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Job Title

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Piedmont Triad Airport Authority: Submitted

County Commissioner District *

☒ District 5

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

Mr. Chairman and Members of the Commission: I would like to request your consideration for my re-appointment to my second term to the Board Member of the Piedmont Triad Airport Authority. Over the past three years, I have been involved in the Finance, Personnel and Land Committee, and as a member of this committee, I have learned much about the day-to-day operations of the airport campus. I have a firm handle on the financial inter-workings of the airport and how the federal grants are applied for and administered. Knowing what the airport can, and cannot do, with the various funding sources is crucial for the airport to remain "eligible" for future grants. Over the past three years the Airport Authority and the airport staff have seen several successes with the announcement of Boom, as well as Marshall, that will add thousands of great paying jobs to the local economy. I take great pride in the pursuit of these aviation assets that are so critical to our regional economy. As a member of the Authority Board, I was appointed the Event Chairman of the "Run the Runway" (2021-present), which raises over \$130,000 annually from community stakeholders for the Second Harvest Food Bank of Northwest North Carolina, Greensboro Urban Ministry, and Open Door Ministries of High Point. In my role as an office, industrial, multi-family and residential real estate developer I routinely have to deal with issues surrounding environmentally sensitive issues, engineering, architectural and financial concerns much like what the Authority experiences before it can expand its footprint or attract a new user to our airport. To this end, NCDOT is an important development partner with the airport and I have a working relationship with NCDOT officials. As a developer, I routinely work with NCDOT to design and install these complicated public roadway improvements. I am also very active in the community with Board seats on both Greensboro and High Point Chambers of Commerce. I am a former Executive Board Member of Trebic (Triad Real Estate Building Industry Coalition) and regularly work with the leaders of our local Economic Development Group. It is the goal of all the involvement noted above to bring jobs and prosperity to our community. The airport is a critical link in the pursuit of this goal. As an instrument rated pilot who regularly experiences our airport from a General Aviation standpoint, I will bring a unique perspective to issues this Board will face in the future. I will bring my relationships, education, and business experience to the Board and contribute to the best of my ability. It would be an honor to continue to serve in this important capacity on our Airport Authority Board and one I would take seriously. Thank you for your consideration. Chris Dunbar, CCIM President, Blue Ridge Companies, Inc.

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Demographics

Ethnicity

☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

Gender

☒ Male

04/24/1965

Date of Birth