



Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce  
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**STATEMENT OF INTEREST IN JOINING THE  
 MARIPOSA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

QUALIFYING QUESTIONS		
<b>1.</b>	I have read the Responsibilities of a Director set forth on Page 2 of this document. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>2.</b>	I am a member of the Chamber of Commerce in good standing. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
<b>3.</b>	I am willing to serve a three-year term on the M.C. Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors. <input type="checkbox"/> YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO	
CANDIDATE CONTACT INFORMATION		
First Name:		Last Name:
Phone:		Cell:
Business Name:		
Mailing Address:		
City:	ST:	ZIP:
INFORMATIONAL QUESTIONEER (answers do not prohibit your candidacy)		
<b>4.</b>	Number of years I have been a member of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce:	
<b>5.</b>	I am interested in becoming a Chamber Board Director to accomplish the following:	
<b>6.</b>	I can routinely devote [     ] hours per month to Chamber activities and events.	
<b>7.</b>	My qualifications to become a Board Director are:	
My Signature verifies that I am a Chamber Member in good standing of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce.		Signature:

**IMPORTANT:** This document must be received by Nov. 15, 2008 in order to be placed on the 2009 ballot. Directors are voted into office by the popular vote of the membership. The Nominating Committee shall publish the names of the applicants in alphabetical order on a ballot form, and send the ballots out to the membership for vote, allowing at least fifteen (15) days for return. The Nominating Committee shall count the votes and shall notify the membership of the results at the next opportunity, and shall present the Board of Directors a slate of candidates to serve a three-year term to replace the directors whose regular terms are expiring. The slate shall be declared elected at the regular Board meeting before the Annual Meeting. Officers are selected by the Board of Directors.

# OVERVIEW OF THE CHAMBER BOARD OF DIRECTORS RESPONSIBILITIES

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## General Qualifications:

*Members of the board of directors represent a broad cross section of the business and professional leadership of the community. It has always been considered a high honor to serve on the board, and proven genuine, unselfish interest in the Chamber and its objectives are the first requirements for membership.*

### Other qualifications include:

1. A bias for action, the courage and ability to maintain an objective opinion and willingness to face community problems even though the issue may be controversial.
2. Willingness to listen to members from all segments of the business community and help translate their ideas into positive plans for action.
3. Ability to work constructively and harmoniously with members of the Board, Chamber committees and the staff in accordance with the policies established by the Board.
4. Business experiences that enables exercise of sound judgment in considering the problems of the community.
5. Ability to command the respect of associates and give leadership to Chamber members.
6. Ability to inspire others to respond to worthwhile causes sponsored by the Chamber and to motivate others to help on community problems.
7. A track record of demonstrated ability through committee service and other community service.

## Participation:

1. Preparation for and attendance at monthly board meetings.
2. Willingness to devote the time and energy to Board activities and to the fulfillment of the Chamber's program.
3. Make time for volunteer participation in annual events, business mixers, luncheons, grand openings, open house events and member events sponsored by the Chamber.
4. The Chamber President shall strongly encourage active participation of all Board members and conversely rid the Board of non-active directors.

## General Responsibilities:

*The Board establishes policies of the Chamber. Board members approve the budget, receive and pass on committee reports and recommendations, and direct the general activities of the organization. Ultimately, the Board must assume the responsibility for and actively participate in seeing that its policy determinations are carried out.*

### Authority:

Representing as it does, the entire community, with membership reaching into every phase of community life, the Chamber is necessarily democratic in its organizational principles. The first and last authority of the Chamber is the membership. The authority of the membership is concentrated through elected representatives [Board of Directors] to whom the members delegate policy-making authority.

Every board member represents the community, as well as the membership and not merely one type of business or industry or one section of the community.

## Accountability:

*Members of the board individually are accountable to the president; the Board as a body is accountable to the membership.*

### To Chamber Policy:

No Chamber member, as an individual, has the authority to commit the Chamber to any action or policy. The status of a board member is that of an individual acting in a legislative capacity. He/she has responsibility to exert his/her influence with the Board for approval or rejection of such actions or policies as he/she may favor or oppose. Although his/her authority does not go beyond one vote, he/she should be willing to abide by the decisions of the Board in accordance with the bylaws governing such decisions.

### To the Membership:

The Board of Directors is elected to represent the needs and will of the general membership. It falls upon the directors, individually and collectively, to stay abreast of developments in the business community and to represent those interests in the formation and execution of chamber policy.

### To The Board:

Each board member is a co-partner in the vital work of improving the commercial, industrial and civic life of the Mariposa County area through the actions of the Mariposa County Chamber of Commerce. Board members must be scrupulous in their disassociation of all personal interest from the activities of the Chamber. Board membership should be regarded as public trusts. Board members must calendar their time to assure attendance at board meetings.

### To The Public:

A board member is a representative of all the membership officially, and unofficially a representative of the people of Mariposa County. He/she should be ready at all times to defend the Chamber against unjust criticism, or where the criticism is justified, to take steps necessary to remedy the condition causing the criticism of the Board for action.