

CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO FILL VACANCY EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 31, 2017

RETURN TO: DISTRICT CLERK
P.O. BOX 65
1316 TAMSEN STREET, SUITE 201
CAMBRIA, CA 93428

INSTRUCTIONS: Please complete each item below. All applications must be received at the Cambria Community Services District Office by Friday, December 1, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. For further information, please contact the District Clerk at 927-6223. This application shall be maintained for a period of one year only for the purpose of filling a director vacancy. **Please print in ink or type.**

DATE TO REMEMBER: Please be advised that the Cambria Community Services District Board of Directors has not yet scheduled a **Special Board Meeting** to interview the candidates.

APPLYING FOR: APPOINTMENT TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS – VACANT POSITION

Name: Perry Dennis Alan
(Last) (First) (Middle)

PRIMARY RESIDENCE

[Redacted]
(Number) (Street)
Cambria 93428
(City) (Zip Code)

Are you a registered voter in Cambria? ☒ yes ☐ no

CONTACT INFORMATION

Home: [Redacted]
Business: [Redacted]
Mobile: [Redacted]



12:11 PM

Email:

REFERENCES: Give names and addresses of three persons, not relatives, who have knowledge of your character, experience, community involvement, and abilities.

Name	Address	Telephone Number	Occupation
1. Wayne and Barbara Batchelor			Business owner and teacher
2. Brian Halligan			Business owner
3. Deborah Karlson			CPA and business owner

MEMBERSHIPS: (List any memberships on Boards, Commissions or Committees. Indicate whether past or current.)

Washington County, Oregon, Medical Reserve Corps, Chair Executive Board
District: (Past - 2016)

Other governmental agencies: State Medical Volunteer Pool, Oregon (Current); Oregon Rural Health Association (Current); California Naturopathic

Are you or have you been employed by the District? ☐ yes ☒ no

**CAMBRIA COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT (CCSD)
General Question for Board Candidates
November 16, 2017**

1. Why do you want to serve on the CCSD Board of Directors?

See attached
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As long as we can remember, there have been issues and questions about the water supply in Cambria. That continues to this day, as we know. And let's face it, there is a crisis of confidence in government, government agencies, and the people in whom we place our trust in our representative democracy to represent and manage for us. We have been somewhat saddened to see and experience that here in Cambria with CCSD. When we have such a small agency that has the potential to show how government can work to the benefit of everyone who lives or visits here, but somehow fails to unite the community behind common goals and interests, it's time to take stock and ask ourselves what we could - and should - be doing differently. Our local government should not be beholden to special interests and ultra-wealthy and corporate entities, and it should employ expertise needed to take care of everyone's interests. Given the financial challenges facing our district, I fear that the ability of common people being able to afford to own homes and live here in Cambria is going to go the way of Santa Barbara or Laguna Beach. That would be a terrible loss and a tragedy.

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There are so many positives here: volunteer opportunities, welcoming organizations, lovely warm neighbors and neighborhoods, a superlative environmental quality - just to name a few. We also have a wealth of expertise and knowledge here that, to my eye, remains largely untapped. We need to identify and enlist the help of those with these talents who want to contribute. It can be done. People want to participate in the betterment of our community. And there are already so many ways to do that. Having the CCSD on that list of opportunities is a real positive. I'm positively impressed by the willingness of our district to involve "the people".

Recent national - and local - political developments have been the type, in my humble opinion, of unwelcome news that we are at first horrified by. But as that settles in opportunity emerges. I believe Senator Bernie Sanders best exemplifies this opportunity when he encourages us, whether we are politicians or not, whether we have experience in politics and government or not, whether we even want to be in politics or not, to run for office; to be involved.

I am meeting this challenge by stepping up to say I can make a difference, I can be involved, and I can help restore trust in our government by simply offering myself as a candidate for public office by way of our community SERVICES district (emphasis on service) and being accountable to those neighbors I serve and represent and giving them my best ideas and skills.

This is why I am interested in serving on the Board.

