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The Boards and Commissions Application from cityofls.net was submitted.

**I wish to apply for:** Housing Authority

**Name:** Sandra Esry

**Home Address:** [REDACTED]

**Email Address:** [REDACTED]

**Phone Number:** [REDACTED]

**District registered to vote:** District 1

**Years as a resident:** 9 years

**High School Attended:** Fort Osage High School

**College Attended:** Columbia College, Columbia MO BS Psychology 2000

**Current Employment:** Retired/Disabled

**Position Held:** MO DSS CSE paralegal and case work

**Interest Response:** I have lived in Lee Haven Apartments for over five years with my 23-year-old autistic son. I am confined to a wheelchair. In January 2025, I began studying the HUD Guidelines and Federal Regulations involved in starting a Resident Council in my community. Including an online social media presence. That did not get enough support to continue. I am now a member of the Resident Advisory Board for LSHA. I'll be making suggestions, with the rest of the residents on the RAB, for the annual plans and the five-year plan LSHA must submit this year for funding in 2026 and beyond. The plans are one of the top priorities for LSHA at this time. I'm proud to represent both LSHA and the residents of all public housing properties.

I know an adequate amount of information about HUD and I received my Paralegal Certification in 1986; statutes and regulations are not new to me. Both in Judicial and Administrative Law. My background is with the MO Division of Social Services Child Support Enforcement. I did case work that involved skills in mediating problems, offering suggestions, and coming to agreements on the subject of Child Support. I also enforced child supports laws for Jackson County, MO. I have good people skills and usually can find

common ground between disputes. I also spent a year in the Div of Family Services and another year caring for abused children in a temporary group home for ages 2-16 years. We got the kids directly from law enforcement and kept them until foster or group homes were found. I can deal with pressure. Most of my working life I worked for the State of MO. I understand that though government moves slowly, but it does move, and it does make changes for the good of the people. I also understand the importance of following Federal, State, and Municipiple regulations.

I have certifications for both Medical and Legal Administrative Assistant positions in the 1985. I worked in office positions from 1985 thru 1993, so I have some experience in working with business. I think I'm well rounded. I know that my priority is the residents of LSHA, but I believe that our interests are best served by working with LSHA. I believe that not to support LSHA's efforts is ultimately hurting the residents.

**Other Activities:** Right now, I am on the LSHA Resident Advisory Board. I do not hold an office on the RAB, so there will be no conflict with me serving as the Resident Commissioner on the LSHA. I'm told that I am a great help to both the residents and the LSHA. I am doing my best. I have been interviewed and appeared on three of the KSHB 41 News Reports about LSHA over 2024 and 2025. I seem to be known in my community as someone who cares and will try to help. I did a lot of volunteer work in the eighties and nineties. I was a Girl Scout and a Cub Scout leader in Independence, MO. I volunteered at my two oldest children's grade school doing office work. I volunteered for the local KC Library, checking customers out and doing data entry. I taught religion to kindergarteners for five years at St Mary's Parish in Independence. The birth of my son in 2002 left no time for volunteer work. I raised two children alone, went to school full time, and worked full time. I'm proud of the opportunities that I had to help my community as well.

**Do you have a demonstrated interest, competence of knowledge in history, humanities, fine art, performing art, public art, natural resources, or cultural resources:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Do you have experience as a/an:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Are you a representative of a governmental entity, not-for-profit organization, service agency, organizational alliance, or other group whose mission and purpose is to meet the many health and wellness needs of the residents of Lee's Summit:**

**Please elaborate on above:**

**Current LS Boards:** None

**Term(s) Expires:**

**Past LS Boards or other community:** None

**Other Interests:** Crocheting, cooking, mystery books, and writing blogs.

**2026 Charter Review Commission Additional Questions**

**Do you hold an elected public office?**

**Are you an employee of the City of Lee's Summit?**

**Age:**  
**Sex:**  
**Race:**

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