



## Application for Membership on Advisory Board, Council, Committee or Commission

Return application to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By mail or delivery to: Clerk of the Board of Supervisors 675 Texas Street, Suite 6500 Fairfield, CA 94533  
Or you may also submit your application by clicking on the submit button at the end of this application.

**All fields marked with an \* are required**

\* Name of Board, Council, Committee or Commission:

Library Advisory Council

\* Supervisorial district in which you reside:

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\* If this board, council, committee or commission calls for a specific type of member, please indicate the position for which you are applying

District 4 Representative

### Contact Information

\* First Name

Michelle

Middle Name

\* Last Name

Ornat

### Residential Address

\* Address

\* Email

\* City

Vacaville

\* State

CA

\* Zip

95688

Home Phone

Cell Phone

\* or \*

### Business Address

\* Address

\* Email

\* City

Vacaville

\* State

CA

\* Zip

95688

Business Phone

Alternate Phone

\* or \*

## District & Meeting

\* Will you be available to attend board/council/committee/commission meetings regularly? ☒ Yes ☐ No

## Memberships in other organizations

### Organization 1

* Name	* Address
American Library Association	225 N. Michigan Ave, Ste 1300

* City	* State	* Zip
Chicago	IL	60601

### Organization 2

Name	Address
International Coaching Federation	2365 Harrodsburg Rd Suite A325

City	State	Zip
Lexington	KY	40504

### Organization 3

Name	Address
Northern California College Promise Coalition	1400 Marina Way South

City	State	Zip
Richmond	CA	94804

## Employment & Educational History

### \* Please provide a brief description of your employment & educational history

With nearly two decades as a librarian and more than a decade of executive experience in public libraries, I bring a unique perspective of the work of the library and a deep commitment to public service. In my most recent experience as Deputy Director of Public Services for San Jose Public Library, I oversaw the development, delivery, and administration of policy, programs, budget, and services for more than a million people in San Jose, 24 locations and the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Library. For nearly six years, the scope of Public Services administration spanned initiative development and implementation of programs for early literacy and K-12 out of school time learning, adult learning and literacy, workforce development, college and career readiness, digital literacy and local history; collections, circulation, technical services, access services, and reference and research services; budget creation, structure, and allocation for personnel, programs and service delivery; strategic priorities and planning, workplan development, and organizational restructures and alignments; stakeholder cultivation with donors and the Library Foundation and partner relationships at the city, county, regional, state, and national levels; application of rigorous data and analysis in reporting, evaluations and presentations; leadership and staff development; and community needs assessment and engagement.

I hold a Master of Science in Library and Information Science as well as certifications in coaching, project management and change leadership. I am a certified professional coach for executive and change leadership and now, as a new small business owner, support individuals and organizations through leadership coaching, strategic facilitation, workshop development, and team building.

Please list a minimum of 3 professional references:

* Name	* Email	* Phone
Anwan Baker		
Jill Bourne		
Kendra Hawkins		
Reid Meyers		
Rosemary Van Lare		

## General Information

### \* As a member of this board/council/committee/commission, what might you hope to achieve?

As a member of the Library Advisory Council, I will work with fellow Advisory Council members and Library staff in support of the Library's vision to provide Solano County's unique and diverse communities with quality resources and services. I want to contribute to an Advisory Council that is informed, engaged, and respectful of staff expertise—offering thoughtful inquiry and feedback on programs, policies, initiatives, and services on behalf of the districts that members are selected to represent.

I hope to strengthen the bridge between the Library and the public—ensuring that feedback, community engagement, and best practices inform strategic direction and priorities. Through my participation and collaboration, I can support the Library's mission to spark curiosity, inspire creativity, and champion learning for our residents.

### \* As a member of this board/council/committee/commission, what do you think you might contribute to help it fulfill its missions and goals?

As a member of the Library Advisory Council, I bring extensive professional experience in public libraries, government, and advisory bodies, along with a broad perspective on library policy, programming, services, and stakeholder engagement.

