

ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AGENDA

Wednesday, January 22, 2025
6:00 p.m.

Council Chambers, City Hall
333 Broadalbin Street SW

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1. Call to order and pledge of allegiance
2. Roll call
3. Public hearing(s)

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- 1- *Email written comments to the staff contact, listed below, including your name and subject of the public hearing, before **noon on the day of the meeting**.*
- 2- *To testify virtually during the public hearing, register by emailing the staff contact, listed below, before **noon on the day of the meeting**, with your name; phone number; and if you are speaking for, against, or neutral on the project/subject. The mayor will call upon those who have registered to speak.*
- 3- *Appear in person at the meeting and register to speak using the sign-up sheet on the table.*

- a. Albany Development Code (ADC) and Comprehensive Plan (CP) Amendments to implement strategies in the Housing Implementation Plan (Planning Files: DC-04-24, CP-02-24)– Anne Catlin [Pages 3-147]

The staff contact for this public hearing is: anne.catlin@albanyoregon.gov.

Albany Development Code and Albany Comprehensive Plan Ordinance

ORD NO. _____ p.5

4. Business from the public
5. Adoption of consent agenda
 - a. Appointments/removals/resignations [Pages 148-186]
 - 1) Accepting ~~removal~~ resignation from the Landmarks Commission
 - 2) ~~Accepting the appointment of Jim Jansen to the Landmarks Commission~~
 - 3) Accepting appointments to outside agencies
 - 4) Accepting reappointments of members to the Economic Development Advisory Commission
 - 5) Accepting appointment to the Planning Commission
 - 6) Accepting appointments to citizen advisory groups
 - b. Approval of minutes [Pages 187-191]
 - 1) January 06, 2025, city council work session
 - 2) January 08, 2025, city council meeting

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- c. Approval of agreement
 - 1) Approve request to extend the audit contract term with SingerLewak Accountants and Consultants – Jeanna Yeager/ Diane Murzynski [Page 192] RES NO. _____

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- 6. Staff presentation
 - a. Public Safety Levy Overview – Jeanna Yeager, Chris Labelle, Marcia Harnden [Pages 193-205]
- 7. Adoption of resolutions
 - a. Intergovernmental Agreement with Salem Keizer Public Schools 24J – Chris Labelle [Pages 206-224] RES NO. _____
 - b. Grant Application – TGM Quick Response Program Assistance Grant– Matthew Ruetters [Pages 225-228] RES NO. _____
 - c. Water Rate Resolution Correction– Robert Emmons/Chris Bailey [Pages 229-233] RES NO. _____
- 8. Staff report
 - a. Septic Repair - 2705 Park Terrace SW – Aaron Hiemstra [Pages 234-236]

MOTION: _____

- 9. Business from the council
- 10. City manager report
- 11. Reconvene
- 12. Next meeting dates
 - Monday, January 27, 2025; 4:00 p.m. training/retreat
 - Monday, February 10, 2025; 4:00 p.m. work session
- 13. Adjournment

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MEMO

TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Peter Troedsson, City Manager

FROM: Kinzi McIntosh, Central Services Support Specialist *KM*

DATE: January 17, 2025, for the January 22, 2025, City Council Meeting

SUBJECT: Resignations from Citizen Advisory Group
Relates to Strategic Plan theme: An Effective Government

Action Requested:

Council acceptance of the following resignation from the Citizen Advisory Groups:

Landmarks Commission

- Bill Ryals (position appointed by Councilor Thomson; current term ends 12/31/2025)

Discussion:

Bill Ryals has notified the City of his resignation from the Landmarks Commission. Councilor Thomson's appointment to fill this vacancy has been submitted as a separate memo.

Budget Impact:

None.

KM

Attachment 1

McIntosh, Kinzi

Subject: FW: Bill Ryals-Landmarks Resignation

From: William Ryals

Sent: Friday, January 17, 2025 2:12 PM

To: Schrems, Alyssa <Alyssa.Schrems@albanyoregon.gov>

Subject: Re: 2023 Fall CLG Workshop: Save the date!

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Hi Alyssa,

Hope you had a great holiday season. I'm writing to inform you of my resignation, effective immediately, from Landmarks. As you may know, I am recently retired and my new schedule requires me to be out of the area for extended periods. I can no longer give the attention and time this position deserves.

I want to thank all the staff and commissioners I have worked with over the years for their dedication and service. It has been a pleasure working with you all. While I am sorry to leave, I am certain this commission is in more than capable hands.

Best wishes going forward,

William G. Ryals, Architect



MEMO

TO: Albany City Council

VIA: Peter Troedsson, City Manager

FROM: Kinzi McIntosh, Central Services Support Specialist *KM*

DATE: January 6, 2025, for the January 22, 2025, City Council Meeting

SUBJECT: Appointment to Citizen Advisory Groups
Relates to Strategic Plan theme: An Effective Government

Action Requested:

Council ratification of the following appointment to the Citizen Advisory Groups:

Airport Commission:

- Debbie Origer, Ward 1 (Councilor Smith's appointment to a new three-year term)
- Chuck Kratch, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's reappointment to a new three-year term)

Arts Commission:

- Nolan Streitberger, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's reappointment to a new three-year term)

Audit Committee (appointments by Mayor Alex Johnson II) (*applications not attached*):

