



**Application for Appointment to the Port of Benton Commissioner District 2**

Thank you for your interest in serving as a Commissioner for the Port of Benton. The position vacancy is for District 2 and must be filled by a resident of District 2; residency requirements must be met by the time of appointment to the commission. To be considered, your application must be submitted in-person (in a sealed envelope) at **3250 Port of Benton, Richland, WA 99354** or by email to [david@portofbenton.com](mailto:david@portofbenton.com) no later than 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. Applications received after 12:00 pm will not be accepted. Additional written information after this date will not be accepted, unless requested by the Port of Benton Commission.

**In-Person Application:** Delivery of applications in-person must be received between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday (OR) between 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. on Friday, with the last opportunity to submit in-person at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021.

**Emailed Application:** Applications submitted by email must be received by email at 12:00 p.m. on Friday, November 19, 2021. If submitting by email, all included attachments must not exceed 10MB total and be formatted as a PDF, DOC, or DOCX file type. Please attach your application and supporting materials to an email and send to [david@portofbenton.com](mailto:david@portofbenton.com).

To verify whether you reside in District 2, please view the map at [www.portofbenton.com/commissionmap](http://www.portofbenton.com/commissionmap). In addition to residency in District 2 you must be a current registered voter in Benton County.

The Port Commission will review all applications for content and for completeness. The Commission will, at a special commission meeting on November 22, 2021, review applications and narrow the pool down to a handful of finalists. The exact number of finalists selected will be at the discretion of the Commission. The Port Commission will interview each finalist, in open session, on November 29, 2021. The questions to be asked of the finalists will not be provided in advance.

**[For complete instructions, eligibility, additional requirements, and public disclosure information please see 'Supplemental Information for Appointment to Port of Benton Commissioner District 2' on the Port's website at [www.portofbenton.com/commissionvacancy](http://www.portofbenton.com/commissionvacancy).]**

Monday, November 8, 2021 at 10:00 a.m.	Applications posted on the Port of Benton Website and available in the Port offices
Friday, November 19 by 12:00 p.m.	Deadline to submit application for vacancy
Monday, November 22 at 9:00 a.m.	Special Commission Meeting to review applications and announce finalists for interview
Monday, November 29 at 8:30 a.m.	Final Interviews held at special commission meeting and announcement of appointment of District 2 Commissioner

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Please fill out the following questions completely.

Name of Applicant	Christy L Rasmussen				
Street Number and Address	2445 Davison Avenue				
City	Richland	State	WA	Zip	99354
Preferred Phone		Email			
Are you over the age of eighteen (18)?					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

Use a separate page as necessary to complete your response to the following questions. Each answer to open ended questions should be no more than 250 words each.

1. Describe why you're interested in serving on the Port of Benton Commission.

After spending most of my career serving the communities I have lived in a professional capacity; serving as a Port of Benton Commissioner is a natural progression to being a public servant. My interest in the Port began early this year as I sought a better understanding of the Port and its mission in our community. Wanting to learn more from not only the inside out, but outside in. I began by exploring the webpage, reading minutes, attending meetings and visiting Port properties. The strategic plan for 2020-2030 alone is proof enough of the dedication of the Port staff to our community. In visiting with constituents, I have learned of a BIG picture. The port is more than the airports, a short line railroad, and a barge terminal - it's a living, evolving, and thriving entity that "manages assets, makes strategic investments and is a catalyst for regional economic growth and prosperity." The innovate partnerships with Washington Vertical to participate in WA Clean Air while also seeking to support the goal of the Tri-Cities (not just the Port of Benton) be a "Clean Energy Hub of the Pacific Northwest" are two very exciting and connected reasons to want to be a part of this next evolution of our community and region. Most important to me, this is all accomplished by a dedicated staff with partnerships in our local community, state, regionally and nationally. Lifting one sector of our community elevates all. We are truly all better working together. I economic growth and prosperity." Most important to me this is all accomplished by a dedicated staff with partnerships in our local community, state, region and nationally. Anything that lifts one sector of our community elevates all. We are truly all better together.

