



City of Menifee

STATEMENT OF INTEREST FORM

MENIFEE CITY COUNCIL

Interested persons seeking consideration for appointment to serve of the City Council of the City of Menifee are invited to complete the following statement if interest. This appointment to District 2 will expire upon the election and qualification of a successor at the next General Municipal Election, November 4, 2026.

Additional information or resumes may be attached on separate sheets. Submissions must also include a copy of the interested person's driver's license.

Submission Period: December 23, 2024, through January 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Name: Benjamin Diederich

Phone: [REDACTED] **Cell Phone:** [REDACTED]

Address: [REDACTED] **City:** Menifee **Zip:** 92584

Email: [REDACTED]

Years Lived in Menifee: 10 **Occupation:** Attorney

Do you plan to run for District 2 in the 2026 General Election? Yes

APPLICATION SIGNATURE

I understand that any or all information on this form may be verified. I further understand that this document may be considered a public document.

I CERTIFY THAT THE FOREGOING INFORMATION IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

1/6/2025

[REDACTED]
Signature

Date

Return applications to: Stephanie Roseen, City Clerk, sroseen@cityofmenifee.us

Mail/Drop-Off: City of Menifee, 29844 Haun Road, Menifee, CA 92586

Applications must be received by January 7, 2025, at 5:00 p.m. to be considered

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The Statement of Interest form provides an opportunity for District 2 residents to express your desire to serve on the Menifee City Council. The form should include a summary of your background, qualifications, and experience, as well as a brief explanation of your interest in and vision for representing District 2. Additional details or relevant information that support your statement may also be included.

Statement:

My name is Ben Diederich, and I'm a proud father, public servant, and Menifee business owner. My family moved out here over 30 years ago and I attended MSJC, obtaining my A.S. in Math before moving on with my education. I transferred to UCSD where I studied Molecular Biology. I moved back to the area and worked at a biotech firm in Temecula. I then decided to become a Patent Attorney and enrolled at USC Law School - commuting from out here. When my daughter was starting school (she's 14 now), I knew I wanted to come back to raise her here and bought a house in Audie Murphy Ranch ten years ago. I moved my law practice out here and opened my own firm, the Law Office of Benjamin Diederich, nine years ago.

Ever since moving back, I jumped into community service. I've served on the Menifee Chamber of Commerce board, working my way up to Vice-Chair during my term, I've served on the board of the Temecula Valley Symphony, and on the Santa Rosa Academy school board. I currently serve on the City's Planning Commission, having been first appointed by Matt Liesemeyer six years ago, served as the Chair previously, before being re-appointed by Dean Deines and presently serving as the Vice-Chair.

I regularly volunteer my own time and have sponsored various community events, including the first ever All-Star Field Day with the school district, hosting a back to school supply drive, sponsoring the Southwest Riverside County Pitch Contest for local innovators, and regularly donate my services to local organizations and charities, such as Rotary, Santa Rosa Academy, among others.

I ran for the 2nd District seat two years ago, coming in second (out of four), where I earned the endorsements of the City Council at the time, the Planning Commission, the Menifee Police Officer's Association, the Riverside Sheriffs' Association, Cal Fire, and the Mayors of Canyon Lake and Lake Elsinore.

I love Menifee, and I love to serve our community. That is what drives me to serve the residents by being on City Council, both two years ago and today. It's not about me, it's about all of us. I live here, my daughter goes to school here, and I own a business here, employing and assisting other Menifee residents. I want the best for Menifee going forward. I look forward to ensuring the safety and happiness of Menifee residents and hope to help smartly grow the city with additional amenities, entertainment options, and high quality jobs that will allow residents to live, work, and play right here in Menifee, like I do.

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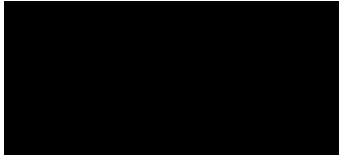
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I want to continue expanding our infrastructure to make life easier for all of us, while also preserving the rural feel and open spaces that make Menifee unique. I hope to earn your vote, and I believe I have the experience, integrity, and servant's heart to serve Menifee well.

BENJAMIN DIEDERICH



Menifee, CA 92584

Profile

Registered Patent Attorney with over 20 years of experience dealing with various intellectual property, licensing, transactional, and estate planning issues. Work background includes law firm experience counseling clients on a broad range of complex legal, business, and strategic issues relating to trademark, patent, and copyright filings, management, clearance, licensing, and infringement, and biological laboratory experience dealing with research, manufacturing, and technology transfer issues.

