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Subject: Suzanne White Advisory Committee Application Library Advisory Committee
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1. Are you 18 years or older? Yes
2. Are you in active litigation against Chatham County? No
3. Are you employed by Chatham County Government? No
4. Name (First and Last) Suzanne White
5. Residency Type Resident of Chatham County
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8. Email Address suzwhite@yahoo.com
9. In which Board of Commissioners district do you reside? District 3
10. Does a immediate family member currently serve on the committee. No

11. Please demonstrate your interest, experience, or expertise relevant to the subject matter of the committee.

As a retired Library Director, I am passionate about the essential role libraries play in education, literacy, and community engagement--and am interested in serving on the Library Advisory Committee. My experience and expertise includes: • strategic and collaborative visioning, planning, facilitating, coaching, and communicating • bringing people, information, and ideas together to empower lives and build community • consulting with libraries and community stakeholders to facilitate community-engaged planning, communications, and library facilities I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the ongoing mission and vision of the library and the community and am deeply committed to ensuring that our library remains a welcoming, accessible, and innovative resource. I would be honored to help guide the library's strategic goals, advocate for its services, and support its continued community engagement, growth, and success.

12. Please select which board or committee you are applying to: Library Advisory Committee

13. Are you willing to regularly attend scheduled meetings, participate in committee activities, and comply with all applicable laws, policies, and codes of conduct. Yes

State Reporting (Optional) Gender Woman

Are you Hispanic or Latino/a/e? (Optional) No

What race or races do you identify with? (Optional) White

What is your Age Range (Optional) 55-64

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Suzanne White

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Dear Members of the Board of Commissioners,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Chatham County Library Advisory Committee. As a retired Library Director, I am passionate about the essential role libraries play in education, literacy, and community engagement.

I currently consult with public libraries across the state--mentoring directors, facilitating community and stakeholder input, developing strategic plans, and conducting space needs reviews and facility plans.

My experience and expertise includes:

- strategic and collaborative visioning, planning, facilitating, coaching, and communicating
- bringing people, information, and ideas together to empower lives and build community
- consulting with libraries and community stakeholders to facilitate community-engaged planning, communications, and library facilities

I believe I can contribute meaningfully to the ongoing mission and vision of the library and the community and am deeply committed to ensuring that our library remains a welcoming, accessible, and innovative resource.

I would be honored to help guide the library's strategic goals, advocate for its services, and support its continued community engagement, growth, and success. Thank you for considering my application. I welcome the opportunity to discuss how I might best contribute.

Sincerely,

Suzanne White

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Strategic and collaborative visioning, planning, facilitating, coaching, and communicating · Bringing people, information, and ideas together to empower lives and build community · Consulting with libraries and community stakeholders to facilitate community-engaged planning, communications, and library facilities

EXPERIENCE

LIBRARY CONSULTANT, HALL AND WHITE LIBRARY CONSULTANTS, 2020 – CURRENT

Community and stakeholder engaged strategic planning, facilities and space needs planning, and communications policy consulting for public libraries: Alamance County Public Libraries, Sandhill Regional Library System, Wayne County Public Library, Davidson County Public Library, Gibsonville Public Library, High Point Public Library, Person County Public Library.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR, CATAWBA COUNTY, NC, 2013-2020

Provided strategic vision and leadership for a full slate of innovative and community-focused library services, resources, facilities, and personnel for a \$3.1M, award-winning seven location county library system. Engaged stakeholders to cultivate community partnerships and foster excellence in responsive services. Facilitated the design construction, and opening of the new Sherrills Ford-Terrell Branch Library. Facilitated strategic and facilities planning leading to enhanced library services, engaged community collaboration, and improved facilities.

PUBLIC SERVICES MANAGER, ROWAN PUBLIC LIBRARY, NC, 1994-2013

Oversaw library public services and public relations system wide while providing direct leadership at two library branches. Facilitated strategic planning, budget development, state and federal grant projects, library communications, and community collaborations. Advanced through several positions at the library.

REFERENCE LIBRARIAN, NEUSE REGIONAL LIBRARY, NC, 1993-1994

Provided reference and readers' advisory service; developed collections, published newsletter and media articles.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT, CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC LIBRARY, NC, 1991-1993

Cataloged, ordered, and processed library materials, maintained gifts database and donor correspondence.

ENGLISH / SOCIAL STUDIES EDUCATOR, ONSLOW COUNTY SCHOOLS, NC, 1988-1991

Planned and developed curriculum for and taught middle and high school English and Social Studies.

CUSTOMER SERVICE REPRESENTATIVE, MURDOCH MAGAZINES, WASHINGTON, DC, 1986-1987

Provided research assistance and training for clients accessing aerospace/aviation journals online.

EDUCATION

MLS, UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA-CHAPEL HILL, 1993

BA ENGLISH, MARY WASHINGTON COLLEGE, FREDERICKSBURG, VA, 1986

EXPERTISE Strategic thinking and communicating · Facilitating diverse community and stakeholder input · Engaging and collaborating successfully with community leaders and stakeholders · Coaching to enhance leadership potential and ensure innovative and sustainable services and workplaces · Leveraging grant funding for community empowerment

COMMUNITY AND PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP Served with municipal committees to enhance community/business development, literacy/cultural services, and public art initiatives · Served on Partnership for Children Board of Directors to foster improved early childhood outcomes for the community · Served on K64 Workforce Solutions Committee to build collaborative business/education workforce initiatives · Served on Public Health Leadership Team to collaboratively advance community health initiatives · Served with the NC State Library Commission and NC Public Library Directors Association to enhance excellence in library leadership and improve library services across the state