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**CITY OF CATHEDRAL CITY
COMMISSION/BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION**

Commission/Board/Committee
on which you would like to serve: Public Arts Commission

(One Application for each Commission/Board/Committee)

NAME: Donald B. Stouder

HOME ADDRESS:



(Applicants must be a Registered Voter in Cathedral City)

HOME PHONE:

CELL PHONE:



E-mail ADDRESS:



LENGTH OF RESIDENCY IN CATHEDRAL CITY:

I have been a resident for 6 years.

IF EMPLOYED, PLEASE LIST WHERE YOU WORK AND POSITION YOU HOLD:

Recently retired counselor and chaplain at Reliance Hospice in Palm Desert.

PLEASE ATTACH A LETTER OF INTEREST INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING:

- Why you wish to be considered for appointment to the Commission/Board/Committee
- Your relevant experience and knowledge

The information provided will be used by the City Council as part of the application process and will be considered by the City Council upon receipt, provided a vacancy exists on the Board, Commission or Committee for which you have applied. If there is no vacancy, your application will be kept on file for one year for consideration should an opening occur.

Please keep in mind that State Law requires specific Commission/Board/Committee members to file a Financial Disclosure Statement.

Please return application to:
City of Cathedral City
Office of the City Clerk
68-700 Avenida Lalo Guerrero
Cathedral City, CA 92234

Submit by email to: tmartinez@cathedralcity.gov

Thank you for your willingness to serve your local government and community.

FROM THE DESK OF

Don Stouder

May 8, 2024

Letter of Interest

Donald B. Stouder

Cathedral City Public Arts Commission

I am writing this at the Cathedral City Library after biking over here via Ocotillo Park. It seemed like there was something on the entire route that has been touched, or is about to be touched, by the Public Arts Commission. Even here inside the library I will have the opportunity to present my art next weekend because of an exhibition sponsored by the commission. Thank you, by the way.

I am recently retired from a very long career in health care, and I would be very interested in serving on the commission as a way to give something back to my adopted city, now that I have some free time! My husband Tim and I have been here since 2017, and have been cheerleaders for Cathedral City since we arrived. In retirement, I am an active writer, photographer, and artist. In my professional life, I served on many regional and national committees and commissions. These two together seem like a great fit for the Public Art Commission.

I am attaching a CV and would be happy to answer any questions you might have.

Sincerely,

Don Stouder

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The Reverend Dr. Donald B. Stouder



Curriculum Vitae

With over 48 years experience health care, I am a seasoned first responder, chaplain, counselor, medical ethicist, department director and adjunct professor. I am also a recognized digital artist, writer, and photographer. I seek to touch lives, make care and comfort more accessible, model and teach compassion, and leave the world a little better than I found it.

Experience

BEREAVEMENT AND VOLUNTEER MANAGER, RELIANCE HOSPICE PALM DESERT - 2020-2024

Provide individual and group grief support and counseling; Provide counseling and spiritual care to hospice patients and their families at home and in facilities; Developed staff support programs. Lead Expressive Writing ZOOM groups.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, THE HUMANIST CHAPLAINCY, INC – 2015-PRESENT

Coordinate activities of over 400 volunteers at Desert Regional Medical Center, a Level II Trauma Center. Provide chaplain coverage at Eisenhower Medical Center and Mission Hospice. Generated grant support and developed Covid-19 staff support programs.

CHAPLAIN AND HOSPITAL DEVELOPMENT MANAGER, UC SAN DIEGO HEALTH – 2005-2015

Chaplain and Hospital Development Manager working with organ donor families in crisis, end-of-life situations. Developed protocols and education programs in donation consent that are now used throughout the nation.

DIRECTOR, CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL CARE, SHARP GROSSMONT HOSPITAL – 1995-2005

Built a successful staff and volunteer based spiritual care program. Introduced an effective Bioethics program. Built strong relationships with staff and provided staff support programs. Helped create the Center for Mindfulness Education.

OTHER WORK AND VOLUNTEER POSITIONS AND EXPERIENCE

Affiliated Community Minister, UU Church of the Desert, 2017-2023

Volunteer Wilderness Ranger, Cleveland National Forest, 2013-2016

Owner-Curator, @PositiveSpace Gallery Online Space

Juried Show: Rancho Mirage Art Festival, 2021

Juried Show, Mission Trails Regional Park Visitor Center, 2014.

