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City of Lincoln Appointment Application

The purpose of this form is to obtain general information for use in the nomination and confirmation process for appointments by the Mayor and to assist the Mayor in making inquiries concerning the qualifications of applicants for appointments. If you have recently prepared a biography or resume, PLEASE ATTACH IT TO THIS FORM.

Complete both sides and return to: Mayor's Office, 555 South 10th Street, Lincoln NE 68508. FAX: 441-7120

*attached
2/21/11*

PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME (please type or print last name, first name, and middle initial)

Mr. Ms. Miss. Mrs. Van Zandt, Pearl L.

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Legal Residence	Street	City	State	Zip
4600 Valley Road, Suite 100	Lincoln	NE	68510	Lancaster
Business Address	Street	City	State	Zip
Residence Telephone (402) 486-3091	Business Telephone (402) 471-8101			
Applicant Occupation Executive Director	Employer State of NE, Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired			
E-mail Address pearl.vanzandt@nebraska.gov				

To assist in the selection, you are asked to voluntarily provide information which is necessary for statistical reporting purposes. Under State and Federal Law, this information may not be used to discriminate against you.

Affirmative Action Information: Sex Male Female Racial/Ethnic Background White/caucasian

EDUCATION

Schools attended including High School

School	Location	Dates	Major/Degree
University of Nebraska	Lincoln	1972	Sociology/BA
University of Nebraska	Lincoln	1981	Human Development & the Family/MS
University of Nebraska	Lincoln	1988	Community and Human Resources/PhD

PRESENT OR PREVIOUS COMMUNITY/VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES

Community Advocates, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska and Lafayette, Colorado. Founder and Board Member, 1981 to the Present. Administer programs of private non-profit corporation to develop and market specialized tools for the blind.

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind. Treasurer, Past President and Executive Committee. Board member, 1998 to the Present.

American Foundation for the Blind, New York, NY. Member, Board of Trustees, Program Committee, and Budget and Finance Committee, 2005 to the present.

Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation - State Rehab Council. Workforce Representative, 2004 to the Present.

RSA National Transition Conference. Planning Committee and Presenter, 2005

National Council of Professionals for the Blind and Visually Impaired. 2003 to the Present.

Nebraska Workforce Investment Board. Gubernatorial Appointment, 2000 to 2011.

EMPLOYMENT

Employer	Location	Dates
Nebraska Commission for the Blind & Visually Impaired	Lincoln, NE	1998 - present
Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired	Lincoln, NE	1990-1998
University of Nebraska	Lincoln, NE	Summers 1991-1993

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Type the number in order of preference if selecting more than one

CITY OF LINCOLN

City Boards, Task Forces & Commissions

*Please check City boards, task forces or commissions for which you would like to be considered for appointment.
Please number your selections in order of interest.*

ADMINISTRATION

- Emergency Medical Services Board
- Lincoln City Library Board
- Lincoln Electric System Administrative Board
- Lincoln Housing Authority Board
- City Personnel Board

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

- Community Health Endowment Board of Trustees
- Commission on Human Rights
- Lincoln Area Agency on Aging Advisory Council
- Lincoln-Lancaster Women's Commission
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Board of Health

BUILDING & SAFETY

- Building Code Board of Appeals
- Code Study Committee
 - Building Code Task Force
 - Electrical Code Task Force
 - Mechanical Code Task Force
 - Plumbing Code Task Force
 - Uniform Code Task Force
- Dangerous Building Code Board of Appeals
- Electrical Advisory, Appeals & Examining Board
- Examining Board of Plumbers
- Fire Sprinkler & Chemical Examining Board
- Gas Piping Exam Board
- Heating, Ventilating & Cooling Advisory & Appeals Board
- Heating, Ventilating & Cooling Examiners Board
- Housing Advisory & Appeals Board
- Plumbing Code Board of Appeals
- Uniform Fire Code Board of Appeals
- Water Conditioning Board of Examiners

PARKS & RECREATION

- Parks & Recreation Advisory Board
- Community Forestry Advisory Board
- Veterans Memorial Gardens Council

PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

- Board of Zoning Appeals
- Community Development Task Force
- Downtown Business Area Improvement Board
- Economic Development Loan Committee
- Historic Preservation Commission
- Lincoln-Lancaster County Planning Commission
- Nebraska Capital Environs Commission
- Urban Design Committee

TRANSPORTATION

- StarTran Advisory Board
- Taxicab Review Board
- Pedestrian/Bicycle Advisory Committee

ENVIRONMENT

- Air Pollution Advisory Board
- Water Conservation Task Force

GENERAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES

- Auditorium Advisory Board
- Cable Advisory Board
- Charter Revision Commission
- Government Access & Information Committee
- Workforce Investment Act Board
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OTHER

- Citizen Handicapped Parking Patrol
- Citizen Police Advisory Board
- Mayor's Committee for International Friendship
- Mayor's Multicultural Advisory Committee
- Relocation Assistance Appeal Board
- Procurement Appeals Board

UPEGGY L. "PEARL" VAN ZANDT

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EDUCATION

- Ph.D. COMMUNITY AND HUMAN RESOURCES 1988
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Dissertation Topic: The Invisible Woman: Women Over Age 85 in Today's Society.
Major Areas of Study: Adult Education and Business Administration.
- M.S. HUMAN DEVELOPMENT AND THE FAMILY 1981
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Thesis Topic: The Experience of Blindness for Older Nebraskans.
- B.A. SOCIOLOGY 1972
University of Nebraska, Lincoln, Nebraska
Minors: Psychology, German, French

ACADEMIC HONORS:

Omicron Nu, National Home Economics Scholarship Honorary.

