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from the Administrative Services Department

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TO: Honorable Mayor, Members of the Council, and City Manager

FROM: Luisa Zavala, Deputy City Clerk *LZ*

CC: Donnie Moore, Parks & Leisure Services Director  
Vikki Cervantes, City Librarian  
Patrice Hildreth, Admin. Services Dir.

DATE: November 17, 2014

SUBJECT: Supplemental Information – City Council Agenda – November 18, 2014 –  
Item No. 12 – Consideration of Appointment to Library and Literacy  
Commission

For your consideration, attached please find a Request for Appointment submitted by Patience Christenson. A hard copy has also been placed in your Inbox.

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CITY OF PORTERVILLE  
CITY CLERK OFFICE

# CITY OF PORTERVILLE REQUEST FOR APPOINTMENT

Please complete all blanks.

Name: PATIENCE CHRISTENSON  
(Please Print)

Appointment to: LIBRARY AND LITERACY COMMISSION  
(Name of Board, Commission, or Committee)

Reappointment; or IF NEW, please provide :

Street Address: 1297 WESTSIDE ST.  
PORTERVILLE, CA

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business: \_\_\_\_\_

Own       Operate

Business Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: Home (559) 361-7942

Work \_\_\_\_\_

FAX \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail patiencechristenson@gmail.com

City of Porterville resident:

Yes

No

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Registered Voter:

Yes

No

*hf*

Qualifications: \_\_\_\_\_  
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- Resume attached
- Letter of request attached

Submitted By: Patience Christensen 14 Nov 2014  
Date

Received by: L. Zavala

- Forwarded to: City Clerk  Date: 11-14-14
- City Council  Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- City Manager  Date: \_\_\_\_\_
- Applicable Dept.  Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Tentative Council Mtg Date: 11-18-14

# Patience M Christenson

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1297 Westside St. Porterville, CA 93257 (559) 361-7942 [patiencechristenson@gmail.com](mailto:patiencechristenson@gmail.com)

City of Porterville  
291 North Main Street  
(559) 782-7499

Dear City Council:

I have been a volunteer at the Porterville Public Library for over a year and a supporter of libraries since a young child. I have assisted with children's programs and have participated in many of the services and programs offered by the Porterville Public Library. As an avid reader I have been an advocate for the Library and the amenities it offers.

My experience working as a Reference Librarian for a prestigious university and my efforts as a mother to instill a love of reading and literacy in my children and their friends, has enabled me to be a promoter and volunteer for the Porterville Public Library and the services it offers. I believe that my knowledge of children and Library programs would make me a valuable asset to the Library and Literacy Commission.

I would like to thank you in advance for your time in considering my application. If you should require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me at the above mentioned telephone number or e-mail address. I look forward to speaking with you at the next City Council Meeting.

Best wishes,  
Patience Christenson

**Patience Christenson**

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**Objective** As a member of the Library and Literacy Commission and an avid reader I will use my love of literacy and people to help my community become more aware of the opportunities and services offered by the Porterville Public Library.

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**Education** **Career Step**  
*Certificate of Graduation with Honors* - March 2014  
Certified Medical Transcriptionist

**Brigham Young University**  
Baccalaureate in General Music – 2008

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| <b>Experience</b> | <b>Reference Librarian - Brigham Young University</b> <span style="float: right;">2004-2008</span><br>Assisted college and graduate students with research. Encouraged participation in Library activities.   |
|                   | <b>Stay-at-home Mom - Porterville, CA</b> <span style="float: right;">2008-Present</span><br>Mother of 5. Encourage and participate with family and friends in Library and City Programs.<br>Provide opportunities for children to read.  |
|                   | <b>Porterville Ringers – Porterville, CA</b> <span style="float: right;">2010-Present</span><br>Volunteer hand bell choir that performs for Service Clubs and Nursing Care facilities and events such as the City Tree Lighting and Library Patron Appreciation Day.                      |
|                   | <b>Harmony – Visalia, CA</b> <span style="float: right;">2011- Present</span><br>Volunteer women’s chorus that provides concerts for Nursing Care facilities in Porterville, Tulare, Visalia, Hanford, and Valley Children’s Hospital.  |
|                   | <b>Volunteer - Porterville Public Library</b> <span style="float: right;">2013-Present</span><br>Assist with English Story Time.  |
|                   | <b>Cubmaster, Boy Scouts of America - Packs 114, 124, and 3134</b> <span style="float: right;">2013-Present</span><br>Direct three groups, organize activities, and assist in meetings. Organized a committee and worked with parents and leaders to help each member.                    |
|                   | <b>Healthcare Documentation Specialist – M*Modal Worldwide</b> <span style="float: right;">September 2014</span><br>Transcribe dictated reports from physicians across the country using speech recognition technology.   |
|                   | <b>Porterville Optimist Club Member – Porterville, CA</b> <span style="float: right;">November 2014</span><br>Participate and help with community service activities. Encourage young men and women to further their education, provide service to their communities, and become leaders. |

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**Skills**

- Experience working with children
- Organizational skills and leadership