

Profile

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Length of Residency - please select one. \*

☒ 6+ years

Do you own or represent a business in Clearwater?

☐ Yes ☒ No

If yes, where is the business located? Do you conduct business with the City?

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Community Development Board: Submitted

Currently retired

Employer

community volunteer

Job Title

Occupation - If retired, enter former occupation.

Project Manager Honeywell; Councilmember

Have you served or do you serve on a board in Clearwater?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please list the name of the board.

Charter Review, Environmental Advisory Board (Chair)

**Why do you wish to serve on this board/committee? If seeking reappointment, state why you should be reappointed.**

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I wish to see the Community Development Board follows the plain language of the Community Development Code (CDC) to ensure faithful implementation of Council's intent as stated in the CDC's General Purposes and its detailed provisions. The board should faithfully evaluate all evidence presented and provide complete transparency for their decisions.

**What personal qualifications can you bring to this board or committee?**

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Great familiarity with the Clearwater Community Development Code and history of development in the city as a former Council member for 14 years. During my years on the Council, I understood that legislative policy decisions are adopted by the Council majority. Once so made, then the facts of the application should be weighed against the adopted code. The complete review of project packages takes considerable time. Because of my passion and enthusiasm for future of the City of Clearwater i am willing to invest the time it takes to do this job. Resident of Clearwater since 1984.

**List Community Activities**

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President Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition Chair Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Past President, Countryside Northridge Homeowners Assoc Chair Forward Pinellas Citizens Advisory Committee (this is the Pinellas MPO)

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Upload a Resume

Question applies to multiple boards

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Please attach a copy of your current voter registration within city limits.

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Please attach a copy of one of the following documents: 1) valid current Florida Driver License issued to an address within city limits, or 2) Declaration of Domicile filed with the city clerk affirming residency within city limits.

Question applies to multiple boards

**Are you related to any member of the City Council?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

Question applies to multiple boards

**If yes, please provide name and explain relation.**

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**Are you related to a city employee?**

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☐ Yes ☒ No

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## Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be racially, politically or geographically proportionate to the general public. The following information helps track our recruitment and diversity efforts. (Optional)

## Ethnicity

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☒ Caucasian/Non-Hispanic

## Gender

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☒ Male

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Date of Birth

**The City of Clearwater strives to promote diversity and provide reasonable accommodations for individuals with disabilities. If you are requesting accommodation, please indicate below:**

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No accommodation needed.

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**By clicking on "I Agree," below, I affirm that the information above is true and correct, and that I understand and agree to the responsibilities and commitment of time associated with an appointment to a Clearwater advisory board or committee.**

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☒ I Agree

All material submitted to the City of Clearwater is subject to the public records law of the State of Florida including Chapter 119, Florida Statutes.

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**Clearwater City Council:** Mr. Jonson served two three-year terms as Clearwater City Councilmember from 2001 to 2007 when he left office as a result of term limits. He was reelected to the City Council in March of 2010 and again in 2014. He completed his last term in March of 2018.

He served as the Clearwater City representative to the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority (PSTA) where he is Past Board Chair. He represented PSTA on the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization (Forward Pinellas). Additionally, he was Clearwater's representative to the Suncoast League of Cities, where he served as President twice. He is Chair of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Corridor Advocacy Committee. Additionally, was appointed to the Clearwater Pension Advisory Committee, Clearwater Audit Committee and ex-official member of the Clearwater Downtown Development Board.

He was previously the City's representative to the Tampa Bay Estuary Program. The Florida League of Cities (FLC) elected him to their Board of Directors and selected him as Chair of their Transportation and Urban Affairs Policy Committee. Additional service at the FLC includes a membership on the Advocacy, Nominations, Resolutions, and Legislative committees, and as a member of the Blue-Ribbon Task Force on Affordable Housing. Additionally, he served as Chairman of the Pinellas Metropolitan Planning Organization's Local Coordinating Board for Transportation Disadvantaged.

**Other Appointed Positions:** In June 2007, Mr. Jonson was appointed by the Pinellas County Board of Commissioners to a "citizens' representative" board position on PSTA where he served as Secretary/Treasurer and a member of the Board Finance Committee from 2007-2009. Additionally, he serves as Chair of the Pinellas Forward Pinellas (MPO) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). He was appointed to the CAC of the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority and subsequently elected and re-elected as CAC Committee Chair 2008-2009 and again as Chair in 2018.

**Previous City of Clearwater Activities:** Mr. Jonson was the founder (1988) and president of Citizens for a Better Clearwater. This group successfully petitioned the Clearwater City Commission to phase out billboard clutter on a portion of Gulf-to-Bay Boulevard in Clearwater, Florida. This effort subsequently led to the Pinellas County Commission's adoption of ordinances to improve roadside appearance countywide. He is Chair of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Advocacy Group, which successfully achieved designation as a Florida Scenic Byway which initiated the Federally funded multi-use Trail across the Causeway in use today.

**Community Activities:** Mr. Jonson served as president of the Countryside Northridge Homeowners Association (1991, 2000, 2008 and 2009), he is the past president of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition (1992), and currently serves as current president of the Clearwater Neighborhoods Coalition. He was Treasurer, Director, and President (2020-2022) of the League of Women Voters of Upper Pinellas. He served as president of the Countryside High School Advisory Council (1994-1995). He was a very active member of the Countryside Lions Club from 1985 to 1994 where he was recipient of the Lions Club Melvin Jones Fellow Award (1991). Additionally, he was recognized as Lion of the Year in 1999. He is a graduate of Leadership Pinellas 1999, Leadership Tampa Bay 2005, and Leadership Florida's Local Government Class VII. He is a member of the Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce's (now Amplify Clearwater) Government and Economic Development Committees.

**Statewide Activities:** Mr. Jonson is founder and currently president of Citizens for a Scenic Florida, whose statewide mission is to preserve and restore Florida's scenic heritage. Prior to the formation of this organization, he worked extensively on Florida highway beautification activities. He was a member of the State of Florida's Scenic Byways Advisory Council and was active in legislative and rule development

pertaining to vegetation protection and billboard controls. As a result of these efforts he received the **statewide Florida Hazel Simmons Hodges Highway Beautification Award** (1997).

**National Activities:** Mr. Jonson currently **serves on the Board of Directors of Scenic America, Inc** (Treasurer), and was its secretary (1991-93), chair of the Affiliates Committee (1993-98) and chair of the Billboard Policy Committee (1998 – 2001).

**Professional:** Prior to his retirement in December of 1999, Mr. Jonson oversaw **project management** activities within the Information Systems department at **Honeywell Inc. in Clearwater**, Florida. During his 30-year career at Honeywell he also performed duties in internal audit, controllership, and systems analysis. During his professional career he received the following certifications: **Certified Public Account**, Certified Internal Auditor, Certificate in Data Processing, and **Certified Project Management Professional**. In 2012 he became a Certified Public Pension Trustee.

**Education:** Mr. Jonson received his undergraduate **degree from Drake University in Accounting**. He did additional graduate work at the University of Minnesota in Management Information Systems.

**Military:** He served in the U.S. Army from 1967 to 1969 as a Military Policeman and Internal Auditor, primarily in Texas and Thailand. **Honorable Discharge was received.**

**Family:** **He has two children, Amy and Thomas, and five grandchildren.** Over the years Bill has been a Boy Scout/Cub Scout Leader and an assistant youth soccer coach. Bill is a member of Heritage United Methodist Church where he sings in the Choir.

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