



**CITY & BOROUGH OF SITKA
BOARD/COMMITTEE/COMMISSION APPLICATION**

Municipal Clerk's Office, 100 Lincoln Street, Floor 3
Phone: 907.747.1826 Fax: 907.747.7403 Email: clerk@cityofsitka.org

Submit this completed application AND either a letter of interest or resume to the Municipal Clerk's Office by noon on the Wednesday prior to an advertised Assembly meeting.

Board/Commission/Committee Applying For: Historic Preservation Commission

Name: Karen J. Lucas

Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Mailing Address: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

Length of Residence in Sitka: 35 years

Registered to vote in Sitka? Yes No

Employer Business Name and your position: Sitka School District substitute teacher

Organizations you belong to or participate in:

(see letter of interest)

Explain your main reason for applying:

(see letter of interest)

What experience or credentials will you bring to the board, commission, or committee membership?

(see letter of interest)

Appointments are typically made during Assembly meeting open sessions. However, Assembly members may vote to discuss applicant(s) in closed executive session. In this case, do you wish to be present when your application is discussed? Yes No

Potential conflicts of interest that may arise from your appointment must be disclosed. These may include, but are not limited to, a substantial financial interest of \$1000 annually that could be influenced by your appointment, or an immediate family member employed within the scope of this appointment. **Do you have any potential conflicts of interest to disclose?** Yes No

If yes, please explain:

I understand this is a volunteer position appointed by the City and Borough of Sitka Assembly and requires regular meeting attendance. I further understand this application is public information and the merits of my appointment may be discussed at a public forum. In addition, my name may be published in media outlets. If I am appointed to serve, I will follow all laws, procedures, and practices associated with my appointment.

I certify that the information in my application is true and accurate.

Date: October 8, 2024

Applicant Signature: Karen J. Lucas

City and Borough of Sitka

100 Lincoln St

Sitka, AK 99835

Letter of Interest

Historic Preservation Commission Appointment

To Whom It May Concern,

October 8, 2024

The preservation of history is, and has been, a passion and interest of mine since childhood. In the fifth grade, with the help of my grandmother, I mapped out my complete family tree, dating back to the Mayflower of 1620. In any locale, the preservation of history, whether material, societal or for purposes of place identity, is a critical component in a thriving, prosperous community. Without the past, we are confined to the present, and can have no vision for the future, as the future is rooted in the past. It is for this main reason; I apply for a volunteer reappointment to a seat on the Historic Preservation Commission of the City and Borough of Sitka.

Homesteading in Port Alexander in the 1970's, I became acutely aware of the local history, as the town was nearly abandoned and many artifacts, stories, vacant homes and buildings remained, and that past of 1920-1945 came alive to me within the broader context of Alaska's history. I founded the Port Alexander Historical Society, a 501(c)3 nonprofit corporation in 1994, and we established a museum there in early 2000s which operates to this day. I continue to serve as president, and I have written numerous newsletters for PAHS. I also founded the Cape Decision Lighthouse Society, another 501(c)3 in 1997, when the former USCG lighthouse on southern Kuiu Island was surplused, the lighthouse and 214 acres of Lighthouse Reserve were deeded to CDLS in 2004. I served as president of the corporation for 17 years, during which time I acquired a knowledge of the Secretary's Standards for archaeology and historic preservation, including the Rehabilitation, and Restoration of Historic Properties, the Guidelines for Treatment of Historic Properties and Cultural Landscapes, and the Section 106 process. I hold a Bachelor of Arts from the University of Washington endorsed in French and Spanish, an Alaska Teacher Certificate, and previously, a 100T Masters License, and Able Seaman of the Merchant Marine. I have been a commercial fisherman for over 45 years, from Ketchikan to Bristol Bay, running two of my own boats. Personally, I have a maritime history which is why and how I find myself living in Sitka. I began my local teaching career at the University of Alaska SE, Sitka Campus, and have been employed by the Sitka School District, K-12, as a substitute teacher for two decades. I think I can contribute some experience and expertise to the Historic Preservation Commission.

I belong to, or participate in, the following organizations:

Port Alexander Historical Society, president

Alaska Native Sisterhood, Camp 4, secretary

Sitka Conservation Society, member

Sitka Homeless Coalition, board member

Sitka Woman's Club, board member

KCAW, member

Sitka Maritime Heritage Society, partner

Sitka Historical Society, partner

Alaska Historical Society, member

Secure Rural Schools Advisory Committee (USFS, RAC), member

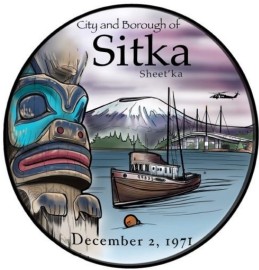
The human history and archaeology of Sitka dates from time immemorial, Tlingit Aani, the Russian period, and the territorial United States to present. I would be pleased and honored to assist in preserving accurately this historic place and sacred trust.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Karen J. Lucas

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HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

NAME	CONTACT NUMBERS	TERM STARTS	EXPIRES	CATEGORY
ROBERTA LITTLEFIELD 4102 Halibut Point Road	907-738-4004 c 907-747-3444 h roblylittlefield@gci.net	7/13/10 4/24/12 5/27/15 6/26/18 6/23/21 6/12/24	1/27/12 4/24/15 5/27/18 6/22/21 6/23/24 6/12/27	Chair At large
DIONNE BRADY HOWARD 406 Mills Street	907-738-1838 dbradyhoward@gmail.com	3/27/24	3/27/27	Vice Chair STA
JAMES POULSON 1610 Sawmill Creek Road	907-747-3219 w 907-747-6567 h james.poulson1@gmail.com	2/22/11 2/25/14 8/30/18 8/10/21 8/28/24	2/22/14 2/25/17 9/8/18 8/11/24 8/28/27	Secretary Historical Society
KAREN LUCAS 224 Katlian Street	907-747-7803 karenjeanlucas@yahoo.com	10/14/21	10/14/24	At large
CANDACE RUTLEDGE 102 Sunset Drive	907-738-2207 candacemrutledge@gmail.com	4/10/24	5/11/25	
<i>CHUCK MILLER</i> <i>314 Katlian Street</i>	<i>907-738-4025</i> <i>chuck.miller@sitkatriben-sn.gov</i>	<i>7/14/20</i>	<i>7/14/23</i>	<i>Resigned</i> <i>8/1/2023</i>
<i>DANIELLE PENSLEY</i> <i>PO BOX 1644</i>	<i>202-957-7994</i> <i>pensley.ds@gmail.com</i>	<i>11/09/21</i>	<i>11/9/24</i>	<i>Resigned</i> <i>8/14/2024</i>
Amy Ainslie 100 Lincoln Street	907-747-1814 amy.ainslie@cityofsitka.org			Staff
Scott Saline PO Box 3183	907-738-7889 assemblysaline@cityofsitka.org			Alternate Assembly Liaison
JJ Carlson 100 Lincoln Street	907-738-4190 assemblycarlson@cityofsitka.org			Assembly Liaison

7 members from selected categories: 3-year terms
 Sitka Historical Society (1), Native Community (2) - one representing Sitka Tribe of Alaska, At-Large (4)
 Established by Ordinance 92-1075, Amended by Ordinance 93-1150, Addition by Ordinance 97-1409
 Second Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. – Harrigan Centennial Hall, 330 Harbor Drive

Revised: October 9, 2024