



# Council Business Meeting

May 16, 2023

<b>Agenda Item</b>	Housing & Human Services Advisory Committee Appointments	
<b>From</b>	Melissa Huhtala	City Recorder
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<b>Item Type</b>	Requested by Council <input type="checkbox"/> Update <input type="checkbox"/> Request for Direction <input type="checkbox"/> Presentation <input type="checkbox"/>	

## **SUMMARY**

Approval of the Mayor Graham’s recommendations for the appointment of committee members to the Housing & Human Services Advisory Committee:

- Alan Ackroyd, Position #4 term ending 4/30/2026.
- Brittney Bass, Position #5 term ending 4/30/2026.
- Jason Mendoza, Position #8 term ending 4/30/2026.
- Deborah Price, Position #9 term ending 4/30/2025.

## **POLICIES, PLANS & GOALS SUPPORTED**

Ashland Municipal Code (AMC) Chapter 2.19.

## **BACKGROUND AND ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

N/A

## **FISCAL IMPACTS**

N/A

## **ACTIONS, OPTIONS & POTENTIAL MOTIONS**

I move to approve the Mayor’s recommendations for the appointments to the Housing & Human Services Advisory Committee.

## **REFERENCES & ATTACHMENTS**

Attachment 1: Application – Ackroyd

Attachment 2: Application – Bass

Attachment 3: Application – Mendoza

Attachment 3: Application – Price



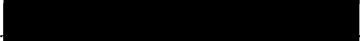
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**ASHLAND**

**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO  
CITY COMMISSION/COMMITTEE**

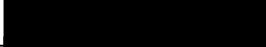
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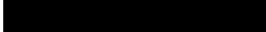
Name Alan Ackroyd

Requesting to serve on: Housing and Human Services (Commission/Committee)

Mailing Address 

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Retired Medical Professional Phone: Home 

Work 

Email 

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? \_\_\_\_\_

What degrees do you hold? I have degrees in Medicine and Masters degree in Psychology

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?  
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\_\_\_\_\_

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

I am currently a member of the Ashland Mobile Home Committee that is advocating for a zoning change to protect the homes of all parks in Ashland from being sold out from under us.

I am also interested in the general problem of homelessness and how to address it in a humanitarian and efficient manner

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I am currently a member of the Ashland Mobile Home

that is advocating for a zoning change to protect the homes of all parks in Ashland from being sold out from under us.

I am also interested in the general problem of homelessness and how to address it in a humanitarian and efficient manner.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings?

Yes, The current time is fine

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

I have lived in Ashland for 20 years

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

In conclusion, I would be honored to serve on this committee

and, in fact, have attended a couple of their meeting recently

Thank you very much for considering me and feel free to contact me if further questions arise

Sincerely, Alan Ackroyd

Date

Signature



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Name Brittney Bass

Requesting to serve on: Housing Committee (Commission/Committee)

Mailing Address [REDACTED]

Physical Address \_\_\_\_\_

Occupation Customer Support Phone: Home [REDACTED]

Work [REDACTED]

Email [REDACTED]

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? Southern Oregon University

What degrees do you hold? \_\_\_\_\_

Bachelors Degree French and Cultural Anthropology

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

In cultural Anthropology I learned about social justice and systems of oppression and how it relates to our

society.

**2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

Volunteered at the Soup Kitchen in Ashland while I was in college. (Uncle Foods Diner)

Volunteered at Walker Elementary as PTO president

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why? I wouldnt be against any further training if it were to

become available to me.



**3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position? \_\_\_\_\_

Concerned about the lack of affordable housing in Ashland and want  
to work with others to fix this situation.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings? \_\_\_\_\_

I prefer early evenings or days

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community? 31 years

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

My main qualifications for this position is that I have lived in the community for  
over 30 years and have seen the growth and change, not always for the better.

I am passionate about what happens next to the working class people and their  
living situation.

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Date

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Signature



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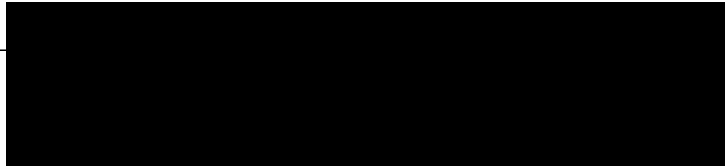
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Name Jason Mendoza

Requesting to serve on: Ashland Housing Committee/Comission

(Commission/Committee)

Mailing Address



Physical Address

Occupation Area Coordinator for Student Apartments & Family Housing at Southern Oregon University

Phone: Home  \_\_\_\_\_



**1. Education Background**

What schools have you attended? Southern Oregon University, Bishop O'Dowd High

School

What degrees do you hold? Bachelor's in Criminal Justice (2016) and I will be starting my Masters in Business Administration this Fall at 2022

What additional training or education have you had that would apply to this position?

Have assisted with providing housing for SOU employees and students, and provided rental assistance resources as well as processing the landlord portion of rental assistance

approval. I have also processed rent, rental payment plans, assisted in showing how new renters can transition utilities to their name, and apartment/house walkthroughs. Processed maintenance requests, address tenant concerns and questions. I also have other skills including, de-escalation, organization, personability, and being knowledgeable in my job assignments and content.

## **2. Related Experience**

What prior work experience have you had that would help you if you were appointed to this position?

I currently work in an Ashland Housing capacity in that I work to provide housing for SOU students and employees here in Ashland.

Do you feel it would be advantageous for you to have further training in this field, such as attending conferences or seminars? Why?

