# KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

#### AGENDA

A Special meeting of the Board of Directors of the Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District will be held Monday, September 21, 2009, 6:00 P.M., at the Community Center, 59 Arlington Avenue, Kensington, California.

Note: All proceedings of the Special meeting will be tape recorded.

Please note the new start time of 6:00 PM.

Roll Call Public Comments Board Member/Staff Comments

DISTRICT - OLD BUSINESS- None

**DISTRICT - NEW BUSINESS** 

1. The Board will interview the three candidates applying for the vacant position on the KPPCSD Board. The candidates are:

Arne J. Brock-Utne Melissa Holmes Snyder John Stein

The candidates' letters of interest and the questions to be asked by the Board, which have been provided to the candidates, are attached to the agenda packet.

**ADJOURNMENT** 

General Information

Accessible Public Meetings

NOTE: UPON REQUEST THE KENSINGTON POLICE PROTECTION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT WILL PROVIDE WRITTEN AGENDA MATERIALS IN APPROPRIATE ALTERNATIVE FORMATS, OR DISABILITY-RELATED MODIFICATION OR DISABILITIES TO PARTICIPATE IN PUBLIC MEETINGS.PLEASE SEND A WRITTEN REQUEST, INCLUDING YOUR NAME, MAILING ADDRESS, PHONE NUMBER AND A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE REQUESTED MATERIALS AND PREFERRED ALTERNATIVE FORMAT OR AUXILARY AID OR SERVICE AT LEAST 10 DAYS BEFORE THE MEETING.REQUESTS SHOULD BE SENT TO:

DISTRICT SECRETARY STEPHANIE FRIES COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT, 217 ARLINGTON AVE., KENSINGTON, CA 94707 POSTED: Public Safety Building-Colusa Food-Library-Arlington Kiosk- and at www.kensingtoncalifornia.org Complete agenda packets are available at the Public Safety Building and the Library.

September 2, 2009

#### **KPPCSD Board**

Kensington CA 94707

Attention: KPPCSD Board

RE: Application for KPPCSD Board

Dear KPPCSD Board:

I have been a Kensington resident, homeowner, and voter for the last 5 years. My oldest of three children just started kindergarten at Hilltop School. I have a vested interest in Kensington remaining a strong, safe community, and feel that I have the leadership experience to help Kensington remain so.

I am an Anesthesiologist at John Muir Medical Center (where I have been for the last 6 years). There, I serve as Vice-Chairman of the Department of Anesthesia, and Chairman of Quality Assurance for our Department. I have been a delegate to the California Society of Anesthesiologists, and a Voluntary Clinical Faculty at Stanford University Medical Center.

I'm interested in increasing community engagement through our recreation facilities and maintaining the safety and serenity of Kensington in cooperation with our Kensington Police Department.

Thank you for considering my application. Please contact me with further questions.

Respectfully,

Arne J Brock-Utne, MD

Kensington, CA 94707

# Melissa Holmes Snyder

Kensington, CA 94707

September 7, 2009

Kensington Police Protection and Community Services District 217 Arlington Avenue Kensington, CA 94707-1401

Re: Letter of Interest for the KPPCSD Board Vacancy

Dear KPPCSD Board Members:

Please accept and consider my Letter of Interest for the KPPCSD Board vacancy.

I bring relevant skills and Board experience that has included California Alumni Association Board of Directors (2004-2007) representing over 400,000 UC Berkeley Alumni; Home Building Association Board Of Directors-Southern Division (2006-2008) representing the building and construction members of San Francisco thorough San Jose; and the Kensington Improvement Club Board of Directors, for which I am currently a Board member. In all of these Board positions communications efforts have been key, while ensuring that the organization remains fiscally sound and represents the desires of the members in bringing services and projects to fruition. Additionally, I have been, and continue to be, a mentor to incoming Cal students for years.

Since 1997, I had been dividing my time between Kensington and Laguna Niguel, in Southern California; I have been a fulltime resident of Kensington since 2006. While I am a fairly new to Kensington, I believe this is a plus in that I do not have longstanding positions on the issues that this community faces, leaving me to thoroughly review all existing positions and providing me with the opportunity to build consensus.

My career has certainly provided me with a unique set of tools to resolve complex issues by thinking creatively and strategically, preparing cohesive and motivating presentations and events, successfully coordinating numerous artistic and technical disciplines, while identifying new opportunities and fulfilling organizational goals. The completion of high quality projects using strategic thinking and maintaining attention to detail, on time and on budget, has been evident my entire career. I understand the need for being a self-starter to come up to speed with KPPCSD policies and the budget quickly, knowing when to be a team player and when to be a leader, the importance of having integrity and a sense of humor.

I look forward to speaking with you regarding your questions of the candidates. I believe that my dedication of time and energy to each of the Boards on which I have been an active and present member, will make me an excellent choice for this KPPCSD Board vacancy.

Sincerely,

Melissa Holmes Snyder

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### JOHN STEIN

## Kensington, CA 94707

September 1, 2009

Chuck Toombs, President Board of Directors Kensington Police Protection Community Services District 217 Arlington Ave. Kensington, CA 94707

RE: Board of Directors – Position Opening – Expression of Interest

Dear Chuck,

For 27 years, my wife Kathy and I have resided in Kensington. In recent years, I've been attending the monthly meetings of the KPPCSD. Having observed this organization struggling to cope with a variety of challenging situations, I've decided that, if I were to serve on the KPPCSD Board of Directors, my experience and background could be of value to my community.

I am well versed on the important financial issues facing the District as well as the District's three main functions - police service, Kensington Park, and the refuse contract. I also have a keen sense of what the community expects of the District's board.

I have a BS degree in Banking and Finance from the University of Illinois and an MPH from UCLA's School of Public Health. I am employed in the field of healthcare, focusing on finance. I have worked extensively with Healthcare Trusts and Healthplans, as well as with hospitals and physicians.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Stejin

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The board is sometimes presented with situations where serious and substantial difference of opinion exists, both within the board as well as the public. Can you describe your experiences in handling such situations, and describe your approach.
Please describe how you view your relationship as a board member to the chief of police and the Police Force.
What do you see as the single most compelling problem facing KPPCSD, what is the etiology of it, and what strategies would you use to remediate it?
Please describe any academic, professional or technical qualifications or experience you have that would be specifically relevant to your role as a Director of a local government agency.