Here are some ideas I'd bring to the Board, which I'm happy to explore together in much greater detail, but most of which I have not heard discussed:

RE Financial condition of the District:

1. Freeze expenditures
2. Rationalize each expenditure (i.e. is this expenditure absolutely necessary?)
3. Explore less expensive, more efficient, expenditure options for each item
4. Examine each revenue source. Is that source sustainable? What is the impact on the district and of those contributing that revenue?

I don't believe we need a lot of additional employees or contractors to do this. We have the expertise right here in town, if not on our Board already. Let's form a community involvement committee and use what we already have in the form of people who would love to contribute their knowledge and skills. I believe Director Farmer's table talk forum is a great start in this. I think we can expand on his idea and actually put people's ideas to work as volunteers on a committee. I've participated in an impromptu committee meeting of residents and there were amazing ideas put on the table inside of an hour. Let's use that resource.

RE Emergency Water Supply/Sustainable Water Supply Project

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1. This was a no-bid contract that has become a political and technical disaster, or is one still in the making. This project needs to be re-negotiated.
2. Bring in some new ideas for this project. One idea: Cal Poly has an excellent engineering school, with some of the world's brightest and most talented students. The University used to require internships which provided at least two things: students got real world experience and a crack at a great job after graduation, in an area in which they'd like to develop a professional reputation, and on the other side a great opportunity for the "employer" to obtain the latest engineering skills available anywhere, at a very reasonable cost (what does it cost to employ student interns - not much). We can be selective in who we choose as interns. Who knows, they may want to stick around and make Cambria home and raise families here. Win - win.

RE Fire Safety

1. We need to explore ways to bring properties into a higher state of fire safety. There are still diseased, dying trees everywhere. For those who cannot afford to meet higher safety standards, deferred payment through liens is an option, where the repayment is made at the time of property sale.
2. Work with the county to continue to extend the blanket permit to cut down dead and dying trees to a permanent permit. It's a waste of time and resources to having to keep doing this year after year, and in the larger scheme is ridiculous given the danger we know exists. We're all concerned that Santa Rosa could be repeated here.
2. Again, we have great Universities throughout the state, many of which have horticulture, forestry, arborist departments. Let's tap those resources in addition to those we already are using to get these diseased and dying trees out of here, and replaced with safer, healthy trees which will carry us into the 2100s.

RE Parks, preserves

These are a wondrous part of Cambria. Let's look at ways of not only supporting what we have, but ways of increasing them. Funding is always a challenge, but understanding how we can expand open space, rather than fill it in with more development, is likely to increase the desirability of Cambria. The ideas I've heard about consolidating vacant lots that have little likelihood of ever getting water or sewer service is really encouraging. We are soon going to see the California Coastal Trail (which is like the Pacific Crest Trail, except on the coastline) expand/consolidate through Cambria. How have we prepared for this, and can we use some of these adjacent vacant lots as park land for the hiking/biking/riding passers-thru?

Water Treatment Facility

This facility seems to be experiencing increasing numbers of issues, especially with odors emanating from the facility and sewage back ups. We don't have adequate resources allocated to upgrading this plant, but continue with a regime of emergency fixes. Being more proactive on the management - again, bring in some interns, or recent grads and their latest/greatest ideas and concepts. We could get a

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21st century plant up and running in ten years, using less water while generating less pollution. If we as a country could figure out how to do this in the 1930s when there were virtually no resources, certainly, in our time of great plenty, we can figure it out.

Water Delivery Infrastructure

Our system is old and decaying. We need continue to plug leaks, but we also need to be identify resources for eventual replacement of the pipes, pumps, and storage. It's only going to get more expensive as time goes on. We lived in an area where the District failed to stay enough ahead of the infrastructural issues (Fallbrook Rainbow Water District) that resulted in days without water as the system was shut down for emergency repairs. We don't want to find ourselves in that situation here, especially given our reliance on conventional as well as eco-tourism.

These are only some ideas. Whether I'm appointed to the Board or not, I encourage the Board to at least examine these ideas. We need to have 21st century, affordable solutions. We have them right here in front of us if we just look at them and expand the use the resources we already have available to us.

Thank you for your consideration.
Dennis Perry