- Alex Johnson II, Mayor
- Jackie Montague, Councilor

Budget Review Committee:

- Patrick Rollens, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's appointment to a new four-year term)
- Samantha Samuels, Ward 1 (Councilor Newton-Azorr's appointment to a new four-year term)

Building Board of Appeals:

- Larry Preston, Ward 1 (Mayor Johnson's reappointment to a new three-year term)
- Dan Watson, Ward 1 (Mayor Johnson's reappointment to a new three-year term)

Human Relations Commission:

- Katie Pleis, Ward 3 (Councilor McLeod's appointment to a new three-year term)
- Allyson Dean, Ward 1 (Councilor McGhee's reappointment to a new three-year term)

Landmarks Commission

- Camron Settlemier, Ward 1 (Councilor Montague's reappointment to a new three-year term)
- Jim Jansen, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's appointment to fill a vacancy; term expires 12/31/25)

Public Safety Commission:

- Erik Anderson, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's reappointment to a new four-year term)

Tourism Committee:

- Oscar Hult, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's reappointment to a new three-year term)

Transportation Commission:

- Daniel Koenig, Ward 1 (Councilor Thomson's appointment to a new three-year term)

Discussion:

Mayor and councilor appointments for any remaining vacancies on the City's citizen advisory groups will be submitted for approval at subsequent city council meetings.

Budget Impact:

None.

KM

Attachments 14



Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Airport Advisory Commission

Received December 27, 2024

Name Deborah (Debbie) Origer

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Retired

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

Educator for 30 years and retired for 20 years

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I have owned and flown general aviation airplanes for twenty years out of the Albany Municipal Airport. I currently rent a hangar. During these twenty years I have been actively involved in the Ninety-Nines International Organization of Women Pilots, the Experimental Aircraft Association, and the Oregon Pilots Association. I am a supporter of general aviation and small airports throughout the western states and strive to keep informed through professional aviation organizations and the FAA.

Please detail your knowledge and experience with aviation.

As a member of EAA Chapter 292, I have served on the board as Youth Committee Chair for ten years, Ray Scholarship Chair for three years, Fly-In Chair for one year, and helped develop the Teen Build Program and Teen Aviation Weekend that continues to date. As a member of the Ninety-Nines I have attended two international conferences and was a guest of the German Ninety-Nines for the 70th Anniversary of the Berlin Airlift. As I continue to learn about aviation, I have gained an international perspective and appreciation for the historical role aviation has played during war time and exploration, especially in the Arctic.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

I am a supporter of the Albany Tiny House Project, the Cumberland Event Center, the Albany Schools Foundation, SafeHaven, and the Monteith Ladies Neighborhood Group. In the past, I served on the Airport Commission. As a member of the Church of the Good Samaritan (Episcopal), I served on the board of the Good Samaritan Preschool, a NAEYC accredited, for eleven years. Ten years I served as the chair.

Do you have a significant financial interest in the commission's airport considerations?

No

How many Airport Advisory Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

What is your understanding of the role of an Airport Advisory Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

My understanding as a member of the Airport Advisory Commission is to make recommendations to the City Council and to staff based on evidence-based information for long term facility operation and management needs specific to this small general aviation airport. My contribution is a commitment to attending all scheduled meetings, and being informed and prepared to make reasonable decisions based on facts. I hope to communicate a positive narrative of the importance of this small airport to our community and of the opportunities to partner with aviation organizations, community events, and our youth through fun educational programs.

How would you improve the management and operation of the Albany Municipal Airport?

I would access current resources for improving the management and operation of small airports through professional organizations that have studied and published specific recommendations and steps to facilitate viability and sustainability of a small community airport such as Albany's Municipal Airport. The airport budget needs to be easily accessed and understood by the public and presented with perspective compared to other public facilities and services.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for the commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

I have read and understand the following: Members receive notice of meetings via email. Agendas and communications regarding the group are sent out via email. When unable to attend in person, meetings may be attended virtually via Zoom Videoconferencing. Absenteeism (excused or unexcused) or non-preparation for meetings could result in removal.

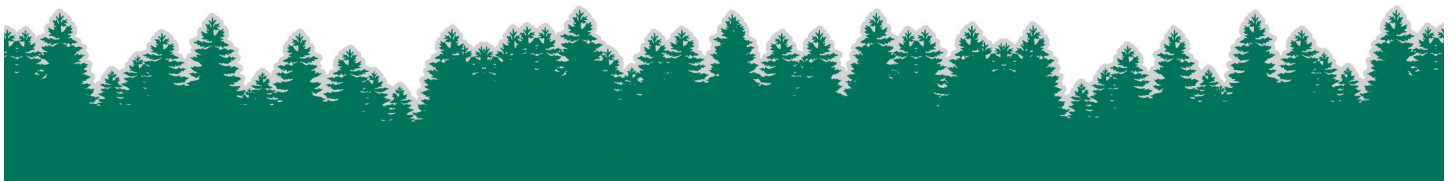
Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this commission, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Attending Airport Commission Meetings





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Airport Advisory Commission**

Received **October 30, 2024**

Name **chuck kratch**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Retired**

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

right of way agent

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

4 terms on airport commission

Please detail your knowledge and experience with aviation.

none

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

volunteer albany carousel Albany Transportation Commission

Do you have a significant financial interest in the commission's airport considerations?

