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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Recreation Advisory Commission: Submitted

Question applies to multiple boards

**Appointment to the Architectural Commission (ARCOM), Landmarks Preservation Commission, Planning and Zoning Commission, Recreation Advisory Commission, & Underground Utilities Task Force (UUTF) requires the applicant to be a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach. Please attach a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Voter Registration card with your application. Failure to provide the required copy of the voter registration card shall be grounds for rejection of the application.**

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**I am a registered voter in the Town of Palm Beach (Initial below)**

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Verified - KMC

Upload a Voter Registration Card in one of the accepted formats (Front)

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volunteer (Rosarian Academy). Former interior designer (NYC).

Occupation

In what area of town do you live?

☒ North

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## Interests/Experience

Question applies to Recreation Advisory Commission

### Why do you wish to be appointed as a member of the Recreation Advisory Commission?

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My family and I are passionate users and supporters of the recreation offerings in Palm Beach. Having grown up in a small town in North Carolina where the local rec center was the lifeblood of the community, I know how important it is to have thriving, balanced rec programs and facilities that cater to all community members: big and small, North End and South End. My husband Kevin and I are avid users and supporters of the Palm Beach recreation facilities, along with our school-aged children. Any given day, at least one of us is there enjoying the athletics field at Seaview; the Mandel fitness center; the Par 3 golf course; the beaches of Phipps Ocean Park; the Seaview playground and tennis courts; or attending some of the special family-oriented events such as the Navy SEALS event or Mandel anniversary festivities. (I'm also even enjoying an under-utilized classroom Wednesday at Mandel for its French class, mon dieu.) My father and mother, who have lived in the same town for 70 years, taught me that it is a duty and privilege to be an engaged member of the community. My girls and I get to see the ocean every day on our drive to school, and I truly believe that it is important to give my time and engagement back to the community that I am so fortunate to call home. My husband and I have been full-time residents of the North End for four years now with our school-age daughters. Before that, we have been renting on Palm Beach island since 2013 and have witnessed the rapid changes and growth pressures that have come. We are here now for life, and I feel compelled to get involved on a deeper civic level, in the recreation arena that I support widely and deeply on a daily basis. I would be honored to serve as a dedicated voice representing the vibrant recreational offerings within the Town of Palm Beach. I have increased my involvement in the community over the last year, including getting involved with the Palm Beach Preservation Foundation. Along with my husband, I have also become involved with the Palm Beach Civic Association, attending events that help shape our town such as the moderated panel for the new town council seat February 19.

Question applies to Recreation Advisory Commission

### Please identify how many meetings of the Recreation Advisory Commission you have attended in the past two (2) years? \*

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### Please indicate if there are any periods of time for which you will be unavailable for meetings.

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I will attend all future meetings, including the April 19 and Oct. 24 meetings, whether or not I am appointed. I plan to watch all prior meetings of the last 12 months via Zoom.

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### If you have served on any boards/commissions/committees in the Town of Palm Beach or elsewhere, please list them and include details such as length of service, attendance record, etc.

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NA

**Please describe your current and past involvement/participation in Town recreation programs and/or facilities.**

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1. Par 3 golfer for 10+ years (While I've loved being a regular golfer at one of our country's top Par 3 golf courses here in Palm Beach, I've also been witness to the untenable parking problem at Par 3 during season; I am concerned how the State's proposed widening of A1A will put further pressure on the lack of parking here.) 2. User of Phipps Ocean Park tennis courts and beaches for four years 3. My husband and I use the Mandel gym 4-5 days a week 4. Our children use the playground, tennis courts and cafe on Seaview. They also use the athlete field, which is experiencing flooding and a surge in utilization (it's hard to get field time). 5. I have played on the Phipps Ocean & Seaview tennis teams but believe the aforementioned programs here need equal attention to the tennis

**Are you a member of any of the following organizations? (Check all that apply)**

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☒ Preservation Foundation of Palm Beach

**Present Occupation**

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Parent of two school-aged children; Sunday school teacher (BBTS), school volunteer (Rosarian Academy).

**No. of years**

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**Past occupation(s)**

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Flower Guild Member, Bethesda-by-the-Sea — 2020- Present Contributing member of this valued, 120-person strong committee, including leader of special Christmas installations. Diplomacy, interpersonal relations and community relations are necessary skills within this large committee. Rosarian Academy Capital Campaign & RAFA Volunteer — 2021 - Present Member of RA's current capital campaign committee, which meets monthly with Development Staff and Dr. Linda Tretheway (Principal), and has raised \$6.25MM in its private-phase campaign, ahead of its 50% goal (2023-present). RAFA Volunteer: Teacher Appreciation luncheon committee; theater committee; and volunteer at the Book Fair and other school events. Children's Museum of the East End, Bridgehampton NY — 2013-2020 Chair of the Board (2 years); Trustee on various committees, 8 years St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Bridgehampton NY — 2018-2020 Member of the Church Vestry: issues discussed and decided by committee Carolyn Pressly Interiors, New York, NY — 2008-2020 Owner and principal designer of boutique residential interior design business catering to financial advisory clients in the NYC, Hamptons and Larchmont. Published in ELLE DECOR, Hamptons Cottage & Garden, NYT, and more. Morgan Stanley, New York, NY — 2002-2007 Financial Analyst, Global Capital Markets. Junior analyst to the CFO.

