

Nevada Assembly Seat – District 17 Interest Application

General Information

Applicant Name: Meli Pulido

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I certify to the following:

- That I actually, as opposed to constructively, reside at the home address listed above, and that it resides WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES of Assembly District 17;
- You can verify that you live within the boundaries of Assembly District 17 by referring to the map on the legislative website at http://leg.state.nv.us/Division/Research/Districts/Reapp/2011/Final/Assembly/ASM2011_District17_11x17.pdf or by doing an address/elected officials search on the Clark County website at <http://gisgate.co.clark.nv.us/openweb/>.*
- That I am registered as a member of the DEMOCRATIC PARTY;
- That I am at least 21 YEARS OLD and a QUALIFIED ELECTOR pursuant to Section 1 of Article 2 of the Constitution of the State of Nevada; and
- That if I have ever been convicted of treason or a felony, my civil rights have been restored by a court of competent jurisdiction.
- I plan/do not plan/do not know if I will run for this position regardless of being selected. (Circle one.)

Meli Pulido
Signature

April 8, 2013
Date

REQUIRED INFORMATION

Along with this application, please attach information regarding your background and education such as a letter of interest, a resume, or a statement of qualifications. (It should contain at a minimum political activities, community work and memberships to various organizations.)

SUBMITTING APPLICATION

You may submit this document and the required information by 5:00 P.M., April 9, 2013 via email to Sabra Smith Newby, Director of Administrative Services at sabra@ClarkCountyNV.gov or deliver this application in person to the Administrative Services Department, 6th Floor, Clark County Government Center, 500 South Grand Central Parkway. (This document becomes a public record once it has been received by Clark County.)

April 8, 2013

County Commission
c/o Sabra Smith Newby
Director of Administrative Services
Clark County Government Center
500 South Grand Central Parkway
Las Vegas, Nevada 89155

Esteem County Commissioners:

I respectfully submit my application to fill the vacancy in Assembly District 17. I offer the constituents of District 17 over 30 years of consistent public service experience in Southern Nevada with strong emphasis in multicultural engagement. My passion to serve the community with integrity and transparency is in my DNA with nothing else to gain but satisfaction of developing stronger, diverse, and sustainable communities. As you face the hard task of selecting an appointment, I ask that you strongly consider the importance of my extensive public service, authentic human element, ability to influence change, compromise, and cultivate collaboration to best serve citizens. My retiree status is also an asset permitting immediate representation with longterm commitment to District 17. I have provided my background, resume and current letters of support for your favorable consideration.

Professional Experience

I retired in May 2011 after a progressive 25 year career with the City of Las Vegas. My area of focus included Human Resources Employee Relations, Organizational Development, Community Outreach, Recruitment, Investigations & Mediation, and Training, and Employee Recognition Programs. In addition, I served as the Human Resources' Public Information Officer and member of the Sustainability Committee. Currently, I am fulfilling my longtime dream of devoting myself full time to non-profit work for organizations whose missions and visions include multicultural empowerment through higher education and career development.

Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) 501(c)3

Since 1999, I have been a member of the Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) and have held various executive board positions, including President. SNHEP's Executive Council membership consist of predominately Human Resources Professionals representing public and private sectors. SNHEP's mission is to empower Hispanics to become viable contributors to the community through employment, education, promotion of cultural awareness, leadership and business development. I currently serve as **SNHEP Youth Council Chair**, developing leadership opportunities for youth through mentoring, cultural inclusion & awareness, training, community service projects, and fundraising for scholarships to benefit all local students. The Youth have learned the power of collaboration to maximize results and genuinely embrace the "Pay-it-Forward" meaning of public service. I proudly say, my two daughters founded the Youth Council under the SNHEP Executive Council umbrella after many years of volunteering for SNHEP events and programs.

Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) 501(c)3

As Ambassador for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society since 2010, I have worked diligently to provide blood cancer awareness and resource support. My husband, a Metro Detective, lost his battle to Lymphoma in 2009 forcing me to experience first hand, how difficult it is to navigate the medical, clinical research, and the brutal aftermath world of cancer. Therefore, I have made it my mission to share my story and educate patients, survivors, caregivers, and their families of the many resources available.

Project 150 501(c)3

Earlier this year, I accepted the position of Executive Director with Project 150, another amazing grassroots, non-profit organization that helps meet the basic needs of homeless high school students in Clark County. In collaboration with other organizations, Project 150 make a very difficult journey a little easier for students to stay in school, graduate, and successfully pursue college and/or employment opportunities. Project 150 provides food, clothes, school supplies, sports equipment, hygiene items, and upon request, moving needs as they transition to a permanent home. Project 150 is currently in 15 Clark County high schools with a goal to be in every high school by 2014 and soon thereafter, add mentoring programs to best prepare these students for college and workforce success.

