

# APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT – Martin County Library Board of Trustees – Please Print

Check One: ☒ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. ☐ Miss ☐ Dr.

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**FEB 24 2020**

Name: Richard G. Pettit

Residence Address: 956 SE Willoughby trace Stuart FL 34997  
Street - City - Zip Code

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(if different) Street - City - Zip Code

Commission District in which you reside: 2 ~~04~~ Staff will complete.

Are you available year round to attend meetings? ☒ yes ☐ no If **no**, what months **are** you available?  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone numbers: daytime: 221-1633 alternate: 233-0790 alternate: \_\_\_\_\_  
~ Area Codes are considered 772 unless you note otherwise.

EMAIL: Rich 120648@gmail.com

Have you ever pled guilty or "no contest" to a crime, been convicted of a crime, had adjudication withheld, prosecution deferred, been placed on probation, received a suspended sentence or forfeited bail in connection with any offense (except minor traffic violations)? Please show all convictions, including driving while intoxicated (DUI) convictions. ☐ yes ☒ no If yes, please provide the following information:

TYPE OF OFFENCES: \_\_\_\_\_

DATES: \_\_\_\_\_

PLACES (city/state): \_\_\_\_\_

SENTENCES OR FINES: \_\_\_\_\_

*A conviction record does not necessarily disqualify you for consideration. Factors such as age at time of offense, nature of violation, and rehabilitation will be considered. The Martin County Board of County Commissioners retains the right to remove, at will, any appointee to a Board or Committee with or without cause.*

Length of time lived in Florida? 26 years

Involvement with the Martin County Library System to date: \_\_\_\_\_

Library & AXIS360 user

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Why do you wish to serve on the Library Board of Trustees? Want to give back  
to Library System since I have been a big user.  
I feel my financial & business background will be helpful.

What, in your opinion, is the real purpose for having a public library system in the community? \_\_\_\_\_  
to provide services & resources to meet the  
needs of community for education and personal development

**EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:** A resume is recommended to be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application. Resume or letter of qualifications attached? ☒ yes ☐ no

Education: See attached resume

Employment Experience: See attached resume

**Other experience** you feel would be helpful to the Board in making this appointment: \_\_\_\_\_

Being President of several businesses &  
financial experience as a CPA at Price Waterhouse Coopers

Community Experience and Affiliations: See attached resume

Other County Boards/Committees/Task Forces on which you have served: None

Do you or any member of your immediate family work for Martin County or hold a position that might conflict with your duties for this Board/Committee/Task Force? If yes, please explain: No

**REFERENCES:** Please list two references:

Jim Ladd President of Willoughby Crescent  
Tom Douglas BAND Director Jensen Beach High School

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- Applicants may be required by State Law and County Ordinance to file a Financial Disclosure Statement as part of the appointment process.
- Under penalties of perjury, I declare that I have read the foregoing and that the facts stated in it are true. (Pursuant to Section 92.525 Florida Statutes, falsifying this application is a Third Degree Felony punishable by up to five years imprisonment and up to a \$5,000 fine.)
- Florida law prohibits an advisory board member from doing business with its agency (the County). Section 112.313(3) and (7), Fla Stat.

→ Signature: Richard H. Pettit

Date: 2/19/21

Applications must be filed with Martin County Administration, 2401 SE Monterey Road, Stuart, Florida 34996 by Friday, March 20, 2020. All information submitted becomes public record. If you have any questions, please call (772) 221.1352 or send email to [dgordon@martin.fl.us](mailto:dgordon@martin.fl.us).

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**NON-PROFIT EXPERIENCE:**

**WILLOUGHBY CRESCENT**

Vice President and Board member since 2018

**WILLOUGHBY GOLF CLUB:**

Board member 2004 – 2007

Vice President

Chairman of Properties & Improvements Committee

Finance Committee

Marketing Task Force

Membership & Marketing Committee

Litigation Committee

Captive Real Estate Committee

Operating Cost Review Committee

**WILLOUGHBY BUSINESS PARK** (36 business condos)

Prior to 2016, Board Member, Treasurer and President before units sold

**DOWNTOWN BUSINESS ASSOCIATION** (Historic Downtown Stuart)

Prior to 2004, Board Member, Treasurer and Chairman of Advertising Committee

**BUSINESS EXPERIENCE:**

Founder of **Always & Forever, Inc.** with a nationwide website and two retail Treasure Coast stores (1998 to 2015)

**Leucadia National Corporation** (now named Jefferies Financial Group):

Vice President, Corporate troubleshooter

President of all life insurance subsidiaries including Colonial Penn

President of Empire Insurance

President of S & H Green Stamps

Part of management team that grew the company from \$60 million to \$2 billion in shareholders' equity during my 15 years (retired 1998 at age 49).

**Price WaterhouseCoopers:** (New Jersey CPA and Audit Supervisor)

**EDUCATION:**

Rider University (magna cum laude)

Middlesex County College (graduated as male with highest cumulative average)

Completed 4 years of college in less than 3 years while working full time

**PERSONAL:**

Married to Barbara for 49 years. Three children and six grandchildren.

We are year-round residents.