**No. of years**

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Years detailed above

**Please provide details regarding your educational background:**

EDUCATION Parsons School of Design (NYC) — Certificate in Interior Design, 2010 Washington & Lee University (Lexington, VA) — BA, Business Journalism & Economics, Magna cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa, 2002 Salem Academy School for Girls (Winston-Salem, NC) — 1998 AFFILIATIONS Palm Beach Preservation Society; The Bridgehampton Historical Society; The Beach Club (Palm Beach); The Bridgehampton Club (NY); Liberty National (NJ); The Dye Preserve (FL); Member of Church and the Flower Guild, Bethesda-by-the-Sea (Palm Beach)

Upload a Resume

**Have you ever been convicted or pled guilty or nolo contendere to a crime other than minor traffic violations?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

**If you are currently serving on a Town board, commission, or committee, please identify in the space below and check the "I Agree" box indicating that you will resign from that position if you are appointed to the position you are seeking in this application.**

**I agree that I will resign from the board, commission, or committee if I am appointed to the position I am seeking in this application.**

☒ I Agree

**To enable Town Council to consider potential conflicts of interest, please list the family members who live and/or work in the Town of Palm Beach, including your spouse, parents, siblings or children.**

NA

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**Demographics**

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts.

**Ethnicity**

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

**Gender**

☒ Female

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## Physically Disabled

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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I hereby certify that I have read the sections of the Town Code of Ordinances for the particular board/commission/committee that I have selected above and have noted the description of the board/commission/committee and its members' duties, and further I have read the regulations concerning absences and conflicts of interests. I certify the information given by me is true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that any falsification of material facts will be grounds for rejection of this application of dismissal after appointment.

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☒ I Agree

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***Please provide a copy of BOTH SIDES of your Palm Beach County Voter Registration card, which shows your Town of Palm Beach address, with your application.***

**Please note that the Board/Commission applications will expire on December 15 of each year.**

### **RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION**

The Recreation Advisory Commission consists of seven members serving three year terms, appointed by the Town Council. Members of the Commission shall possess a knowledge or interest in Town recreation programs and facilities. Each member of the Recreation Advisory Commission is required to be a registered voter in the Town. The Commission acts in an advisory capacity and shall make recommendations to the Town Council on matters relating to Town recreation programs and facilities. Preference is given to candidates who are enrolled or have their children enrolled in a Recreation Department program or are a regular participant or volunteer at a Town Recreation Department facility. Three alternate members may be appointed by the Town Council who shall serve when called upon by the Chair in the absence of any regular member.

The Recreation Advisory Commission meets three (3) times per year. Meetings begin at 9:00 a.m., and are held in the Town Council Chambers located on the second floor of Town Hall at 360 South County Road, Palm Beach, Florida.

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## OBJECTIVE

To serve on the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Committee.

## EXPERIENCE

### **Palm Beach Island Resident (North End) — 2020-Present**

Year-round resident since 2020 and regular visitor to the island since 2013. I have experienced firsthand the island's population growth and higher demand on town recreational resources. I can lend a unique "depth and breadth" perspective to the committee, as an active parent with school-aged children. We partake in virtually all Recreation programs on a regular basis.

### **Sunday School Teacher, Bethesda-by-the-Sea — 2022- Present**

Liaise with BBTS administration to implement lessons and programming

### **Flower Guild Member, Bethesda-by-the-Sea — 2020- Present**

Contributing member of this valued, 120-person strong committee, including leader of special Christmas installations. Diplomacy, interpersonal relations and community relations are necessary skills within this large committee.

### **Rosarian Academy Capital Campaign & RAFA Volunteer — 2021 - Present**

Member of RA's current capital campaign committee, which meets monthly with Development Staff and Dr. Linda Tretheway (Principal), and has raised \$6.25MM in its private-phase campaign, ahead of its 50% goal (2023-present). RAFA Volunteer: Teacher Appreciation luncheon committee; theater committee; and volunteer at the Book Fair and other school events.

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Chair of the Board (2 years); Trustee on various committees, 8 years

### **St. Ann's Episcopal Church, Bridgehampton NY — 2018-2020**

Member of the Church Vestry: issues discussed and decided by committee

### **Carolyn Pressly Interiors, New York, NY — 2008-2020**

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## EDUCATION

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### **Salem Academy School for Girls (Winston-Salem, NC) — 1995-1998**

## AFFILIATIONS

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