



WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT BOARD
OF SOLANO COUNTY

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Thank you for your interest in serving as a member of the Workforce Development Board (WDB) of Solano County. Please complete this application for consideration. In addition to the application, a nomination letter must be provided by a local business organization and/or business trade association (if within the business category) or an employee/member of your organization (if not within the business category).

Name: Chris Rico
Title: President and CEO
Business Name: Solano EDC
Business Address: 5050 Business Center Drive, Suite 200
Business Phone #: 707-864-1855 **Fax #:** 707-864-1855
Email Address: chris@solanoedc.org

of employees: 11 **Minority-owned or operated?** Yes No

Do you have substantial decision making or hiring authority? Yes No

Previous and/or Current Commission or Committee Membership

Commission/Committee	Office Held (if applicable)	Length of Participation
None		

Educational Background

Institution	Major	Degree	Year
Duke University	Business	BA	1993

Work/Volunteer Experience

Organization	City/State	Position	Year
Solano EDC	Fairfield, CA	President/C	2022-present

I certify that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that the information may be made public in accordance with Federal, State and local laws. I further understand and agree, if appointed, to complete all required Conflict of Interest and/or Disclosure Statements required by law.

Chris Rico

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Date: 2024.10.30 12:49:24 -07'00'

10/30/2024

Applicant Signature

Date



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October 28, 2024

Heather Henry, Executive Director/President
Workforce Development Board of Solano County
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Randy Young
Executive Director/CEO

Dear Ms. Henry:

The Benicia Chamber of Commerce is delighted to nominate Mr. Chris Rico to serve on the Workforce Development Board of Solano County.

I am writing to express my strong support for Chris Rico's nomination to serve on the Board of Directors of the Solano Workforce Investment Board. As the President and CEO of the Solano Economic Development Corporation (EDC), Chris has consistently demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the economic vitality of our region and a passion for workforce development.

Under Chris's leadership, the Solano EDC has successfully initiated and implemented programs that foster job creation and promote skill development among our workforce. His strategic vision and collaborative approach have brought together key stakeholders, including businesses, educational institutions, and community organizations, to address the evolving needs of our local economy.

Chris's extensive experience in economic development and his deep understanding of workforce challenges uniquely position him to contribute to the Board's mission. His insights into industry trends and his ability to forge partnerships will be invaluable as we work to ensure that our workforce is equipped with the skills needed for the jobs of tomorrow.

I firmly believe that Chris Rico's appointment to the Solano Workforce Investment Board would enhance its capacity to fulfill its objectives and further strengthen our community's economic foundation. I urge you to consider his candidacy favorably.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter. I look forward to seeing the positive impact Chris will undoubtedly bring to the Board.

Sincerely,

Randy Young
Executive Director