2. What is your current (or former, if retired) occupation, and are there any relevant skills of that occupation you feel are relevant experience to serve as a Commissioner?

Currently I am matrixed from the Training Organization of CPCCO to the Inner Area End States project on the Hanford Site as a Training Specialist. CPCCO is providing me with an interesting perspective on government and private companies working together to mitigate the hazards of past decisions and how to move forward to a with a new mission – clean-up and restoration. This training position is a return to my first career as a Micro Computer Systems specialist where I trained Longview School District administrators and secretaries to move from typewriters to micro-computers. Yes, the transition to technology really did happen in this lifetime. I learned so very much about humans, how they adapt to change and the implications for an organization when technology changes what we do. Listening, patience and empathy are the people skills I internalized from that experience. As a life-time educator and leader in public, private and government education, I have had the opportunity to grow as a servant leader by serving under a variety of leadership styles and industries. My resume speaks to the skills and abilities I have gained in this variety of positions, but my current position on the Hanford Site has added substance to the importance of how critical the Port's diligence in managing its assets and partnerships is in supporting state and federal goals around sustainable energy.

3. What other qualifications do you hold that you consider relevant to this position?

My qualifications for this position are a blend of education, work and life experience. Living in different countries where care and concern are not always given to communities' properties and assets to the benefit of all, was quite an eye opener for me bringing an appreciation for the structure of having an entity like the Port. This becomes a pertinent qualification as without the experience, there would be no understanding or learning. Another qualification which aligns

with the Port is my experience collaboratively writing, securing, executing and the successful renewal of grants. Grant writing clearly has been a beneficial avenue for financially and economically progressive partnerships of the Port. I have a deep understanding of the importance of partnerships, matching the right need with the aligning grant, and the importance of collecting the correct data points to support the grant.

4. What is your experience holding elected or appointed public office (if any)? If you have held public office, what leadership roles or executive leadership team experience do you have in that office?

*Examples may include serving on City Council, County Commission, Advisory Boards and Commissions, Appointments to Community Boards (e.g. Visit Tri-Cities, Chamber of Commerce, etc.)*

This would be my first experience in an appointed public position. Having served my undergraduate internship in the Office of Governmental and Corporate Affairs at Central Washington University and coupled with my 15 years of board experiences, I feel particularly equipped to take on this new avenue of public service. As an Intern in this office, our focus was on connecting in Olympia with our elected officials, moving forward opportunity and issues important to higher education. It taught me the value of participating in our governmental process as we, the people, are the government. We must step up and make the commitment to our community when we have the education, skills, and abilities to do so. As a School Administrator I had the opportunity to serve on a work group who put for the legislation, House Bill 1418, which allowed students who had previously dropped out of school to be allowed back into public schools to meet their goal of graduating from high school. Currently, I serve on the Executive Board of Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary where have been the Community Chair for 7 years and I will be President in 2022-23. Other boards I have served on include Perfect Image Leadership, Vista Youth Center, My Friends Place and Rural Families Farm Workers. Each board opportunity has grown my knowledge and understanding of the role of board members and more importantly my leadership skills. years of age to meet their goal of graduating from high school. Currently, I serve on the Executive Board of Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary where I will be President in 2022-23, Perfect Image Leadership and previously have served on boards including Vista Youth Center, My Friends Place and Rural Families Farm Workers. Each board opportunity has grown my knowledge and understanding of the role of board members and more importantly my leadership skills.

5. Do you, your spouse, or another closely related party have a financial interest in, or are an employee or affiliate of any business or agency which does business with the Port of Benton? If so, please explain.

No.

6. From what you have learned about the Port of Benton and the community/region, how are you the ideal match for this position?

I am an energetic, openminded, community connected resident of this county who moved here in 1963, left for 17 years to learn more about the world and returned to reconnect to the deep roots of my family and beloved community. As a candidate who brings a fresh perspective with no history or pre-conceived ideas of how the Port should operate or what the priorities should be – I am an ideal candidate. My application for appointment is in-line with what the voters indicated in the last election for Position No. 3 - new ideas and a fresh perspective. My legacy of dedication and service above self in every community I have lived in speaks for itself. My husband and I have a blended family of five adult children and seven grandchildren who all reside and thrive in our community which motivates me to take the next step in public service. Being an example for my family and friends by stepping out of my comfort zone and serving our community in the pursuit of building a stronger community through regional economic growth and prosperity inspires me. Yes, there are special interest groups regarding the Port and there has been conflict and discourse, but as an experienced leader who has served the community and has no agenda - I am an ideal match for this position.