Yes, I do feel it would be advantageous for me to have further training in this field such as attending conferences and seminars, as I have worked to provide housing to those in need, including those affected by COVID and the Alameda fires. I hope to attend these trainings and seminars if they are pertaining to how I can better assist folks, whether they are SOU affiliated or not, to seek and obtain sustainable housing in Ashland or even the greater Ashland area. I hope to work in a capacity that I can help make a difference in the community, not only for my family and I, but also others who are just starting out their lives and those with families as well. Ashland is a great place to live and raise a family with the culture, safety, and community that citizens share. I hope to contribute in a positive way to make the community better in providing more housing opportunities for folks wanting to live in this great city.



## **3. Interests**

Why are you applying for this position?

I am applying for this position as I believe my experience working for SOU Housing and providing sustainable housing for SOU folks can help assist in those temporary tenants and contribute to the committee in a capacity that is both productive and rational, as I

know not all solutions or ideas can be attainable. My goal is to simply be another contributor with my experience, culture, and knowledge in the housing field here in Ashland.

**4. Availability**

Are you available to attend special meetings, in addition to the regularly scheduled meetings? Do you prefer day or evening meetings?

Yes, I can attend special meetings and regularly scheduled meetings based on my availability. Due to my job at Housing, I would need to prioritize it to assure I can remain living in Ashland as well. Lastly, I am starting my MBA program which will have evening classes. Currently, I only have class from late Sept-Dec. On Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. I would prefer evening meetings, as my job is typically Monday-Friday 8am-5pm banking operation hours.

**5. Additional Information**

How long have you lived in this community?

I have lived in Ashland from 2010-2016, and then again from 2019-Present.

Please use the space below to summarize any additional qualifications you have for this position

Experience processing rental, Creating rental payment plans, Create action plans with tenants to address move-ins, move-outs, transfers, adding roommates/partners, and seeking emergency housing. I have also worked with Jackson County in the realm of parole and probation, as well as the Department of Human Services Childwelfare and seeking and distributing housing resources to those in need. Obtained food for tenants for those with COVID/health concerns. Assisted in creating move-out plans for student and employees moving out of SOU housing for local housing in the area. Also provided child care information for families moving into SOU housing and other City of Ashland resources as well. Provide and organize large scale programming for tenants.

Jason Iosua Mendoza Signature

09/06/22 Date





**From:** [Dorinda Cottle](#)  
**To:** [Melissa Huhtala](#); [Dana Smith](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Application for Committee or Commission Submitted  
**Date:** Monday, May 1, 2023 12:20:14 PM

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**From:** City of Ashland, Oregon <administration@ashland.or.us>  
**Sent:** Friday, April 28, 2023 9:21 PM  
**To:** Dorinda Cottle <dorinda.cottle@ashland.or.us>; City Recorder <recorder@ashland.or.us>  
**Subject:** Application for Committee or Commission Submitted

[EXTERNAL SENDER]

\*\*\* FORM FIELD DATA\*\*\*

Name: **Deborah S. Price**

Committee or Commission intersted in: **Planning Commission or Housing and Human Services Advisory Committee**

Address: [REDACTED]

Phone: [REDACTED]

Email: [REDACTED]

Occupation : **Retired - State of Oregon**

Educational background: **Lewis University, Business Administration. Numerous Certificates and Awards for Community Development, numerous Volunteer activities, 33 years in the Rogue Valley and across the State in the development of housing, business siting, and building cooperative relationships with parties who have divergent positions while I served government and the best interests of people of the community. I began my career here as the Affordable Senior Housing developer and grant writer for Rogue Valley Manor, went on the be hired away by ACCESS, INC to write grants and develop their housing for the Chronically Mentally Ill. I was instrumental in the initial phases of siting and funding Chautauqua Trace here in Ashland as well as three developments in Medford. I was then hired away by the State Housing Agency to be the Regional Representative to the Director's Office and was based here in Ashland with my office in the Ashland Armory serving Coos, Curry, Jackson, Josephine, Douglas and Klamath Counties. I retired while serving in Bend as the Regional Representative for Lake, Harney, Deschutes, Crook, Jefferson, Wasco, Hood River and Sherman Counties when the Agency Director requested my family relocate to address the rapid growth challenges in Bend and Hood River Counties. My problem solving and ability to view situations from differing perspectives are well developed.**

Related Experience: **For several years I represented the Southwest region for Housing and Community Services, initially based in Ashland and covering many other counties as a member of the Oregon Community Solutions Team. The Team consisted of staff from Housing and Community Services, Economic Development, DLCDD, Energy and DEQ field representatives. Together we worked with local community, not for profit representatives, faith based organizations, foundations, private developers, and individuals to identify and address roadblocks to successful business and residential development in their jurisdictions. We wrestled with establishing urban growth boundaries, provision of adequate infrastructure, drive and walkability, affordable, adaptable and market rate development as well as countless other**

**matters. I'm sure I would benefit from additional training, conferences, and seminars as the field is dynamic and evolving.**

Interests: **I have a longtime interest in the subject of development in Oregon. The challenges presented by our geology and topography have given Ashland a special set of barriers to overcome. I still, long after reading the "Ranch Under The Rim Rock" in 1990 regarding Tom McCall's influence on Oregon's growth and development policies, find the topic fascinating**

Availability: **Yes. I am completely flexible and available . Either day or evening meetings are fine.**

Additional Information : **I moved to Ashland in 1989 and have witnessed many changes during my years here. The State growth/no growth policies as well as the needs of Oregon communities and their citizens Oregon has grown into what is has become today. The challenges continue!**

Signature: **Deborah S. Price**

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