Family Leadership Initiative, 501(c)3

A program for parents to learn to lead in their homes, schools, and workplace with emphasis in acclimating families to the beauty and power of embracing multicultural communities and maintaining their rich culture. This ten module program is offered to parents in Clark County School District schools following the unique curriculum design by LTC (Ret.) Consuelo Castillo Kickbush, founder of the Family Leadership Institute. Parents graduate from this program with higher goals, they increase engagement in their community, actively participate in their children's education, thus increasing school attendance, higher GPA's and graduation rates.

Summary

I am the middle child of nine siblings. As a widowed mother of two young ladies, I place raising and supporting my daughters as my first priority. My oldest is a Junior at UNR and my youngest is a Senior at Las Vegas High School. My youngest has recently been accepted to UNR and will begin her freshmen year this Fall. The three of us love to be involved in community service as a family team. I have a strong support system of family, friends, and colleagues who are ready to fill in for me at home and in my community projects during my absence.

I am an active listener, fast learner, with a strong work ethic that allows me to learn new processes without loosing focus of the best interest of the people I serve. Commissioners, I am ready to represent the constituents of Assembly District 17 and respectfully ask that you entrust me with the appointment.

Sincerely,


Meli Pulido

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SUMMARY

I retired in 2011 from the City of Las Vegas. I have three decades of public service experience with non-profit and community-faith organizations. I am dedicated to improving the lives of families in Nevada through advocacy and leadership that focus on educational excellence, quality health care and individual and community empowerment.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2013 - Present **Executive Director, Project 150, Las Vegas, Nevada**

Serve as chief operating officer. Direct and administer programs, operations, policies, community relations, fund development and promote community and volunteer engagement to successfully provide basic needs and increasing graduation success for homeless high school students in Clark County.

2010 - Present **Ambassador, Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, Las Vegas, Nevada**

Assist local blood cancer patients, survivors, caregivers, and their families with community resources to enhance their quality of life. Manage patient programs, strategic planning, budgeting, volunteer recruitment and development.

1999 - Present **Youth Council Chair, Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program**

Develop leadership opportunities for youth through mentoring, training, community service projects, and fundraising for scholarships to benefit local students. Promote cultural inclusion and awareness, higher education and workforce readiness. Fund development, manage grants, and cultivate community partnerships.

2009 - 2013 **Secretary, Family Leadership Initiative, Las Vegas, Nevada**

Assist with organization goals to guide and mentor parents to lead their families to academic success, healthy lives, safe environments, better quality of life and culturally acclimate. Assist in planning and coordinating ceremonies for program graduates.

1986 - 2011 **Human Resources Analyst (*last position title held*), City of Las Vegas, Nevada**

Plan and develop employee recognition programs, training and development, internal employee investigations, discipline hearings, and mediations. Managed community initiative programs to include United Way campaigns and accreditation evaluation, Club Ride Commuter Program, Lead Firefighter Trainee Interagency Recruitment Outreach and facilitated various school mentoring programs and career days. Served as Human Resources Public Information Officer and Sustainability Committee member. Developed and executed other special programs as assigned by Mayor, City Council, and/or City Manager's office.

1987 - 1990 **Las Vegas Fire & Rescue, City of Las Vegas**
Assist Support Services Fire Battalion Chief. Accounts receivable and payable, prepare and maintained purchase contracts from office supplies to fire station construction and apparatus. Attend contract negotiations, manage maintenance for all Fire Stations and administration buildings.

EDUCATION & TRAINING

2013 Bachelors of Business Management, (expected graduation June 2013)
University of Phoenix, Las Vegas, Nevada

2012 Family Leadership Institute, Practitioner's Certificate of Completion

2008 National Hispana Leadership Institute,
Executive Leadership Program

2008 Harvard University, John F. Kennedy School of Government
Center for Creative Leadership, Executive Program

2004 Dale Carnegie Leadership Academy

1999 National Latino Police Officers Association, Community Policing & Leadership
Development

MEMBERSHIPS

- Latino Peace Officers Association
- Latin Chamber of Commerce
- Society of Human Resources Association
- Las Mujeres Network, Las Vegas
- National Hispana Leadership Institute

CAMPAIGN SUPPORT

- 2008 and 2012 Presidential Campaigns,
- Various local campaigns



City of Las Vegas

Ricki Y. Barlow
Councilman, Ward 5

April 5, 2013

Greetings to my colleagues of the Clark County Commission:

There are many challenges that face our esteemed Legislative Assemblymen and woman. I commend you on your immediate actions to fill the seat for District 17 in a timely manner. The residents of District 17 deserve to be represented and are in need of a leader with proven leadership skills who will work tirelessly for the interest of these residents and our state. **I am giving my support to Meli Pulido as she is seeking to fill the vacant seat of Assembly District 17 and offer fair representation.**

I have known Mrs. Pulido for over 10 years as she retired from the City of Las Vegas after 25 years of public service. It was not until her retirement that I had the pleasure of working more closely with her in collaboration with a few organizations of which she is passionate. Understanding the importance of education, valuable research and along with collaborative efforts, she has proven her commitment to continuing her service to the community. She is a widowed mother of two very successful and giving daughters who are equally active in the community. She has maintained outstanding work ethic, character and because of her knowledge of community outreach and her passion to serve a variety of cultures she has been successful in receiving grants and support through and through. Her selfless commitments have afforded her various positions of executive boards including President, Chair and Vice-Chair and she currently serves as Executive Director for Project 150.

