



## 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:

Solano Cemetery District

\* 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

Solano Cemetery District

### Contact Information

\* First Name

Sam

Middle Name

\* Last Name

Morris Jr

### Residential Address

\* Address

\* Email

\* City

Fairfield

\* State

CA

\* Zip

94535

Home Phone

\* or \*

Cell Phone

### Business Address

\* Address

2100 Pennsylvania AVE

\* Email

smorris@baynorthcoc.org

\* City

Fairfield

\* State

CA

\* Zip

94533

Business Phone

(707) 435-0200

\* or \*

Alternate Phone

## District & Meeting

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

## Memberships in other organizations

### Organization 1

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| * Name                | * Address            |
| Clergy Action Network | 1000 Kentucky Street |

|           |         |       |
|-----------|---------|-------|
| * City    | * State | * Zip |
| Fairfield | CA      | 94533 |

### Organization 2

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| Name | Address |
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### Organization 3

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Employment & Educational History

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

My name is Dr. Sam Morris Jr., and I've had the privilege of serving as the Senior Pastor of BayNorth Church of Christ in Fairfield, California, since 2008. I began my journey in ministry as a founding member of the church in 2001, and since then, I've been blessed to help lead it from humble beginnings to a 36,000-square-foot campus that serves as both a spiritual and community hub.

Before fully committing to ministry, I owned a successful media company. After answering God's call, I transitioned into full-time pastoral work and have expanded my efforts beyond the pulpit. I actively collaborate with private, county, and state agencies to provide support services that address mental health, life skills, housing, and spiritual restoration in our community.

Education has always been a cornerstone of my calling. I earned my bachelor's in religious studies from Grace Bible College in 2016 and a Master of Divinity from Ecumenical Theological Seminary in 2018. Most recently, I completed my Doctorate in Theology from Unity Bible College in 2024. My studies have deepened my theological understanding and equipped me with leadership tools to engage the broader community with compassion and clarity.

I've served on various boards, commissions, and charitable organizations throughout my career. My leadership style is centered on inclusivity, purpose-driven planning, and servant leadership.

Please list a minimum of 3 professional references:

| * Name              | * Email | * Phone |
|---------------------|---------|---------|
| Kathy Lawton-Caesar |         |         |
| Kelly Ballard       |         |         |
| Pam Bertani         |         |         |
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General Information

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

If appointed to serve on the Solano Cemetery District Board, I aim to ensure that our local cemeteries remain dignified and well-maintained and reflect the respect we owe to those passed on. Cemeteries are sacred spaces—places of remembrance, reflection, and reverence—and deserve to be managed with excellence and sensitivity.

I hope to bring a community-centered lens to the board, considering how we can honor cultural diversity, accommodate spiritual traditions, and provide a peaceful environment for families to mourn and celebrate their lives. I also hope to contribute to strategic planning efforts that ensure long-term sustainability, upkeep, and accessibility of these sites.

Ultimately, I want to help ensure that our cemeteries continue to serve as places of healing, connection, and legacy. If I can help guide policy, steward resources responsibly, and uplift the human dignity these spaces represent, that is a true success.

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

I bring over two decades of leadership, organizational development, and community engagement experience that will be a valuable asset to the Solano Cemetery District. My background as a pastor has given me deep insight into the emotional and spiritual needs of families during times of loss, which is crucial when shaping policy and maintaining spaces like cemeteries.

In addition to my pastoral work, I have hands-on experience working with government agencies, managing large-scale facilities, and organizing volunteer-driven initiatives. These skills will allow me to contribute strategically and practically—whether through improving operational systems, enhancing visitor experiences, or helping ensure financial stewardship.

I also bring a strong commitment to listening—truly listening—to the public's needs and concerns. My work in ministry has always been about building trust and serving with compassion, and I would bring that same heart to this role. I believe in transparency, collaboration, and creating solutions that reflect the community's values.

In short, I offer a steady hand, a servant's heart, and a collaborative mindset to help the district honor its mission with excellence and care.

**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.**

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| * Applicant Signature:<br>Sam Morris Jr | * Date:<br>4/7/2025 |
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