No

How many Airport Advisory Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

What is your understanding of the role of an Airport Advisory Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

advisory only

How would you improve the management and operation of the Albany Municipal Airport?

don't let Robb retire...

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for the commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this commission, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

No

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

staff





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Arts Commission

Received November 4, 2024

Name Nolan Streitberger

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? No

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Professional Artist, Photographer, Graphic Designer

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I am an artist living in Albany, Oregon working in the medium of photography. I first learned photography while attending Oregon State University's JumpstART program, a pre-college of the arts for high school students. I have two collage degress one in Graphic Design the other in Digital Imaging and Prepress Technologies. My work utilizes digital photography, film, and alternative process - shooting with darkroom paper, ortho litho film, and currently wet plate collodion, a photo process used in the mid 1850's, with antique large format view cameras.

I am a 2023 Critical Mass Finalist and my work has been selected for recognition by the Smithsonian Photography Awards and the Palm Springs Photo Festival. My work has also been featured with Der Spiegel, Bento, ZEITJUNG, Flavorwire, and Edge of Humanity Magazine. I have been exhibited at Blue Sky Gallery in Portland Oregon, Colorado Photographic Arts Center in Denver, PhotoPlace Gallery in Middlebury Vermont, and LoosenArt in Millepiani Gallery in Rome Italy.

Please list any art organizations to which you belong or community art activities in which you have participated. If you do not have an arts background, list community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

City of Albany Arts Commission (Current)
City of Albany Transportation Commission (Current - Chair)
Albany Regional Museum Board of Directors (Secretary)
- ARM Executive Board
- ARM Collections Committee
- ARM Airport Ad Hoc
- ARM Capitol Ad Hoc
Benevolent Order of the Antelopes (Brownsville, OR)
Linn County Museum's Hands on History (since 2018)

(optional) If you would like to provide more information related to your qualifications and experience, please attach a file:

[nolan_streitberger_cv_photography_2024.pdf \(https://cityofalbany.wufoo.com/cabinet/b875c02b-607a-4d50-a7e2-e2b8b701a4cb\)](https://cityofalbany.wufoo.com/cabinet/b875c02b-607a-4d50-a7e2-e2b8b701a4cb)

How many Arts Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

Why do you feel that local art is important?

Art creates culture. Culture is created by music, food, dance, literature, language, and art. Art helps define our identity as a society. It enriches our lives.

Local art brings people together. It creates community. It starts conversation and creates connections. It builds our identity as a community.

If you look around the state, I feel Albany is behind on this. It is a goal of the arts commission to help push this forward. There is no reason why we can not be involved, be a city or community who is known for its engagement of the arts. I want to see that happen.

What is your understanding of the role of an Arts Commission member and how do you hope to impact the local arts community through being on commission?

We on the arts commission are mainly in charge of organizing and running the city hall gallery. Finding and reviewing artists and their submissions. We are also a bridge between the community and the city when it comes to the arts in Albany, meeting with and working with community members. We also organize or handle larger art projects within the community when they come up. It is a working commission with a need for volunteer hours put into it.

We have things we wish to achieve, but firstly it is finding a way to fund these goals without impacting city budget. Grants, donations, fund raising. We want to push public art.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for the commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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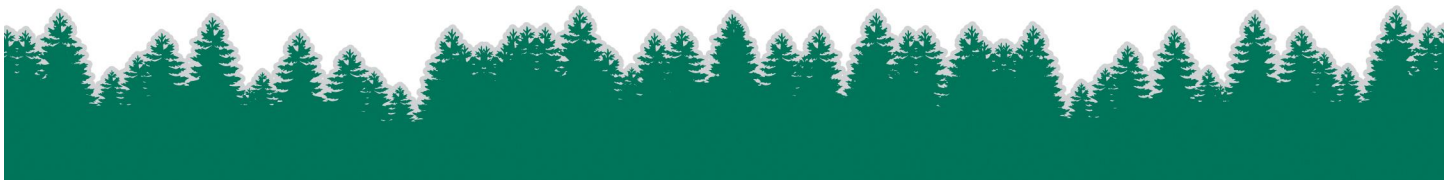
Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this commission, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Current Member





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Budget Review Committee

Received November 13, 2024

Name Patrick Rollens

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Yes (City of Corvallis)

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

Public Information Officer - City of Corvallis

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

In my role working for a neighboring municipality, I have had the opportunity to participate in local government at the staff level. I have learned quite a bit about municipal operations, fiscal policy, and community engagement around funding & revenue. Previously, I worked as a journalist for a large Midwestern newspaper, so I had the opportunity to write about dozens of different local government organizations in my coverage area. I am adept at building consensus, working with people representing diverse constituencies, and communicating outcomes to stakeholders. I would like to bring this perspective to the Albany Budget Committee to help uphold the high levels of fiscal participation that characterizes my home town.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Leadership Corvallis Board Member & Day Lead (2017-present)
IAP2 Cascade Chapter Board Member (2022-2024)
Corvallis Community Involvement and Diversity Advisory Board (2017-2023, staff liaison)
Corvallis Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion Advisory Board (2023-2024, staff liaison)

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

How many budget review committee meetings have you attended/viewed?

1-3

What is your understanding of the role of a budget review committee member and what contributions do you hope to make to the committee?

