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October 20, 2021

Michelle Benvenuto

Napa, CA 94558

Re: **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)**

Dear Ms. Benvenuto:

You have been a valued member of the **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)** representing the Public at Large. The term of your position expired August 2021. If you wish to request reappointment for another 4-Year term, please check the following box:

- ☒ Yes, I would like my name, this letter and application forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for possible reappointment to the **Watershed Information and Conservation Council of Napa County (WICC)** for the term commencing immediately and expiring August 2025.

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If you have chosen to request reappointment, please check one of the two boxes below regarding your last application.

- ☒ I confirm that all the information on my last application is current.
- ☐ Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older. I will submit a new or revised application.

(To complete a new application form either contact the Napa County Executive Office or go to the following link to complete your application online:

<https://www.countyofnapa.org/1420/Committees-Commissions>

After checking the appropriate box, **sign and date on the lines below and return this letter to the County Executive Office by mail, email, or fax.**



SIGNATURE

10/20/2021

DATE

Print

**Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position -
Submission #1569**

Date Submitted: 8/6/2020

Applicants appointed by the Board of Supervisors will be required to take an oath of office. All applications will be kept on file for one year from the date of application.

Public Records Act

Applications are public records that are subject to disclosure under the California Public Records Act. Information provided by the applicant is not regarded as confidential except for the addresses and phone numbers of references and the applicant's personal information including home and work addresses, phone numbers and email address.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Application for Appointment to:

Napa County Watershed Information and Conservation Council (WICC)

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position.

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying*

(1) Public At Large with term to commence immediately and expire August 2024 or August 2021

This information can be found on the news release announcing the opening. You may apply for more than one category if more than one position is open.

Personal Information

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Supervisors when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee/Commission/Board/Task Force following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee.

Full Name*

Michelle Benvenuto

Supervisory District in Which You Reside*

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Home Address***City***

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Phone***Email Address*****Work Address*****City***

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Work Phone***Current Occupation***

Executive Director of Winegrowers of Napa County

Within the last 12 months

Current License

Licensed Architect in California, granted 1994 LEED AP, granted 2009 Bay-Friendly Qualified Landscape Professional, granted 2010

Professional or occupational, date of issue, and expiration including status

Education/Experience**Education:**

University of California at Berkeley, Bachelor of Arts – Architecture
Sonoma State University, MBA in Wine Business

Experience:

Executive Director of Winegrowers of Napa County (2011 – present);
Vice-Chair on the Groundwater Resources Advisory Committee (2011 – 2014);
City of Napa Planning Commission (2004 – 2011);
City of Napa Cultural Heritage Commission (2002 – 2004);
GSPAC (2020 – present)
Project manager/architect for 20 years, which provided a considerable background in environmental and land use planning issues
My current position at Winegrowers requires me to be well-informed on the challenges facing Napa County, to understand the balance and holistic view required to be a sustainable community and industry, and to examine the many sides of an issue before reaching a conclusion.

Resume

Attach a resume containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Community Participation

Attend all BOS, Napa County Planning Commission, WICC meetings as well as other governmental meetings relevant to environmental and industry issues; attend/participate in various Napa County, State and Regional Water Board stakeholder groups, community meetings, lectures and fundraisers; past trustee, Justin Siena High School Board of Trustees; past graduate of Leadership Napa Valley

Nature of activity and community location

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

Past Vice-Chair on the GRAC;
Past Vineyard Waiver Stakeholder Advisory Group member (California Regional Water Quality Board);
Past City of Napa Planning Commissioner;
Past City of Napa Cultural Heritage Commissioner

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating

None

List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years.

Provide names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Reference 1

Name*

Aaron Fishleder

Phone*

Address*

City*

Rutherford

State*

CA

Zip*

94573

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Reference 2

Name*

Theresa Heim

Phone*

Address*

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94559

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Reference 3

Name*

Carolyn Wasem

Phone*

Address*

425 Aviation Blvd.

City*

Santa Rosa

State*

CA

Zip*

95403

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married.

For Conflict of Interest purposes

Please explain your reasons for wishing to serve and, in your opinion, how you feel you could contribute.*

I would like to serve on the Napa County Watershed Information and Conservation Council (WICC) in order to bring Winegrowers mission to advance policy that preserves sustainable agriculture as the highest and best use of the natural resources while protecting the ability of wineries to produce, market and sell wine, as well as my experience with LEED, BMPs for sustainability, land use, and wine industry issues, all with the spirit of collaboration and finding solutions that maintain and preserve Napa's quality of life for generations to come.

Responded☐ Yes**Completed**☐ Yes**I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.***☒ Yes☐ No**Electronic Signature Agreement**

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

☒ I agree.

Electronic Signature

Date

Michelle Benvenuto

8/6/2020

9:30 AM