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Subject: Kathy Gaines 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): Kathy Gaines
5. Residency Type: Resident of Chatham County
6. Home/Business/Property/Other Address: 885 Bill Lambert Rd, Bear Creek, NC, 27207, USA
7. Phone Number (Home or Mobile): 9197040556
8. Email Address: kathypgaines@gmail.com
9. In which Board of Commissioners district do you reside: District 5
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: Document attached.
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
14. State Reporting (Optional) Gender: Woman
15. Are you Hispanic or Latino/a/e? (Optional): Yes
16. What race or races do you identify with? (Optional): White
17. What is your Age Range (Optional): 55-64
18. Attachments:

Library Board Advisory Selection Committee,

I am writing to express my interest in serving on the Chatham County Library Advisory Committee. As a lifelong educator and advocate for literacy and equitable access to information, I would be honored to contribute to the continued growth and success of our public library system.

I am a retired Chatham County Schools teacher with 35 years of service. I hold a Bachelor of Arts in Education from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a Master's in Library Science from East Carolina University. During my career, I served as a Library Media Specialist for nine years, and even in retirement, I remain actively involved by volunteering in our local school library.

In my role as a school library coordinator, I managed media center operations, budgets, and the curation of both print and digital collections. My focus was always on inclusivity and responsiveness, selecting materials that reflected cultural diversity and addressed the varied interests and needs of our students and faculty. I consistently welcomed and incorporated feedback from students, staff, and community stakeholders.

I would bring to the committee a deep understanding of library services, a passion for equitable resource access, and a strong commitment to public service. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to support the library's mission and help shape its future in a way that reflects and uplifts our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
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