7. Explain your experience with property management, leases, real estate transactions and business proposals? What is your experience with airports or other specialty service areas?

As a private property owner of a home and previously a rental, I have managed and personally remodeled the property from ceiling to floor. Managing costs, timelines, and renter issues myself – it was a steep learning curve. As a School Administrator in both public and private settings, I have gained experience and an understanding of managing property, maintenance contracts, leases, and business proposals. I have learned to never be so proud as to not ask for an expert to provide information, guidance, or support. My foundational knowledge of airports began in 1967 flying alone out of

Richland Airport to Portland for a visit with family. As a passenger flying to three different continents, residing three different countries outside of the United States I have an appreciation of how they have become a foundational component of not only travel and transportation of goods, but economic development and growth to communities. While an Administrator in Pasco School District I worked closely with the Career and Technical Education department and the Pasco specialty kitchen learning and appreciating the partnership to enhance student learning in a way we could not have without its existence. Incubator business sites are so essential to creating new paths for innovate growth in business. I look forward to expanding my knowledge and understanding of property management, airports and specialty service areas as a Port Commissioner.

8. Is there anything in your background we should know about that would have a negative impact on you or the port if you were appointed? Please explain.

No.

**Please attach a résumé of no more than two pages to be submitted along with your application.**

# Christy L Rasmussen

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## LEADER ♦ ORGANIZED ♦ VERSATILE

### Work History:

#### **CPCCO, Hanford Site, CPRM**

*Training Specialist*

*(June 2021 - present)*

#### **WHL, Hanford Site 222-S Laboratory**

*Senior Training Program Lead*

*(December 2017 – May 2021)*

#### **United Way of Benton/Franklin Counties**

*Workplace Campaign Manager*

*(May 2017 – December 2017)*

#### **Diocese of Yakima**

*Principal Christ the King Catholic  
School*

*(September 2014 – September  
2016)*

#### **Pasco School District**

*Principal*

*(August 2005 – September 2014)*

#### **Richland School District**

*Dean of Student/Teacher*

*(January 2001 – August 2005)*

#### **Children's Garden Montessori Teacher**

*(September 1997 - June 2000)*

#### **Grizzly Imports**

*Information Systems*

*Manager/Office Manager*

*(May 1990 - August 1991)*

#### **Central Washington University**

*Assist to Director of  
Governmental Affairs*

*(September 1989- June 1990)*

#### **Lower Columbia College**

*Assistant to the Executive  
Secretary*

*(August 1981 - June 1982)*

### Summary

- High energy, life-long learner who thrives in an ever-evolving environment.
- Administrative management experience in collective bargaining, training, project management, contracts, strategic planning, monitoring, execution, and evaluation.
- Experienced fiduciary in working with business, boards, staff and programs to create, adhere to and improve contracts, annual budgets, grants, foundations and endowments.
- Proven servant leadership skills, ability to delegate and facilitate staff development and training.
- Visionary thinker in creating programs and using tools (ie. e-learning) to meet the needs of diverse learners.
- Creative team collaborator in the academic and community arena to ensure a safe and healthy community for all through building strong relational partnerships.
- Experienced in delivering training using "Understanding by Design" which is a "Systematic Approach to Training" encompassing all phases include analysis, design, development, implementation, and evaluation.
- 32 years of experience in a variety of business and educational settings.
- 19 years of Training, Academic Management and Administrative Experience.

### Experience Summary

#### Training Specialist

- Facilitate the Systematic Approach to Training (SAT) using the ADDIE model to create, review and revise training materials.
- Proficient user of VISION software for the creation of training materials.
- Provide training support to all Inner End States projects, interacting with Managers, Supervisors and staff.

