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BOARD/COMMITTEE APPLICATION

Please type or print clearly

Name of Board/Committee EDA-TAC
Check one: Full Member Position
 Alternate Member Position

Name Morris Raleigh Porton
(Your name must be listed as it appears on your voter registration card)

THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS REQUIRED FOR COUNTY RECORDS AND BECOMES PUBLIC RECORD UPON SUBMITTING THIS APPLICATION. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU QUALIFY FOR AN EXEMPTION TO THE RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION, PURSUANT TO F.S. 119.07, PLEASE STATE THE BASIS OF YOUR EXEMPTION. YOUR FAILURE TO ANSWER FULLY AND TRUTHFULLY ALL QUESTIONS COULD RESULT IN YOUR APPLICATION BEING DENIED OR YOUR SUBSEQUENT REMOVAL FROM ANY BOARD/COMMITTEE IF APPOINTED.

Address 2318 Evenglow Ave
City Spring Hill Zip 34609
Telephone 352 683 9051 (home) 352 584 6680 (business)
E-mail address mporton17@gmail.com

Are you a resident of Hernando County? Yes

Voter Registration Number 104388562

Education USF BA in Finance
(Please include any certificates, awards, diplomas, degrees, professional license numbers, etc.)
42 years at Hernando County Sheriff's Office as a Reserve Lieutenant. Took many courses annually that took a passing score.

Employment History 47 years in local banking positions including Area Presidents.
(Attach a resume if available)

Licenses or Certificates Held FDLE

Have you ever previously applied for a position on any County Board/Committee? Yes

If yes, please state the Board(s)/Committee(s) you applied for, when you applied, and whether you were appointed. Currently serve on the EDA-TAC. Previously served on the Licensing Board.

Have you ever been convicted, plead guilty or no contest, or entered into PTI for a felony or 1st/ 2nd degree misdemeanor? No
Answering yes does not automatically disqualify you for consideration.

If yes, what charges? _____

Are you currently involved as a defendant in a criminal case? No

If yes, what charges? _____

Have you ever been named as a defendant in a civil action suit? No

If yes, when and describe action. _____

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Please state your reasons for applying to this Board/Committee I feel i can give back to the community and the County as i have been heavily involved with businesses since 1972. I was Area President for two banks and President of the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce.

Please list three character references of persons NOT related to, NOT an employer, NOT an employee of you or your company, and whom you have known at least one (1) year. Please include addresses and phone numbers.

1. Pastor Rich Rossiter 13171 Tara St. Spring Hill, Fl 34609 352 232 4428
2. Rich Hotchkiss 19286 Quiet Oak Lane Brooksville, FL 34604 352 650 8870
3. John Mitten 24043 Twister Lane Brooksville, FL 34602 352 585 1609

I hereby request consideration as a committee/board appointee. It is my intention to familiarize myself to the duties and responsibilities of the office to which I may be appointed, and to fulfill the appointment to the best of my ability, exercising good judgement, fairness, impartiality, and faithful attendance. By my signature below, I hereby authorize Hernando County to check my references and my background, including, without limitation, obtaining a criminal history check. I also agree to file a Financial Disclosure form as required by State law, if applicable, and abide by provisions of the State Sunshine Law.

I hereby swear and affirm, under Penalty of Perjury, that the above information is true and correct.

Applicant s signature Morris Rossiter

(Please direct all inquiries to the County Administrator s Office at 754-4002.)

2/9/2024

Completed applications may be submitted to the County Administrator's office, 15470 Flight Path Drive, Brooksville, Florida 34604, or faxed to 352-754-4025 Attention: Jessica Wright.



Hernando County Background Consent / Release Form

As a volunteer applicant, I understand and acknowledge that an investigative report may be compiled on me. This report may include information regarding any criminal records, and from various public and private sources including law enforcement agencies at the Federal, State or County level, courts record repositories, sexual offender registries and any other source required to verify information that I have voluntarily provided.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Legal Name: Morris Porton

Date of Birth: March 31, 1946

Other Names Used: _____
(Legal Name) First M.I. Last

Dates Used (from/to): _____

Home Phone #: 352 683 9051

Cell Phone #: 352 584 6680

E-mail Address: mporton17@gmail.com

Are you 18 years of age or older? Yes No

GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

Current Address: 2318 Evenglow Ave

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill, FL 34609

Time at this address: 25 Years _____ Month

Previous Address: 1200 Godfrey AVE

City, State, Zip : Spring Hill, FL 34609

Time at this address 15 Years _____ Month

By signing below, you hereby authorize, empower and release from all liability, without reservation, any agency contacted by Hernando County to furnish the above-mentioned information. You further authorize ongoing procurement of the above-mentioned information at any time during your relationship with Hernando County. You agree that a fax or photocopy of this authorization is to be considered and accepted with the same authority as the original.

Morris Porton

Applicant's Signature

2/9/24

Date

June 12, 2023

Morris R. Porton
2318 Evenglow Ave
Spring Hill, Florida 34609

EDUCATION

University of South Florida, Tampa Florida
Bachelor's degree in Finance- 1975

First Florida Bank, Tampa, Florida
Advanced Credit School- 1984

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge Louisiana
Graduate School of Banking of the South- 1987

SunTrust Bank, Tampa, Florida
Advanced Credit School- 1989

ACTIVITIES AND COMMUNITY AWARDS

Past Positions:

President West Hernando Chamber of Commerce
President/CEO Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce
Three time President Committee of 100
President Economic Development Commission of Hernando County
Director American Heart Association
Director St. Jude Council
Director Hernando Builders Association
Director Brooksville Rotary Club
Two time President of the Arc Nature Coast
Four time Chairman of the Chamber Education Training Association (CETA)
Hernando County Education Foundation
Advocacy Committee Co-Chair 10 years

Current Positions:

Own All Pro Business Consultants, LLC
Reserve Auxiliary Supervisor for the Hernando County Sheriff's Office overseeing 20 Deputies
Director Gold Shield Foundation Tampa Florida
Economic Development Technical Advisory Committee, Vice Chair
Treasurer on the Board of Directors for Jericho Road Ministries
Treasurer for The Restoration Center of Florida, Inc.
Member Kiwanis Club of the Nature Coast

AWARDS

1987 Business Associate of the Year. Awarded by the American Business Woman's Association

1995 Pioneer Award. Awarded by the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce

2000 Citizen of the Year Award. Presented by the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce

Lifetime Achievement Award. 1990 to 2012 presented by the Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce.

2016 Liberty Bell Award. Presented by the local Bar Association for outstanding leadership in the community.

Work Experience 47 years in Banking

First Florida Bank 21 years, Executive Vice President

Suntrust Bank 12 years, Senior Vice President

CenterState Bank 5 years, Executive Vice President. Started the Hernando County location.

Florida Traditions 9 years, Bank Area President. Started the Hernando County location.

President/CEO Greater Hernando County Chamber of Commerce. (Retired June 2, 2023.)

Married 40 years to Pauline. Three grown daughters. Seven grandchildren. Four great grandchildren