Board Chair, AIDS Memorial Quilt SD Chapter, 1991-1995

Artist Commission: UCSD-Lifesharing Public Galleries, 2014

Education

- Graduate Theological Foundation – Doctor of Ministry in Pastoral Care and Counseling, 2015. Awarded Carl R. Rogers Scholarship in Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- Clinical Pastoral Education Internship-Residency (8 Units), Sharp Memorial Hospital, Trauma and Oncology, 1994-1996.
- Graduate Study in Health Care Ethics, Emory University and University of Washington at Seattle, 1996-1997.
- The Thomasine Seminary, Master of Divinity Degree with additional study at the Education for Ministry Program, Episcopal Diocese of San Diego, 1993.
- Chadwick University, Bachelor of Science in Environmental Studies, 1990.

Professional Achievements

- Grief and Bereavement Specialist, Critical Incident Stress Certified, Myers-Briggs Personality Type Counseling Certified. Board Certified Pastoral Care Specialist, American Association of Pastoral Counselors.
- National Seminar Speaker and Workshop Facilitator. Appointed to a two year term beginning in 2022-2024 National Hospice and Palliative Care Organization Ethics Advisory Council.
- Elected to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS) National Bioethics Committee, three year term 2012-2015. Bioethics Committee Chair, Sharp Grossmont Hospital. On-Call Ethics Committee Member, University of California San Diego Medical Center. Adjunct Instructor in Bioethics throughout San Diego County.

Honors and Awards

- University of California Chancellor's Advisory Council on LGBTQ+ Issues.
- Carl R. Rogers Scholarship in Pastoral Care and Counseling.
- ACE Palliative Care Project Finalist, City of Hope.
- Chaplain Emeritus, Sharp Grossmont Hospital.
- Distinguished Service, HRSA Organ Donation Breakthrough Collaborative.
- Finalist, Sharp Healthcare Spirit of Caring Award.
- Distinguished Service, Millburn-Short Hills (NJ) Volunteer First Aid Squad

Credentials and Certifications

- Faith Group: Unitarian Universalist. Ordained 1993. Affiliate Fellowship since 1995.
- Ecclesiastical Endorsement for Chaplaincy, The Humanist Society, expires 2023.
- Certified Family Service Coordinator, Lifesharing Organ and Tissue Donation (UCSD).
- Certified Pastoral Care Specialist, American Association of Pastoral Counselors.
- Member, Association of Professional Chaplains, Spiritual Care Association, Association for Bioethics and the Humanities.
- Private Pilot License, Single Engine Fixed Wing Land, FAA. Tailwheel and High Performance Endorsements. FAA Remote sUAV Pilot (Drone) License.
- Certified Race Management Official, US Sailing.

Selected Published Works (others via Google)

Stouder, DB. (2015). **The Role of the Hospital-Based Physician in Organ Donation**. San Diego Physician, August 2015, 19-22.

Stouder, DB. (2015). **First on the Scene: Crisis Intervention in Spiritual Care**. (1st ed). New York: Createspace Publications.

Stouder, DB. (2015). **Living, Non-Directed Organ Donation: A Bioethics White Paper**. UNOS Ethics Committee, <http://optn.transplant.hrsa.gov/resources/ethics/>

Stouder, DB. (2014). **Jung, Eco-psychology, and the Person-Centered Approach: Seeking Wholeness in Counseling, Life Coaching, and Clinical Spiritual Care**. WebMedCentral, n, 1-5.

Stouder, DB. (2012). **Clinical Bioethics in the Twenty-First Century: An Integral Perspective**. WebMedCentral, n, 10-22.

Stouder, DB. (2009). **Family, Friends, and Faith: How Organ Donor Families Heal. Progress in Transplantation**, 19.4, 358-61.

Stouder, DB. (2004). **Along the Thomasine Path**. (1st ed). New York: iUniverse.

Stouder, DB. (contributing author). (2004). **Wilderness Basics**. (6th ed). San Francisco: Mountaineers Books.

Stouder, DB. (2000). **Seasons of a Ministry: A Memoir in Sermon and Story**. (1st ed). Philadelphia: Xlibris.