#### Senior Training Program Lead

- Voting member of Training Center of Expertise of HAMMER for all site wide training.
- Provide facility and program management including day-to-day decisions required to maintain training compliance of 222-S Analytical personnel.
- Proficient user of the new Successfactors Learning Management system from scheduling, to building curricula for training plans, to generating reports.
- Communicate training status and issues to the Management team.
- Facilitated, organized and scheduled company-wide training during outages to best utilize staff time out of the lab.
- Coordinated with DOE the delivery of TLP200 Safety Culture Training for Analytical and Support Services Staff of the 222-S Laboratory.
- Technical Authority for all training procedures

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## Training:

- VISION
- Instructor Qualified
- Train the Trainer
- 24 Hour Hazardous Waste TSD Worker
- General Hazard Awareness
- Lean Six Sigma Green Belt
- DOE-215, Assessment Preparation & Application
- TLP150/200 Safety Culture
- Apparent Cause Analysis & Corrective Action
- Trend Analysis Process
- Root Cause Analysis
- Root Cause Workshop
- OJO/PII
- 222-S Laboratory Tracking System
- OMNIlms
- Records Custodian
- IDMS Enterprise
- Chemical Hygiene
- OJT/OJE
- Quality Assurance
- NIMS Trained
- DOE-Alternative Dispute Resolution Training
- Stretch & Flex Lead
- Radworker II
- Hazardous Waste

## Education:

### ***Heritage University***

#### ***M.Ed Educational Administration***

*Class of 2003*

### ***Eastern Washington University***

#### ***BA Education***

*Class of 2000*

### ***Central Washington University***

#### ***BA Office Administration***

*Class of 1990*

### ***Lower Columbia College***

#### ***AA General Studies***

#### ***ATA Computer Science***

*Class 1983 & 1988*

- Facilitated community connections for STEMlikeMe!, representing Wastren.
- Chair of the Future Workforce Educational Outreach Committee site-wide.
- Serve on the General Advisory Committee for Tri-Tech High School Skills Center, representing Wastren.
- Performed characterization data quality assurance reviews of training and resolved characterization training data issues.
- Implemented corrective actions and tracked to resolution.
- Worked collaboratively with FLM, QA, Procedures and analytical staff to improve training qualifications.
- Performed critical strategic tasks to interpret broad requirements and execute plans to satisfy them.

## Workplace Campaign Manager

- Successful grant writer in both private and public sector, who takes an idea, collaborates in the community and works to build sustainable programs while collecting data to establish and report the efficacy of grants written.
- Successful nonprofit fundraising experience, including an annual appeal.
- Project management proficiency in ASANA project management software, Office 360.
- Effective manager of resources and time management to meet campaign community and team goals.

## Educational Administrator

- Planned, delivered and facilitated staff development.
- Evaluated, monitored and coached for on-going professional development of all staff: teaching, and support services staff.
- Wrote job descriptions, postings, screened and hired all personnel.
- Responsible for the health and safety of all students and staff, using my Incident Command Center Training.
- Facilitator for the Center for Children, Youth and Justice work groups, also serving as the Chair of the Gang Task Force.

## Community Outreach Summary

- Member of the General Advisory Committee for Tri-Tech Vocational High School
- Hanford site Initiative Lead -STEM focus in partnership with Battelle, Boeing, OSPI, Pacific Science Center
- Tri-Cities Sunrise Rotary: President Elect 2021-22, Executive Bd, Community Chair, Volunteer Chair for #See3Slam Basketball tournament, past New Generations Chair and Co-Chair of the golf tournament which raises funds for the scholarship program and a +4 Paul Harris Fellow.
- PDQ & Perfect Image Leadership Foundation, board member - building leadership skill in our youth through after school programs.
- TC-GIVES (Tri Cities Gang Intervention Valuing Education & Service)
- Quest Center, formerly Vista Youth Center, serving LGBTQIA
- Safe Harbor & My Friends Place, former board member - a shelter for homeless youth
- BF County Community Health and Services Forum member
- Facilitator for the Center for Children, Youth and Justice work groups
- Tri-Cities Hispanic Chamber of Commerce - Latina Educator of the Year in 2013.