Meli Pulido has been a great inspiration to many women and families and has provided advice and direction to a number of youth and like-minded adults, always willing to elevate the spirit of those she works with. I have no reservations in supporting Mrs. Pulido as she seeks to fill the Assembly seat for District 17. I am confident that she will be dedicated to the residents and waste no time getting to work. If you should require any further questions, please contact me directly at rbarlow@lasvegasnevada.gov or you may call 702-229-5443.

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Councilman Ricki Y. Barlow





www.LLS.org

April 5, 2013

Clark County Commissioner:

It is my sincere pleasure to write this recommendation on behalf of Mrs. Meli Pulido. Mrs. Pulido has been an Ambassador with The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society (LLS) Southern Nevada Office since 2010. She is responsible for helping local blood cancer patients and their families navigate our local community resources and provide guidance through their cancer journey. She connects with the patients and families to really learn and understand their needs and how to assist them to live a better quality of life. Meli also manages and implements multiple and complex patient services programs and events as well as development of a comprehensive plan of operations for assigned programs. This would include strategic planning, budgeting, logistics, timeline development, volunteer recruitment, marketing for each event.

Meli adapted and executed precisely the responsibilities given to her and showed strong motivation, leadership and teamwork skills. She is capable of balancing multiple priorities effectively with seamless transition. She is an intelligent, resourceful, and energetic Ambassador and is a pleasure to work with.

Mrs. Pulido has consistently shown a strong desire to learn and assist our local Leukemia & Lymphoma Society Chapter through the teamwork she exhibits in supporting not only patient services but our fundraising campaigns as well. She continues to impress me with her knowledge, skill and dedication to her task at hand and her willingness to support LLS for the overall mission. She is self-motivated, highly organized and committed to excellence. I am sure you will find her to be an exceptional Assemblywoman whose skills will only excel further advocating for our community as a whole. Feel free to contact me if you require further information.

Sincerely,

Christina Goodman
Patient Services Manager
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Vision:

Empower Hispanics to become viable contributors to the community through employment, education, promotion of cultural awareness, leadership and business development.

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April 5, 2013

SNHEP supports Meli Pulido for Assembly District 17

Meli has been an active member of the Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (SNHEP) since 1999 and has held various executive board positions, including President. In each role, Meli has demonstrated exceptional leadership, initiative, and transparency in fulfilling the SNHEP's mission is to empower Hispanics to become viable contributors to the community through employment and education.

Meli currently serves as SNHEP Youth Council Chair, developing leadership opportunities for youth through mentoring, community service projects, and fundraising for scholarships to benefit local students. Due largely to her commitment and dedication the SNHEP Youth Council has worked diligently to raise higher education, workforce, nutrition and fitness awareness.

SNHEP Youth Council members have learned the importance of leveraging partnerships and have gained the support of collaborating organizations such as National Latino Police Officers Association, Clark County Chapter, the Las Vegas City Council & Fire Department, NV Energy, Clark County School District, local businesses, and other non-profit organizations.

Each year, the members have totaled over 1,200 hours of volunteer time throughout the community while maintaining academic, sports, clubs, and personal demands.

Meli's consistency in community service is why SNHEP supports Meli Pulido for Assembly District 17.

Sincerely,

Linda Rivera
President

April 8, 2013

Nevada Legislative Leaders and County Commissioners:

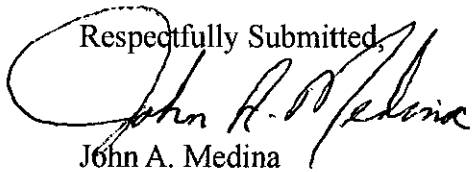
It is my honor and privilege to recommend Ms. Meli Pulido of 6552 Black Oaks Street, North Las Vegas, Nevada 89084 to fill the vacancy in Assembly District 17.

I have had the pleasure of knowing and working with Ms. Pulido for more than 15 years. During all this time, I have enjoyed her complete dedication and commitment to every project she has undertaken. In all my years of employment and community service, I have never known a person with a greater sense of responsibility.

I truly believe that if you fail to appoint Ms. Pulido, the constituency of Assembly District 17 will be sorely short-changed by the loss of this very capable candidate.

I realize that you will be looking at other candidates to fill this position but if you truly want to provide the citizens in Assembly District 17 a representative that will do everything possible to represent them in this most important position, Meli Pulido is that person!

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John A. Medina". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "J".

John A. Medina

Former President

Southern Nevada Hispanic Employment Program (1992-2002)

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