Community Technology & AI Governance Initiative

Volunteer Application

This initiative is a community-led effort to understand, monitor, and responsibly govern artificial intelligence, data infrastructure, automation, robotics, and emerging technologies in Mason Valley and Lyon County. Our purpose is to protect people, land, local businesses, culture, and long-term community well-being during ongoing technological change. Participation in this initiative is volunteer-based and emphasizes stewardship, learning, and collective understanding.

This application is designed to help us understand your interest, background, and how you might contribute. Character, fairness, judgment, and community trust matter more than technical credentials. AI experience is helpful but not required.

This initiative is exploratory and advisory in nature and does not represent a formal government body.

Applicant Information

Full legal name:

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Preferred name (optional):

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Email address:

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Phone number:

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Physical address (street, city, state):

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Are you a resident of Mason Valley or Lyon County?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Professional or Community Affiliation

Current employer, business, organization, or government affiliation (if any):

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Role or title:

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LinkedIn profile or personal website (optional):

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Optional disclosure of past or current affiliations with government, technology companies, utilities, energy, telecommunications, or data infrastructure:

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Experience with AI or Emerging Technology

Level of experience:

⬜ None   ⬜ Beginner   ⬜ Intermediate   ⬜ Advanced

Optional short description of experience:

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> 🗒 No prior technical experience is required to participate in this initiative. We value diverse perspectives and a willingness to learn.

Are you interested in learning about these technologies?

⬜ Yes   ⬜ No

Community Contribution

In what ways do you feel you could actively contribute to this initiative?

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What perspectives, skills, or lived experience would you bring?

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Values and Judgment

Why are you interested in being part of this initiative?

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What does responsible use of technology mean to you?

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How do you approach disagreement or difficult conversations in a community setting?

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Availability and Participation

Are you able to attend at least one in-person meeting per month?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Are you comfortable meeting at the Embers & Elders office once completed at 2 US HWY 95A N, Yerington, NV?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

Any scheduling constraints or considerations:

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References

One reference is sufficient.

Reference name:

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Relationship:

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Contact information:

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Additional Information

Please share any achievements, credentials, certifications, community involvement, or anything else you would like us to know:

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Acknowledgment

☐ I acknowledge this is a volunteer role

☐ I acknowledge participation does not guarantee appointment or selection

☐ I acknowledge the initiative prioritizes transparency, fairness, and community trust

☐ I understand that this initiative may evolve in structure as it develops.

Signature: _____   Date: _____

> This initiative exists to help people look out for people, protect the land, preserve local culture, and ensure humans remain accountable during technological change. Thank you for your interest in contributing to this important community effort.
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> **Embers & Elders**
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