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Board and Officer Candidate Questionnaire

- 1. I am re-applying for the Recording Secretary position**
- 2. I have lived in Oyster Harbor for 5 years**
- 3. I am applying for this position to contribute to our community. I personally have an interest in continuing to be actively involved in the inner workings of the community and collaborate with my neighbors in creating an engaged and beautiful place to live for all of us here.**
- 4. I am currently the OHCA Recording Secretary and interested in running for a second term for this office. I am also currently a Board member for OHCA.**
- 5. I have been on boards and active in professional groups related to health care and mental health services in the Washington Metro area for most of my adult life, eg, I was Chair for five years of the Institutional Review Board for the city of Washington, DC reviewing all research proposals involving human subjects for their scientific merit and ethical considerations. This involved all potential research subjects including children, adolescents, and adults receiving services from what was then the DC Commission on Mental Health Services and St. Elizabeths Hospital. I also served as Vice President for an organization that ran conferences studying issues of diversity and inclusion, power and authority with people of all backgrounds, ages, racial and ethnic groups, varying educational levels, etc, to help the participants learn about group dynamics and consider how they affect organizations and individuals in trying to be productive in their workplaces and organizational settings. Our organization consulted with public and private business and educational organizations to help them become more productive and less mired in conflicts and disagreements that prevented work from moving forward. I think that this latter experience in group consultation, together with my training and experience as a clinical psychologist, could be potentially useful in helping our community to move forward following some of the challenging situations that have arisen in the last several years.**
- 6. I have held administrative roles, eg, as a departmental chief in hospitals; training director, and I run my own business, a private practice in clinical psychology. In these roles, I've dealt with budget and staff issues, budgets; maintenance and repair work to maintain safety standards. I have a lot of education (two Masters and a Doctoral degree) and a lot of experience with writing. Finally since I am now "semi-retired," having left my institutional employers, I now have**

more time available to devote to community interests. Finally, I also have some fluency in Spanish, although I am not bi-lingual.

- 7.** Priorities: greater community involvement; committee work for physical maintenance community activism. I have a particular concern and interest for environmental issues, particularly the water quality in our swimming areas, especially given recent high bacteria counts in the Bio Report this year. I would like to see us have more educational events, eg, a speaker from the Arundel Rivers Foundation who I have heard talk about responsible yard maintenance and gardening to protect the bay and encourage clean air, water, and soil. This is particularly important given that I believe that most, if not all, people in our community have well water as our primary source of water. Erosion control is another topic that is very relevant to most of us here given potential flood risks. I also have concern for wildlife, eg, the migratory birds, and supporting fish in the bay.

--I hope to resume planning and arranging community dinners out at a local restaurants.

- 8.** The top challenges that I am aware of involve 1) moving forward from the litigious situations that have set the community back. 2) gaining more community participation and activism in the workings of our community, both internally, and, if possible, in collaboration with other outside community organizations. It would be wonderful to create a culture of pride and excitement in our community to motivate more people to become involved. 3) develop a greater consciousness about protecting the environment here.
- 9.** My vision for OHCA is that it is a place where we all feel safe and lucky to call our home; that our property needs, roads, flood management, and access to our beautiful waterfront beaches are preserved and protected; and, finally, that we are a model for diversity and inclusion. (* In reading the Constitution, I noticed that the pronoun used in various places to refer to individuals on the Board is "he." I think we can find a way to update this).
- 10.** I have reviewed the OHCA Constitution, and I am fully committed to OHCA being run in accordance with the Constitution.