The budget review committee is made up of community volunteers who gather each year to review the City Manager's proposed budget to make sure it aligns with the strategic goals of the City Council. This is a high-level responsibility that takes a look at the entire budget; the budget committee does not get down in the weeds to focus on individual projects or work areas. I believe I can help the committee remain at the strategic level as they undertake their work each year, and to communicate that

responsibility to the public (which often has different ideas about the actual role of the budget committee).

What is your experience in reviewing or preparing a large-scale budget?

I have been involved in the dissemination of the City of Corvallis municipal budget since 2016. Much of my work has involved communicating high-level outcomes from the budget to the general public, and to members of the media.

How would you make sure that the budget aligns with the City's Strategic Plan?

The City's Strategic Plan is the "operational" component of the budget. Ideally the biennial budget should fund the projects and initiatives covered in the plan. In my role as a citizen member, I would help the Council and staff stay focused on achieving the Strategic Plan, and to encourage community members to learn more about the Strategic Plan when they bring budget requests to the Council.

Cities face many challenges as we attempt to meet the demands of our growing communities. What role can the budget review committee play in assisting the City in meeting those challenges?

I think it's very important for the Budget Committee to communicate its role very clearly to the general public. We are not really tasked with tweaking or adjusting the budget to meet the specific desires of constituent groups in Albany. We are responsible for ensuring the budget meets the overall, high-level strategic goals of the City Council. In addition, we serve at the pleasure of the Albany City Council, so we should strive to operate in a collegial environment, rather than in an adversarial relationship with our elected leaders.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this committee and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

I have read and understand the following: Members receive notice of meetings via email. Agendas and communications regarding the group are sent out via email. When unable to attend in person, meetings may be attended virtually via Zoom Videoconferencing. Absenteeism (excused or unexcused) or non-preparation for meetings could result in removal.

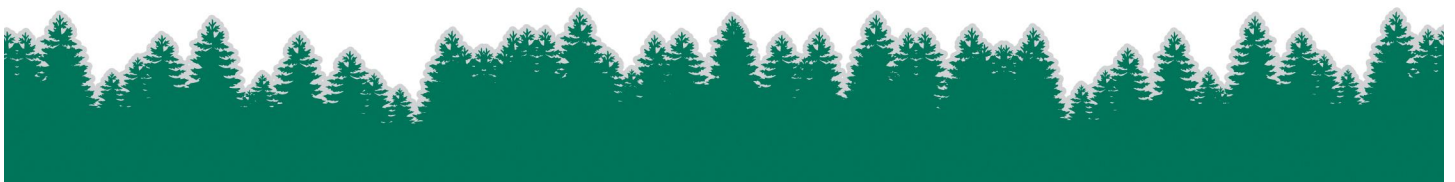
Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this committee, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Councilor Michael Thomson





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Budget Review Committee**

Received **January 6, 2025**

Name **Samantha Samuels**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Yes (Greater Albany Public School)**

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

Teacher, 3rd Grade

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I am a dedicated and motivated wife, mother and teacher. I have experience in working with all age levels and professionals. I have positive attitude and natural ability to connect with people and build positive relationships with all age groups. I am great team player with years of experience in collaborating with many professionals from teachers, law enforcement, medical personnel, lawyers, judges, family members, co-workers and administration. I have a skillset that drives me to approach challenges with a professional aptitude at developing problem-solving plans with critical thinking skills.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Voting, City Council Meetings, Church Projects, Parent Teacher Associations, Fund Raising, Title One Planning Committee

Are you a registered voter?

Yes

How many budget review committee meetings have you attended/viewed?

None

What is your understanding of the role of a budget review committee member and what contributions do you hope to make to the committee?

It's my understanding this that a volunteer in the role of a budget review committee member would attend required meetings and review cities proposed budget and budget policies. Provided a neutral point of view with recommendations when needed.

What is your experience in reviewing or preparing a large-scale budget?

None.

How would you make sure that the budget aligns with the City's Strategic Plan?

To make sure the budget aligns with the City's Strategic Plan I would have to backwards plan. That involves always keeping the end goal in mind. A full understanding of strategic plan would need to be laid out, goals set and then budget alignment.

Cities face many challenges as we attempt to meet the demands of our growing communities. What role can the budget review committee play in assisting the City in meeting those challenges?

The role a budget review committee can play in assisting the city in meeting the demands of their growing communities is giving a voice directly from community and citing needs that not being meet that need further review.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this committee and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this committee, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Steph Newton





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Building Board of Appeals**

Received **December 13, 2024**

Name **Larry Preston**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Retired**

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

General Contractor

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I am a General Contractor, and owner of Larry Preston Remodeling & Repair since 1990, performing residential and commercial remodeling, additions, structural repairs. My focus has been working on historic and vintage homes and businesses. I am (mostly) retired now but still work on a few projects and provide renovation advice to homeowners.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Albany Landmarks Advisory Commission member (2012 - 2020)

Albany Building Board of Appeals member representing the building industry (2016 to present)

Albany Development Code Amendments Task Force member as a representative of the skilled trades (2019 - 2020)

How many Board meetings have you attended/viewed?

1-3

What is your understanding of the role of a Building Board of Appeals member and what contributions do you hope to make to the board?

To provide guidance to the Building Department to help resolve conflicts with building code and how it's applied. The board only meets as needed when conflicts arise, which is rare.