Work Experience

Owner, Law Office of Benjamin Diederich, Menifee — 2016-Present

Founded law firm focusing on intellectual property and estate planning. Draft and prosecute trademark, patent, and copyright applications. Counsel clients regarding intellectual property rights, including trademark clearance searching, prior art searching, trademark and patent portfolio analysis, and rendering infringement and validity opinions. Counsel clients regarding estate planning, including drafting trust and ancillary documents, funding trusts, and working jointly with clients other advisors to create ideal plans for their specific situation.

Senior Counsel, Gresham Savage Nolan & Tilden, Riverside — 2014-2016

Formed and oversaw intellectual property practice group of firm. Implemented new policies and procedures for preparing, filing, docketing, prosecuting, and maintaining clients' intellectual property matters. Drafted and prosecuted trademark, patent, and copyright applications. Represented clients in administrative proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board. Provided trademark, copyright, and trade secret litigation support and analysis. Negotiated and drafted numerous agreements, including intellectual property license agreements, entertainment contracts, product development agreements, nondisclosure agreements, supply and distribution agreements, sponsored research agreements, clinical study agreements, material transfer agreements, software licensing agreements, commercialization agreements, employment agreements, consultant agreements, and service agreements.

Patent Attorney, Stetina Brunda Garred & Brucker, Aliso Viejo — 2005-2014

Drafted and prosecuted trademark, patent, and copyright applications. Represented clients in administrative proceedings before the Trademark Trial and Appeals Board and the Patent Trial and Appeal Board (formerly Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences). Litigated patent matters before federal district and circuit courts.

Manufacturing Scientist, Chemicon International, Temecula — 2001-2003

Manufactured biological reagents for diagnostic testing purposes. Assisted research programs. Participated in technology transfer from basic research to manufacturing protocols.

Education

University of Southern California, Gould School of Law — J.D., 2006

USC Law Merit Scholarship; High Honors in Contracts and Constitutional Law II; Phi Alpha Delta Legal Fraternity.

University of California, San Diego — B.S., Molecular Biology, 2001

Golden Key National Honor Society; Tutor, Research Assistant.

Mt. San Jacinto College — A.S., Mathematics, 1998

Phi Theta Kappa National Honor Society; Tutor.

Representative Experience

Represented clients administratively at USPTO for Trademark Appeals and Disputes, Patent Interference, Inter Partes Review, and Patent Appeals. Patent Litigation in Central District of California and District of Massachusetts. Successfully affirmed appeal in Federal Circuit. Conducted in-person interviews at USPTO.

Bar Admissions

Admitted to Bar, California (2006); U.S. District Court for the Central District of California (2006); Northern District of California (2010); U.S. Court of Appeals, Ninth Circuit (2006); Federal Circuit (2008); registered to practice before the United States Patent and Trademark Office (2003).

Sampling of Presentations

Speaker, *IP 101*, Cal Baptist University.

Speaker, *IP 101*, La Sierra University Business School.

Guest Lecture, *IP class for Business Law Course*, Santiago Canyon College.

Panelist, *The Recent Inbound Pressure on the Patentable Subject Matter Frontier*, Orange County Bar Association Intellectual Property Section.

Speaker, *IP 101*, Murrieta Innovation Center.

Speaker, *IP Nuts & Bolts*, SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives).

Speaker, *IP Nuts & Bolts*, Virtual Enterprise Class for Murrieta Valley High School.

Speaker, *IP 101*, for various service organizations, chambers, and businesses.

Affiliations and Recognitions

Planning Commissioner, City of Menifee, 2019-Present (previous Chairman).

Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce, First Vice-Chair, 2017-2019.

Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce, Director, 2020-Present.

Helping Young Professional Exceed, Founding Director, Chair of Mentorship Committee, 2017-2019.

Santa Rosa Academy, School Board Member, 2019-2021.

Temecula Valley Symphony, Director and Advisory Committee, 2017-2018.

Chosen as a Super Lawyer Rising Star, 2014-2018.

Chosen as Business Spotlight Award, City of Menifee, April 2019.

Small Business of the Year, Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce nominee (2018); Murrieta/Wildomar Chamber of Commerce nominee (2019); Menifee Valley Chamber of Commerce winner (2020).
