

Supplemental Application
North Santa Clara Resource Conservation District
An independent special district of the State of California

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Director Application and Certification of Qualifications

Candidates who submit applications before October 7, 2024 are eligible for interview by NSCRCD for possible recommendation to the Board of Supervisors. For assistance with your application or to request reasonable accommodations to submit your application in an alternative format, please contact the NSCRCD office at 408-288-5888 or email Executive Director Stephanie Moreno at smoreno@gcrd.org.

Name: Matthew Dominic Roben _____

Mailing Address: [REDACTED] San Jose, CA 95127 _____

Phone Number: [REDACTED] Email: [REDACTED] _____

Statement of Interest:

1. Describe your interest in serving on the North Santa Clara RCD.

The ability to help guide decisions being made which greatly affect what happens to the land and soil is of huge interest to me. My wife Emily and I are fortunate enough to steward 12 acres in the east hills of San Jose. I would like to share my knowledge about soil and water conservation which I actively work on to improve through regenerative agriculture, grassland and water management. I believe that small but concrete steps can create the needed changes to alter our impact on the environment.

2. Please share how you've demonstrated your interest in soil and water conservation.

In 2021 I spent six months studying with Santa Cruz Permaculture where I received my Permaculture Design Certificate. I actively read periodicals which relate to these topic. I had an article printed by Countryside Magazine which is a nationwide publication for people interested in living a more farm inspired sustainable life. I am a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose Climate Action Committee and regularly lead and attend meetings related to conservation topics.

3. Describe other applicable skills that you believe would serve the District.

I am a professional benefit auctioneer and work for charity events and galas around the country. I run an Airbnb as well as host farm tours that bring people from all over Santa Clara County and beyond to learn about our farm animal rescue and the steps we are taking to create healthier soil and how we practice ways to improve water usage and conservation practices.

I am a recent graduate of the Santa Clara County Sheriff Search and Rescue Academy

Required Qualifications:

The qualifications for a Director are set forth in California Public Resources Code (PRC) Section 9352 as follows:

- (a) Directors shall be registered voters in the state.
- (b) Except as provided in subdivision (d), directors shall (1) reside within the district and either own real property in the district or alternatively have served, pursuant to the district's rules, for two years or more as an associate director providing advisory or other assistance to the board of directors, or (2) be a designated agent of a resident landowner within the district.

Please initial the following indicating compliance with PRC 9352(a):

I am a registered voter in California.

Please initial at least one of the following indicating compliance with PRC 9352(b):

I am a real property owner residing within District. APN: [REDACTED]

I reside within the district and have been a NSCRCD Associate Director for two years or more providing advisory or other assistance to the Board of Directors. My residence is: _____

I am a designated agent of a resident landowner. (Attach letter from the resident landowner designating you as their agent; letter must include the qualifying property address.)

I hereby declare that I am an applicant and qualified candidate for the office of Director, and that I meet the qualifications set forth in Section 9352 of the Public Resources Code, as indicated above. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Print Name Matthew Roben

Signed:  _____ Signature Date: 10/29/2024 _____

County of Santa Clara

Office of the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
County Government Center, East Wing, 10th Floor
70 West Hedding Street
San Jose, California 95110-1770
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County of Santa Clara Application to serve on a Special District

Please submit completed application via email to Records.Unit@cob.sccgov.org or by mail to Clerk of the Board of Supervisors Office, East Wing, 10th floor, 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose, CA 95110.

Full Name: Roben Matthew Dominic
(Last) (First) (Middle)

Circle one: Mr. Mrs. Ms.

Address: [REDACTED]

City San Jose State CA Zip Code 95127

Telephone: _____
(Work) (Home) (Cell)

Fax: _____ Email: [REDACTED]

Are you a current resident of Santa Clara County? Yes No If yes, how long? 2021-Present
1977-1995

In which Supervisorial district do you live? 1

Are you a county employee? Yes No If yes, in which department: _____

Are you currently an appointed member of a Santa Clara County Board/Commission/Committee/
Special District?

Yes No If yes, which one(s) _____

How did you learn of this vacancy? Susan Hare

Occupation: Professional benefit auctioneer for charity events and galas
Farm animal rescue and agri-tourism

Education: 1991-1995 Bellarmine College Preparatory

1995-1997 National Circus School Montreal, Quebec, Canada

2005-2007 Harold Washington City College, Chicago, IL, Associate of Arts

2007-2009 University of Illinois at Chicago, IL, Bachelor of Science, Human Nutrition

On which Special District would you like to serve?

Guadalupe-Coyote

Why do you want to become a member of a Special District?

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land and soil is of huge interest to me. My wife Emily and I are fortunate enough to steward
12 acres in the east hills of San Jose. I would like to share my knowledge about soil and
water conservation which I actively work on to improve through regenerative agriculture,
grassland and water management. I believe that small but concrete steps can create
the needed changes to alter our impact on the environment.

Please list your qualifications for the Special District on which you would like to serve:

I previously worked in law enforcement in the city of Chicago as a police officer from
2017 until my return to San Jose in 2021 at which time I began working on our 12 acre
land that we live upon. In 2021 I spent six months studying with Santa Cruz Permaculture
where I received my Permaculture Design Certificate. I actively read periodicals which relate
to these topics and I just had an article accepted by Countryside Magazine which is a
nationwide publication for people interested in living a more farm inspired sustainable life.

Are there any special interests or activities that you wish to bring to the attention of the Board of Supervisors?

I am currently a member of the Rotary Club of San Jose and serve on two committees

that focus on animal welfare and environmental impact. Additionally, I run an Airbnb

as well as host farm tours that bring people from all over Santa Clara County to

to learn about our farm animal rescue and the steps we are taking to create healthier

soil and how we practice ways to improve water usage and conservation practices.

I am a recent graduate of the Santa Clara County Sheriff Search and Rescue Academy.

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? If yes, please explain:

All of the work I perform is based at my home and allows for a very flexible schedule.

Beyond Wednesday Rotary meetings and bagpipes practice and occasional performances

with the San Jose Police Emerald Society Bagpipes and Drums I have a wide open

schedule.

Search and Rescue might occasionally be a conflict but I am never required to go on a callout.

This space is provided for any additional information you may wish to provide about yourself or the position being sought:

I am a passionate person and have been a professional public speaker. Throughout

my life I have had a variety of careers and hobbies that have allowed me the opportunity

to travel and meet people from all walks of life. My primary joy that came with every

one of those different activities was that I was able to share my interests with people

who may have previously had zero exposure to the topic. I also spent 17 years volunteering

at the Shedd Aquarium in Chicago where I was a SCUBA diver responsible for taking care

of various animal habitats and doing public performances with 1500+ hours of my time.

I have sufficient time to devote to this responsibility and will attend the required meetings if I am appointed.

Date: 10/29/2024

Please list three references:

■ [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]

■ [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]

■ [Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]
[Redacted] [Redacted]

We appreciate your interest in the County of Santa Clara. Your application will be forwarded the Board of Supervisors for consideration. Please make a copy of your application for your files before you submit it. Please submit completed application via email to Records.Unit@cob.sccgov.org or mail to:

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San Jose, CA 95110**

If you have any questions, please contact the Records Unit at (408) 299-5001 or Records.Unit@cob.sccgov.org

Application expires 2 years from date received by the Clerk’s Office.