How would your background and experience benefit the Building Board of Appeals and Albany in general?

In addition to construction experience and understanding of building materials, I have experience with mediation and conflict resolution.

Please describe your experience in applying the Oregon Building Code and Title 18 of the Albany Municipal Code. Include years of experience for the following: - Oregon Structural Specialty Code - Oregon Residential Specialty Code - Oregon Electrical Specialty Code - Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code

I am no expert, but I have over 35 years of experience of having to comply with all of these codes.

Please describe your experience in general and trade construction. Include years of experience for the following: - commercial or multi-dwelling construction - one- & two-dwelling construction - installing electrical systems - installing plumbing systems - installing mechanical systems

I have over 35 years of experience as a General Contractor with extensive experience in commercial and one and two dwelling construction and the associated electrical, plumbing, mechanical systems. As the General, I coordinated the work and the timing of these trades/subcontractors.

Please describe your experience in building design. Include years of experience for the following: - commercial or multi-dwelling design - one- & two-dwelling design - electrical system design - plumbing system design - mechanical system design

Not a design professional but over 35 years of design for residential house additions, repairs and remodels including associated electrical, plumbing and mechanical systems.

Are you or have you been a registered design professional in the state of Oregon?

No

Do you currently or have you held Oregon inspector certifications?

No

Do you have any experience performing home or building assessments for defects or compliance concerns?

Yes

Please describe your experience working with the Oregon Fire Code and local fire marshals.

Certain commercial projects I've been involved in have had fire code and fire marshal review.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this board and can you commit to meeting attendance?

Yes

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Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this board, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity?

I'm currently on the board





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Building Board of Appeals**

Received **November 4, 2024**

Name **Daniel (Dan) Watson**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Yes ()**

Employer:

K&D Engineering, Inc.

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, or profession:

Civil Engineer

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I have served on this commission for several terms.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Rotary (current President), Western Oregon Homebuilder Association (current board member), Oregon Homebuilders Association (current board member), Linn Economic Development Group (Current Chair)

How many Board meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

What is your understanding of the role of a Building Board of Appeals member and what contributions do you hope to make to the board?

Interpret codes.

How would your background and experience benefit the Building Board of Appeals and Albany in general?

Currently serving on the board.

Please describe your experience in applying the Oregon Building Code and Title 18 of the Albany Municipal Code. Include years of experience for the following: - Oregon Structural Specialty Code - Oregon Residential Specialty Code - Oregon Electrical Specialty Code - Oregon Plumbing Specialty Code

30 years +

Please describe your experience in general and trade construction. Include years of experience for the following: - commercial or multi-dwelling construction - one- & two-dwelling construction - installing electrical systems - installing plumbing systems - installing mechanical systems

40 years

Please describe your experience in building design. Include years of experience for the following: - commercial or multi-dwelling design - one- & two-dwelling design - electrical system design - plumbing system design - mechanical system design

40 years

Are you or have you been a registered design professional in the state of Oregon?

Yes

Do you currently or have you held Oregon inspector certifications?

No

Do you have any experience performing home or building assessments for defects or compliance concerns?

Yes

Please describe your experience working with the Oregon Fire Code and local fire marshals.

Civil Site and building construction design plans and inspection.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this board and can you commit to meeting attendance?

No

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Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this board, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

No

How did you hear about this opportunity?

Asked to re-apply by the City





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Human Relations Commission

Received December 13, 2024

Name Katherine (Katie) Pleis

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 3)

Are you currently employed? Yes (Portland State University)

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Currently a Training Specialist with PSU Child Welfare Partnership, previously employed as an ODHS Child Welfare caseworker, trainer, and supervisor

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I have over a decade of experience of human and social services experience, most of which have been focused on child and family safety, as well as diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. I have a bachelor's degree in Human Development and Family Science with a minor in Psychology, and participate in regular professional development opportunities to learn about current best practice in both human services and DEI practices. In addition to being a child welfare professional, I have worked in community mental health settings, collaborated frequently with other human service providers and community partners. I have lived in Linn and Benton counties (don't hold living in Corvallis several years ago against me!) for 14+ years and have a deep investment in our growing community.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

I am currently a founding member and on the steering committee for The Philomath Pride Collective. I am also a current member of the Linn Benton chapter of the NAACP.

How many Human Relations Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

None

What is your understanding of the role of a Human Relations Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

My understanding is that a Commission Member serves as a representative of the community to the Commission by sharing their personal and professional experience and perspective regarding Human Relations issues, including diversity, equity, and inclusion practices. I hope to share my expertise regarding child and family safety and provide a holistic human-services based lens for the Commission to consider when facing these topics.

As part of its mission, the Human Relations Commission strives to reach out to the Albany community. Please describe your affiliations within the community that may aid the commission in this mission.

I have been a member of the Linn/Benton community for over 14 years. I am an active member of the Linn Benton chapter of the NAACP, and on the Steering Committee for the Philomath Pride Collective. I am a parent to both a teenager who attends a GAPS school, and a 4 year old who is in a community preschool. I attend local community meetings for issues I am passionate about, and am applying for this committee as an effort to continue my activity in the community. As a trainer in the human services field, I regularly speak to community partners across the state and in Albany about their work and DEI practices.

Why are diversity, equity, and inclusion important to the community?

Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion is what makes our community. Despite what Oregon and Albany look like on the surface, we are a richly diverse community filled with amazing people from all different backgrounds- different races, ethnicities, educational levels, and experiences. All of these differences are what make us strong and capable. When a community doesn't include that diversity and ensure equitable access to basic necessities and services, we lose strength. We aren't meant to function as a homogenous group of people who all want and need the same things. In addition to DEI being important to the community as a whole, it is particularly important for those who are a part of marginalized populations. For people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, those with disabilities, and those experiencing poverty to homelessness, not including DEI in community planning is actively harmful. When a community doesn't clearly outline the expectations that ALL are welcome, ALL voices deserve to be heard, and NO ONE deserves to be hurt or excluded, it is really telling everyone that there are those who are a part of the in-group, and those who can be treated as others.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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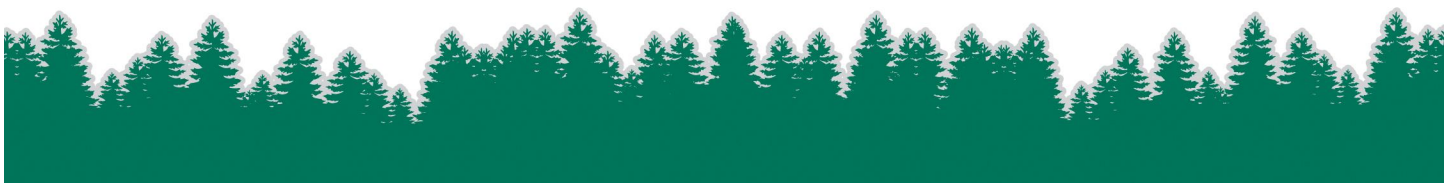
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Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If from social media, please specify which site.

Community Meeting





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Human Relations Commission

Received December 13, 2024

Name Allyson Dean

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Yes (Workday)

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Instructional Designer and Curriculum Development Producer

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

Current chair of the commission
extensive teaching and facilitation experience

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Human Relations Commission
Dialogue group in Oregon Correctional system
Linn Co. Democrats Neighborhood Leader

How many Human Relations Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

What is your understanding of the role of a Human Relations Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

I understand that the HRC aims to create a more equitable, inclusive, and welcoming environment within Albany, with a special focus on creating opportunities for engagement that promote diversity, equity, and inclusiveness. These opportunities extend to events, policy recommendations, and other processes that help to promote and enact these values. I hope to elevate the amazing work marginalized communities are doing here in the community, raising awareness of community resources for equity and belonging, and creating opportunities for the city to support these efforts.

As part of its mission, the Human Relations Commission strives to reach out to the Albany community. Please describe your affiliations within the community that may aid the commission in this mission.

As a current member of the HRC, I know my work on the commission and our work as a commission is far from done. Currently I am a member of the NAACP of Linn-Benton Counties and have actively attended Hispanic Advisory Council meetings. I have been active in promoting opportunities for LGBTQ+ people to find opportunities to connect, both through my work with the queer and trans youth group and as the executive producer of Dam Right Drag Night, a local arts production group that strives to center the art of marginalized artists in the Willamette Valley.

Why are diversity, equity, and inclusion important to the community?

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are critical to Albany in creating an environment that fosters community across diverse populations, fostering a sense of belonging in Albany. As a queer person myself who has experienced some discrimination in Albany, I see this commission as critical to advancing my community's commitment to making Albany a place where every resident can see their identities and experiences as valued and important. I am committed to creating the community I wish to see, one where the dignity and representation of all residents is a central focus of the city's priorities.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

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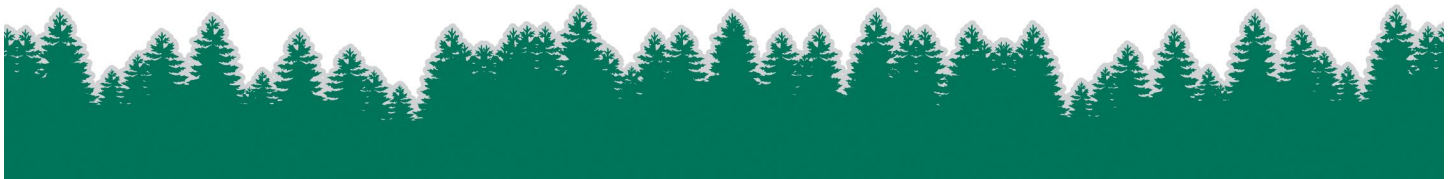
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Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If from social media, please specify which site.

prior experience





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Landmarks Commission

Received November 18, 2024

Name Camron Settlemier

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Yes (Matthews International)

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Senior Product Development Engineer

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position including education, professional experience, and any relevant licenses or certificates:

I am currently serving on the Albany's Landmarks Commission with many years experience in this role (2010-2014, and 2023 to current). I was Secretary with the Oregon Fire Service Museum from 2018 to 2023 and am still active as a volunteer. (I also personally own Albany's 1948 Mack Fire engine, which is a slow restoration side project). I have attended numerous preservation seminars and workshops hosted by Oregon SHPO (State Historic Preservation Office) on preservation strategies and best practices, both as a Landmarks Commissioner and board member of the Cumberland Community Events Center. I have also personally purchased and done restoration work on three historic homes (either to live in such as my residence in Albany, or to rent).