Delta Phi Alpha, National German Scholarship Honorary.

PROFESSIONAL OVERVIEW

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Nebraska Commission for the Blind and Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska. 1998 to Present (formerly Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired). Direct State Vocational Rehabilitation Agency for the Blind, with fifty-one employees in six geographically separate offices. Plan, review, and analyze program services to comply with State and Federal statutes and regulations. Develop and govern budget, strategize to increase and maximize resources and to manage potential fund deficits. Lead grant writing efforts for successful In-Service Training Quality Award, RSA Demonstration Project in Transition, and Helen Keller National Center Deaf-Blind Affiliate Award. Establish and maintain effective professional relationships with Board of Commissioners, Consumer Groups, State and Federal entities, including Governor's Office, Workforce Development, Department of Labor, Social Security Administration, Rehabilitation Services Administration, etc. Lead the agency's transition from departmental division to independent commission. Promulgate and implement rules and regulations to comply with statutes establishing the Commission. Conduct public hearings for

oversight and planning purposes. Provide leadership, technical assistance, consultation and support for internal and external customers.

DEPUTY DIRECTOR

Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska. 1994 to 1998. Administered and supervised statewide vocational rehabilitation and independent living services for blind persons. Developed and implemented programs. Supervised rehabilitation personnel, including district supervisors and subordinate staff in six offices. Coordinated comprehensive system of personnel development. Wrote grants, reports, informational and educational materials. Managed evolving peer support network. Represented agency on local, state, and federal boards and committees. Assisted the Director with policy, laws and regulations, fiscal management and overall leadership to all agency staff and clients.

PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska. 1990 to 1994. Coordinated statewide independent living program services. Wrote and administered grant for services to Older Individuals who are Blind. Managed evolving peer support network. Trained staff and consumers in relevant skill areas. Wrote articles for professional rehabilitation, aging, and generic publications. Developed innovative approaches to service delivery. Represented agency on local, state, and federal boards and committees.

UNIVERSITY INSTRUCTOR

University of Nebraska, Department of Human Development and the Family, Lincoln & Omaha, Nebraska. Summers 1991, 1992, and 1993. Taught undergraduate classes in Adulthood and Aging, Gerontology, and Marriage and Family Relationships.

PROGRAM ADMINISTRATOR

Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska. 1982 to 1990. Administered independent living services for blind Nebraskans. Developed and implemented programs, wrote grants, worked with staff and consumers to improve individual and group services to all age groups. Organized and developed network of support groups which became recognized as national model. Provided in-service trainings to many community groups and facilities. Conducted research and wrote articles.

SPECIAL NEEDS/ORIENTATION COUNSELOR

Nebraska Rehabilitation Services for the Visually Impaired, Lincoln, Nebraska. 1979 to 1982. Provided individual and group rehabilitation counseling and training to facilitate adjustment to blindness for older and multiply handicapped blind persons. Researched needs of older individuals who are blind and analyzed effectiveness of existing services. Wrote grants; designed programs to address identified needs.

SOCIAL SERVICE WORKER

Region V Mental Retardation Services, Beatrice, Nebraska. 1974 to 1979. Provided case management for adults and children with mental retardation and their families in community-

based settings. Taught semester class in developmental disabilities for LPN students at Southeast Community College. Provided outreach, referral, and related services.

ADDITIONAL PROFESSIONAL ENDEAVORS AND DISTINCTIONS

Community Advocates, Inc., Lincoln, Nebraska and Lafayette, Colorado. Founder and Board Member, 1981 to the Present. Administer programs of private non-profit corporation to develop and market specialized tools for the blind.

National Council of State Agencies for the Blind. Treasurer, Past President and Executive Committee. Board member, 1998 to the Present.

American Foundation for the Blind, New York, NY. Member, Board of Trustees, Program Committee, and Budget and Finance Committee, 2005 to the present.

Journal of Visual Impairment and Blindness. Peer Reviewer, 1996 to the Present.

NCBVI-OCAA James S. Nyman Award. Award from the NCBVI-Orientation Center Alumni Association, 2006.

RSA National Transition Conference. Planning Committee and Presenter, 2005.

Nebraska Governor's Employee Recognition: Manager of the Year, 2004.

Carl T. Curtis Community Service Award, American Council of the Blind of Nebraska. Awarded for distinguished service to the blind of Nebraska, 2003.

National Conference on Residential Training Centers for the Blind. Planning Committee, Workshop and Plenary Session Presenter, 2002.

Nebraska Vocational Rehabilitation - State Rehab Council. Workforce Representative, 2004 to the Present.

National Council of Professionals for the Blind and Visually Impaired. 2003 to the Present.

Nebraska Workforce Investment Board. Gubernatorial Appointment, 2000 to 2011.

Worknet Partners With Industry Board. 1998 to the Present.

Radio Talking Book Board. Nebraska Radio Reading Services for the Blind. 1998 to 2005.

National Academy for Executive Leadership, University of Oklahoma. Graduate 1997.

Commitment to Excellence Award. Nebraska Visually Impaired Peer Support, 1995.

Facilitative Leadership Task Force and Implementation Council, Nebraska Department of Public Institutions. 1992 to 1994.

Nebraska Independent Living Council. Member and Committee Chair, 1988 to 1997.

National Conference on Self-Help/Mutual Aid Support Groups, Lighthouse National Center on Vision and Aging, New York, New York. Planning Committee and Presenter, 1991 and 1992.