I have reported formally to civic bodies such as Library Commissions, Foundation Boards, Boards of Education, and City Councils, and have served on and chaired multiple boards and committees. Most recently, I served on the Livermore Public Library Board of Trustees, and currently serve on the Advisory Board of Silicon Valley Reads and Chair the Julia J. Brody Scholarship Jury for the American Library Association.

I understand the importance and responsibility of being an informed and engaged Advisory Council member—ready to review materials, study reports, and offer constructive, respectful feedback that honors staff work and organizational values while contributing to the advancement of the Library's mission, vision, and goals.

I am enthusiastic about the prospect of being able to serve my community through the Library Advisory Council. The Library is the nexus of community with the ability to connect people of all ages, backgrounds, education and means not only to resources, services, information, educational and workforce development pathways, and programs, but also to one another.

## Important Information

This application is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Gov. Code §6250-6270). All members are required to take the following training: 1) The Brown Act and 2) State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234. Members of boards, councils, commissions and committees may be required to file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700. Advisory body meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur multiple days per month. Some boards, councils, commissions or committees may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.



**I CERTIFY** that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand and agree that misstatements/omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a Board, Council, Commission or Committee in Solano County.

**By typing your name here, you are signing this form electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual signature on this application.**

\* Applicant Signature:

Michelle Ornat

\* Date:

3/25/2025

## EXECUTIVE EXPERIENCE

**Owner + Principal Coach, Ornat Coaching & Consulting, LLC**

**August 2024 - Present**

- Customized leadership coaching to private clients.
- Leadership consultation, workshop development, and strategic plan facilitation.

**Deputy Director of Public Services, San José Public Library, CA**

**September 2018 – August 2024**

- Led the Library's public services divisions, education and innovation, acquisitions and collections, lending, adult literacy, programming and partnerships for 24 library branches and King Library.
- Collaborated with San José Public Library Foundation, San José State University, City of San José departments, Santa Clara County Office of Education, school districts, California State Library, elected officials, community partners on education, innovation, and literacy initiatives and projects.
- Directed SJPL's strategic work and implementation of the Education & Digital Literacy Strategy (early education, expanded learning, college & career readiness, digital literacy, equity, diversity & inclusion).
- Responsible for public services annual operating budget prioritization and development.

**Assistant Director, Chesapeake Public Library, VA**

**February 2015 – August 2018**

- Directed management in 5 branches and the Central Library, lending, adult, youth and family services, training, collections, and acquisitions; prioritized annual operating and capital expenditures and outlays.
- Steered strategic plan initiatives: programming, sustainability, and human resource development.
- Cultivated successful partnerships with City departments, Friends of Chesapeake Public Library, and Chesapeake Public Schools resulting in completion of facilities improvements, audits, renewed relationships, and collaborative projects.

## EDUCATION and CERTIFICATIONS

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| - <b>Master of Science, Library &amp; Info Science</b><br>University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign | - <b>Certified Professional Coach (CPC) - iPEC</b>                    |
| - <b>Bachelor of Arts, History</b><br>University of California, San Diego                          | - <b>Certified Executive Coach - iPEC</b>                             |
| - <b>Kotter Certified Change Specialist</b>  | - <b>Certified Transitions Specialist - iPEC</b>                      |
| - <b>Project Management Master Certificate</b>   | - <b>Energy Leadership™ Index Master Practitioner (ELI-MP) - iPEC</b> |

## CURRENT SERVICE and RECENT AFFILIATIONS

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| - <b>Advisory Board Member</b> - Silicon Valley Reads                                | - <b>Member</b> - CORE Leadership & Management Section Team - American Library Association |
| - <b>Chair</b> - Julia J. Brody Scholarship Jury - American Library Association      | - <b>Member</b> - International Coaching Federation  |
| - <b>Former Trustee</b> - Livermore Public Library Board (June 2023 - February 2025) |  |
| - <b>Former Member</b> - Rotary Club of San José (December 2020 - November 2024)     |  |