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Current:

Commissioner - Albany Landmarks Commission

Treasurer - Cumberland Community Events Center

Advisory Board Member - Central Albany Revitalization Area (CARA)

Past:

Member - City of Albany Housing Affordability Task Force

Secretary - Oregon Fire Service Museum, Memorial and Learning Center

Board Member - Friends of Historic Albany

Volunteer Firefighter - Adair Rural Fire and Rescue - Adair Village, Oregon

Volunteer Firefighter - College Place Fire Department - College Place, Washington

Transient Lodging Tax Advisory Committee - Albany, Oregon

Tourism Advisory Committee, Woodburn, Oregon

Do you have any work or volunteer experience specific to local history and/or historic preservation activities such as publications, committee work, etc.? Please describe:

I have serviced on the Albany Landmarks Commission for 5 years, including quasi-judicial hearing as well as actives for historic preservation month.

Last year during Preservation Month I gave a talk on researching the history of your historic home at

the Benton County Historical Society Museum.

As a board member of the Cumberland Community Events Center, I'm dedicated to the restoration and repurposing of the 1892 Cumberland Church, and was involved in the process to get it placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

As a board member of Friends of Historic Albany, I have advocated for and educated about Albany's heritage and historic resources.

I have also been a volunteer photographer for the historic Homes Tour.

How many Landmarks Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

Are you a professional in one of the disciplines associated with historic preservation?

No

What is your understanding of the role of a Landmarks Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

Landmarks Commissioner serve as the quasi-judicial review body for historic land use decisions in properties within Albany's four National Historic Districts and local historic inventory, to be compliant with Oregon's Goal 5 and Albany comprehensive plan on historic preservation, and Chapter 7 of Albany's development code. As an active Landmarks Commissioner, I fulfill Landmarks role in ADC 7.000 to "formally recognize and protect its historic and architectural resources", and also to protect and promote Albany's heritage as outline in AMC 2.76.010.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

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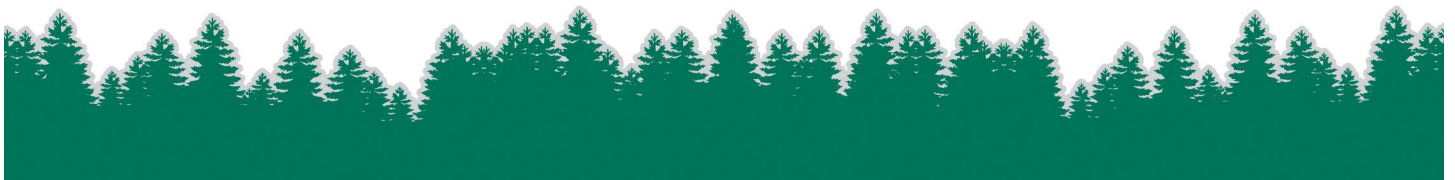
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If there are currently no vacancies for this commission, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Current Landmarks Commissioner





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Landmarks Commission

Received December 13, 2024

Name James (Jim) Jansen

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Retired

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

TSA Agent Eugene Airport

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position including education, professional experience, and any relevant licenses or certificates:

Prior member of Landmarks Commission. Live in the Monteith Historic District in an 1878 Home On the AVA committee for home tour.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Albany Regional Museum board member (past), Tree Commission (past), Landmarks commission (past)

Do you have any work or volunteer experience specific to local history and/or historic preservation activities such as publications, committee work, etc.? Please describe:

Albany Regional Museum board member in my past, Worked with AVA and ADA in Historic preservation. Worked with CHANCE and Pyburn Construction on the pizza king restoration

How many Landmarks Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

Are you a professional in one of the disciplines associated with historic preservation?

No

What is your understanding of the role of a Landmarks Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

to review requests for qualifying alterations to homes and buildings in Albany historic district.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

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Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Michael Thomson ward 1 elect





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Public Safety Commission**

Received **October 30, 2024**

Name **Erik Anderson**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Yes (Linn County Health Services)**

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Health Emergency Manager

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

Lifelong resident of Linn County. Spent the first 20 years of my life in Albany followed by 11 years in Tangent, 2 years in Lebanon and now back in Albany the last 8 plus years. Albany is my home :) 23 years experience in Fire, EMS and Emergency Management. My current position with Linn County Health Services has allowed me to build relationships with many Fire, EMS and Police agencies within the county.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Tangent Fire District - Firefighter/EMT/ Lieutenant - 2002 - 2013
Albany Public Safety Commission - 2018 - Present
Albany Helping Hands Board Member - 2022 - Present
Northside Church - Medical, Security and Set up - 2021 - Present
Oregon Disability Emergency Management Advisory Council - 2023 - Present
Linn County Ambulance Service Area Advisory Committee - 2022 - Present

How many commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

7 or more

What is your understanding of the role of a Public Safety Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

The Public Safety Commission is tasked with gathering information from the Police and Fire Departments and relaying important information to City Council. I'm hoping to continue my

collaboration/coordination that I started back in 2018. The opportunity to serve in this capacity is truly an honor.

How would your background and experience benefit the Public Safety Commission and Albany in general?

Knowing the police and fire departments for as long as I have gives me a great perspective of past, present and future. Having connections throughout the State of Oregon with many fire and police agencies has given me a lot of insight / ideas on how our operations could be improved.

Why are the Albany Fire and Police departments important to the community?

