



MARICOPA CITY COUNCIL APPLICATION FORM

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the City of Maricopa. Please fill out the following form and return it to the City Clerk by one of the following means:

<p><u>Email - Fax - Questions</u> Email: vanessa.bueras@maricopa-az.gov Fax: 520-568-9120 Questions?: 520-316-6971</p>	<p><u>In Person</u> City Clerk City of Maricopa 39700 W. Civic Center Plaza Maricopa, AZ 85138</p>
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Contact Information					
Name:	Chrystal Allen-O'Jon				
Address:					
City, State, Zip:					
Email:					
Phone Number:					
General Information					
Are you a full time Maricopa Resident?*	Yes	No	Do You Live Within The City's Incorporated Limits?*	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Are You A Registered Voter?*	Yes	No	*All candidates shall be qualified electors of the city and shall have resided in the city for at least one year.		
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
Have you ever served on any elected or appointed Boards, Committees, Commissions, Task Forces, Council, etc. (City of Maricopa or otherwise) in the past?	Yes	No			
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	If yes, please list:				
	Cultural Events with CM Henry Wade				

<p>Have you ever been involved in helping develop public policy at <u>any</u> governmental level? (This might include such activities as writing issue papers, conducting public policy research, advising policymakers, advocating for a particular change, or performing other public policy development work)</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/></p>
	<p>If yes, please list a short description:</p>
<p>Please list any leadership roles you have had at your place of employment, through volunteer work, business or professional organizations, civic, church or other activities. List only the roles and affiliations most important to you in the PAST FIVE YEARS.</p>	<p>In the past 5 years I have worked in leadership positions to advocate for veterans, women and all of our local community via these orgs: Maricopa Veteran Care Center 5013c Project, VetIT 5013c, Seeds of Change via Against Abuse Gala Volunteer and recently helping the Maricopa Quarterly Street clean-up project.</p>
<p>Are you able to <u>fully commit</u> to the time requirement (1st & 3rd Tues eve. of each month City Council meetings, extensive pre and post reading/meeting preparation time, Strategic and Budgetary retreats, specially called meetings, numerous committee assignments, public speaking requirements, social & constituent requests for meetings, correspondence, public appearances, etc.) to be a city council member?</p>	<p>Yes No</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/></p>

Cheryl Allen Dyer

 Signature of Applicant:

8.24.2022

 Date:

Short Essay Questions (use additional sheet of paper if necessary):

1. In 300 words or less, please tell us why you are the BEST candidate to fill the vacancy on the Maricopa City Council.

I have spent over half my life in service to humanity via local community initiatives (feeding the homeless and advocating for incarcerated youth) and will continue to serve where there is a need. My passion to help has been evident via my commitment in support to local Maricopa programs financially and through volunteer and fund raising. My background in community advocacy, and in sales and marketing provide me the skills to hit the ground working.

2. In 300 words or less, please tell us what attributes, qualities, special skills, talents, awards, knowledge, you would offer to further enhance and diversify this city council.

Attributes I possess include good judgment, fairness, integrity, humility, and I am even tempered. My background in fund raising via music and social events is a plus. Currently, I am in several social groups of varying ethnicities of 5000+ people that I can access to help get the City's messaging out in an all-inclusive way. I grew up in inner city LA and went to a performing arts school in Pacific Palisades with the actor Forrest Whittaker. The arts: Dancing, singing, and acting kept me out of trouble and feel young people still need this outlet. I care deeply and am passionate about this.

3. In 300 words or less, please discuss the three (3) most important issues you see facing the City of Maricopa today.

Maricopa is growing and with this growth I do anticipate a need for more 1. youth programs afterschool and possibly some weekends to keep kids busy and out of trouble via arts, music, science and literacy programs; 2. Emotional support for Veterans, teens and working parents; 3. Employment creation, attracting larger companies to Maricopa which would provide more local employment.

4. In 300 words or less, please discuss what it means to you to be good policy maker and serve for the common good.

Since creating policies include 1. defining a problem; 2. gathering evidence; 3. identifying causes; 4. reviewing current policies, and then 5. strategizing solutions that anticipate the social response, it's important that I be an active listener. This includes observing what verbal and non-verbal messages, and then providing appropriate feedback to ensure policies are helpful for the community a "whole". Engaging with the community is the most important way to obtain feedback, all while not taking responses personally.

Please Attach:

1. Current Resume (Required)
2. Letters of Recommendation or Endorsement (Optional)
 - Should include:
 - How long the endorsers has known the applicant
 - Why the applicant meets the ideal candidate profile
 - Any other pertinent information the Council might need to consider the applicant

Chrystal Allen-O'Jon

Work Experience

O'Jon Enterprises Property Management & Investments 2009 to Present
VP of Business - ojonenterprises.com

- Responsibilities include setting and collecting rent, handling maintenance requests, filling vacant units and potentially setting the budget for the property in various states (MI, AZ, TN, TX). Most properties have been sold to focus on future local building projects in Maricopa, AZ.
- Provide Administrative and Marketing support, i.e., press releases, social media, and advertising.

Maricopa Lifestyle Magazine Quarterly 2022 to Present
Owner/Publisher - www.maricopalifestylemagazine.com

- Responsible for selecting, producing, marketing, and distributing a community quarterly magazine. Our goal is to reflect the beauty of all cultures and lifestyles represented in the City of Maricopa.

Present Volunteer Experience

- Maricopa Veteran Care Center 5013c Project
- VetIT 5013c
- Seeds of Change via Against Abuse Gala Volunteer
- Maricopa Quarterly Street clean-up

Past Volunteer Experience

- Los Angeles Homeless Feeding Program (approximately 10+ years)
- Fred C. Nellis Youth Correction Center in California (approximately 3 years)

City of Maricopa Financial Community Donations Raised & Made: (via Community Music Events to:)

- Teachers Teaching teachers
- Be Awesome Youth Organizations
- VFW Auxiliary
- Streets Don't Love You Back
- Zonta
- The City of Maricopa for their Youth Programs

Sponsors Obtained to raise funds included: Pepsi, Music Connection, MetroPCS, Little Caesars Pizza, Ace Hardware, Harrah's, Guitar Center & More: [Media \(ojonenterprises.com\)](http://Media(ojonenterprises.com)).

Organization Affiliations (Past & Present)

- Maricopa Chamber of Commerce
- Black Maricopa Chamber of Commerce

- Zonta Women's Organization

Skills

PC Proficient, Office, Power Point, Excel, Internet & Social Media Saavy.

Marketing advertising background for Local Los Angeles & Arizona Newspaper & Magazines.

Education

SDSU	Journalism/Communication	1980-1983
University of Phoenix	BS Marketing/Advertisement	2005 –

Additional

Participated in the Maricopa Citizen Training Program	2018
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Professional & Personal References

Julia Gusse

Friend/Campaign Colleague

Senior Advisor to the Under Secretary for Benefits,
Department of Veteran Affairs



Anotonia Presume

Friend/Maricopa Chamber Colleague

Maricopa Chamber Board Member



Hillory Mclarty

Friend/Colleague - Music Connection Magazine

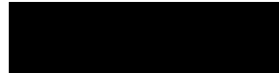


Family

Kent O'Jon

Husband

US Armed Forces - Retired



Noraniece Allen

Mother



Marshon Gonzo

Sister



Cherese Adams

Sister



Public Records Exemptions

Enclosed please find a copy of the response documents for your public records request. The following information is provided to explain the process employed to review and produce the response documents.

Reason	Description	Pages
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