Unix System Engineer and Oracle DBA.
- Manage several Unix HP machines used by plants in all of Europe.
- Manage the Oracle Databases running on these machines.
- Support the improvement of its Information Technology systems, moving from a non-homogeneous architecture (one system for each Nation) to a homogeneous Unix/Oracle in a TCP/IP networking system.

Flower S.r.l. Torino, Italy   05/1995-06/1997
Unix and Windows System Engineer, SQL Server and Oracle DBA, perl programmer.
I was involved in the following projects:
- Banca Mediocredito: develop and manage a reporting system. Environments: Windows NT, SQL server and Access.
- Headquarters: Manage the Internet site and the customer connections.
- Olivetti Ivrea: Realize an Internet / Intranet site for the Marketing bureau. General advice for the Olivetti Corporate side: mailing list, standard defining, ...
- ComTech Luxembourg s.a.: Collaborate in the set up a geographical ATM network for a Bank in Luxembourg. The information was in an Oracle database and the procedures were developed in Perl

EtaBeta Cooperative Society Torino, Italy   11/1994-04/1995
Network and system engineer
Install turnkey Networked PC systems (Hardware and Software) for Office Automation Purpose.

Dylog S.p.A. Torino, Italy   04/1994-10/1994
Hot line on Operative Systems and Network
Phone hot-line specialist on operating systems and networks.

Additional Information and affiliations

- I am a member of Mensa: the high I.Q. society.
- I have a double Citizenship: Italy (by birth) and USA (by Naturalization since 2013)

Language spoken and level of proficiency
according to Common European Framework of Reference for Languages (CEFR)

- Italian (mother language): C2
- English: C2
- French: B2 but not written
- Spanish: A2
- Esperanto: A2