The Albany Police and Fire Departments are what ALL residents rely on when they call 911 asking for help. It's important that we continue to offer life saving services at a level far more than what our community expects. Service to others is at our forefront but we need to be fiscally responsible at the same time. Kudos to both agencies for providing a great service within the tight budget they have!

How can the Albany Fire and Police departments improve their services to Albany residents?

This is a complicated question to answer. If there was more funding dedicated to each agency, they should hire more staff! This would drastically improve emergency response times.

Knowing our budget situation and having a background in volunteer management. I think both agencies could utilize volunteers in their daily operations. ALOT of fire & police agencies of similar size in the State of Oregon still use volunteers. In fact, there are many fire agencies on the east coast serving communities the size of Albany with 90% volunteers. I think if each department were to augment their staff with just 15% volunteers, it would make an improvement. It can be challenging, but in the end it's worth it.

What makes Albany a safe place to live?

Having a well staffed, well trained and equipped fire & police department! The public outreach both agencies conduct throughout the year are a great return on investment!

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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Yes

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Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

City of Albany Website





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To **Tourism Advisory Committee**

Received **December 16, 2024**

Name **Oscar Hult**

In City Limits? **Yes (Ward 1)**

Are you currently employed? **Self-employed (The Natty Dresser LLC)**

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Haberdasher

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

Former Executive Director of the Albany Downtown Association.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

- Monteith Society
- Albany Civic Theater
- Thompson Mill
- Albany Tweed Ride
- Albany Landmarks Commission
- AVA Volunteer

Are you currently a Transient Lodging Tax (TLT) recipient or an employee or board member of a TLT recipient or collector organization?

No

How many Tourism Advisory Committee meetings have you attended or viewed?

1-3

What is your understanding of the role of a Tourism Advisory Committee member and what contributions do you hope to make to the committee?

Heads in beds.

Why is tourism an important part of economic development in Albany?

Tourist bring money from outside the city and leave it here.

How can Albany improve its tourism industry?

Keep the historic districts looking historic.

Continue to encourage destination businesses to locate in Albany and to improve customer service.

Why is Albany a good or bad place to visit?

It has a great downtown and lovely historic homes.
Awesome restaurants and friendly people.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this committee and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

Yes

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Yes

If there are currently no vacancies for this committee, would you like your application kept on file for the remainder of this recruitment period?

Yes

How did you hear about this opportunity? If social media, please specify:

Currently on the committee





Citizen Advisory Group Application

Applying To Transportation Advisory Commission

Received September 17, 2024

Name Daniel Koenig

In City Limits? Yes (Ward 1)

Are you currently employed? Yes (HP)

List current or most recent occupation, business, trade, profession, or area of study:

Software Developer

Please summarize what qualifications and experience you have that would apply to this position:

I have been participating in the Transportation Advisory Commission meetings for about half a year. I worked as an RA for three and a half years, work which gave me a lot of organizational experience. I'm also passionate about transportation and spend a lot of time researching new transportation solutions and have provided numerous recommendations to the commission.

List community/civic activities in which you are or have been active:

Active:
Transportation Advisory Commission

Prior:
Textbanking for various politicians, local and otherwise
Roseburg School District (Proposals for Solarizing the School)

How many Transportation Commission meetings have you attended/viewed?

4-6

What is your understanding of the role of a Transportation Commission member and what contributions do you hope to make to the commission?

In my view, members are tasked with not only analyzing critical needs from the community--like where pedestrian crossings should be placed or how money should be raised for road maintenance--but also to figure out novel solutions to the transportation problems that we have in our community. This can include things like creating new or improved bike lanes or pedestrian lanes or adding additional bus transit options. These solutions and analyses can then be presented to the council.

Please list any local bicycle, pedestrian, or traffic events in which you have participated:

I have only participated in the Transportation Advisory Committee

What do you believe are the biggest issues bicyclists, pedestrians, or drivers face in Albany?

For cyclists and pedestrians, the biggest issue is safety and accessibility. There are many high speed roads that individuals must cross in order to traverse our town, and they don't have protections in place--like traffic calming devices or curbs--that protect them from inattentive drivers. It's also difficult to navigate our city on foot or bike. Because our city is so spread apart, getting from one's home to a grocery store or pharmacy is often difficult to do only on foot. This disincentivizes non-car transit and makes traffic (and safety) worse.

For cars, the biggest issue is traffic. Traffic is, of course, caused by cars and the over reliance on them. Traffic not only impacts the health of the driver and passengers through increased stress and risk of collisions, but also impacts the community around them through air, noise, and light pollution, all of which have a documented negative effect on individuals. While I don't want to ban cars or make car transit difficult, I do want to make other forms of transit like buses, bikes, and walking more accessible, safe, and feasible in our community.

How can bicycle, pedestrian, or traffic safety be improved?

I ended up addressing this a bit above, but safety for everyone can be improved through traffic calming devices and lower speed limits, especially in residential areas. Adding curbs to bike lanes and increasing the size of bike lanes would make bike transit safer and, potentially, create high speed lanes for emergency vehicles to use--improving the safety of everyone in our community. Adding bus lanes and/or new bus lines would help keep cars off the street, which in turn would improve the safety and health of those who need to continue to drive.

Have you reviewed the meeting schedule for this commission and can you commit to regular meeting attendance?

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Yes

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Research

