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Neha Hoskins
Clerk of the Board

March 6, 2024

Joseph F. Harbison, III

Napa, CA 94558

Re: Napa County Veterans' Commission

Dear Joseph:

You have been a valued member of the **Napa County Veterans' Commission**. The term of your position will expire on March 20, 2024. If you wish to request reappointment for another four-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 **Napa County Veterans' Commission** for the term commencing immediately and expiring March 20, 2028.

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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- ☐ Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older.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: [Committees & Commissions | Napa County, CA \(countyofnapa.org\)](http://Committees & Commissions | Napa County, CA (countyofnapa.org))

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. F. Harbison III".

SIGNATURE

3.25.2024

DATE

Print**Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position - Submission #1222****Date Submitted: 1/1/2020**

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:

Veteran's Commission

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

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying*

Veteran's Commission

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*

Joseph F. Harbison, III

Supervisory District in Which You Reside*

Dillon

Home Address*

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Email Address*

[REDACTED]

Work Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Work Phone*

[REDACTED]

Current Occupation*

Vintner - Harbison Estate Wines / Trial Attorney, Kornblum, Cochran, Erickson and Harbison / Lt. United States Navy - Retired with a 30% service related disability

Within the last 12 months

Current License

Vintner - 17/20 Expiration October 2020 / Bar (Attorney) Expiration February, 2021

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

Education/Experience

College - Villanova University, graduated 1971.
McGeorge School of Law - Juris Doctorate 1978

Resume

Veterans Commission CV.pdf

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

Community Participation

Chair - Family Winemakers of California, Board Member ALDEA, Member of the GRC (Napa Valley Vintners Association)
Saturday Cahir Auction Napa Valley Fund-A- Need

Nature of activity and community location

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

N/A

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*

Mike Thompson

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

Washington / Napa

State*

DC / CA

Zip*

20515 / 94559

Reference 2

Name*

Linda Reiff

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

St. Helena

State*

CA

Zip*

94574

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Reference 3

Name*

Bill Dodd

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

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

Patricia A. Harbison - Vintner / Retired GATE (Gifted and Talented Teacher)

For Conflict of Interest purposes

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

Military and charitable background - Co-Chaired the Navy SEAL event for 3 years to benefit widows and children of the 78 SEALS killed since 9/11 - / Harbison Family Foundation donated over 20 million to Make-A-Wish. Over the last 38 years have chaired events that raised over \$400 million for charities - primarily children and military

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

Joseph F. Harbison, III

Date

12/30/2019

12:00 PM

To Whom it may concern,

This CV is 10 – 15 years outdated. My full, complete CV is 40 (plus) pages.

Thank you,

Joseph F. Harbison, III

Curriculum Vitae

Joseph F. Harbison, III
President Harbison Estate Wines
Chair, Family Winemakers of California

[REDACTED]
Napa, CA 94558
[REDACTED]

EDUCATION

B.A. from Villanova University, Villanova, Pennsylvania – September, 1967 – May, 1971.
Major In Political Science; minors in English, Philosophy and Theology.

J.D. from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law – August, 1975 – May, 1978.
Deans' Honor Roll
American Juris Prudence awards

Partial completion of LLM in Taxation, McGeorge School of Law Graduate Program

California Bar Admission: November 29, 1978
California Bar Number 84130

MILITARY SERVICE 1971 – 1975

Commissioned and Ensign in the United States Navy upon graduation from Villanova in 1971.
Promoted to Lt. Junior Grade and Lieutenant. Served aboard the USS Albany (CG-10), Guided Missile Cruiser. Intelligence/CIC/Operations/Electronic Warfare Officer, Antisubmarine Air Controller.
Served aboard US Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Florida. Personnel Services Officer/JAG Officer.

ADMISSIONS

- (a) United States Supreme Court – March 1, 1982. Argued December, 1983.
- (b) Supreme Court of California – November 29, 1978
- (c) United States Court of Appeals, 9th Circuit – January 22, 1980
- (d) United States Court of Appeals, 3rd Circuit – October 3, 1983
- (e) United State Court of Appeals, 5th Circuit – April 8, 1999
- (f) United States District Court for the Eastern District of California – December 4, 1978
- (g) United States District Court for the Northern District of California – December 14, 1978
- (h) United States District Court for the Central District of California – July 6, 1987
- (i) United States District Court for the Southern District of California – April 19, 1990
- (j) United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania – August 24, 1983

CERTIFICATION

- (a) Certificate in Civil Trial Advocacy issued by the National Board of Trial Advocacy (an ABA accredited organization). January 7, 1997. Application process included a rigorous examination including essays, evidentiary exams and ethics examinations.
- (b) The Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. Recognized for high professional legal standards and ethics, 90th Edition, Martindale-Hubble Bar Register.
- (c) AV- rated attorney, Martindale-Hubble Law Directory, denoting (A) highest level of legal ability; (V) denoting "very high-end" adherence to professional standards of conduct, ethics, reliability and diligence.
- (d) Leading Plaintiffs' Lawyers in America – 2007, 2008 – Lawdragon
- (e) Top Attorneys in Northern California – 2007, 2008
- (f) Northern California Super Lawyer in "Litigation" – both personal injury and medical malpractice
- (g) Capitol City Trial Lawyers Award as, "Trial Lawyer of the Year" – twice.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

- * CCTLA – Capitol City Trial Lawyers – Trial Lawyer of the Year, 1994
- * Bar Registration of Preeminent Attorneys – 90th Edition
- * TLA Outstanding President of the Year, 1997 (Sacramento Consumer Attorneys) by CAOC
- * CTLA Recognition of Experience Certificate
- * Multi-Million Dollar Advocates Forum – Top Trial Lawyers in America
- * Award of Recognition of Experience and Outstanding Trial Lawyers
- * Advocate of the year, 1994
- * Presidential Awards of Merit – 1995, 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006 by over 10 Presidents of the Consumer Attorneys of California Association.
- * McGeorge School of Law Tree of Recognition/Deans Counsel
- * Nominee – Marvin Lewis Award, CAOC

INTERESTING CASES

- * United States Supreme Court, *U.S. v. Richard Rylander*, 5th Amendment
103 S. CT 1548 (1983)
75 L. Ed 2d 52
51 US L.W. 4367 1983
460 US 752 (1983)
656.F2d 1313 (9th Circuit)
- * *Powell v. Superior Court* (1989) 211 Cal. Ap. 3d. 441 – Experts
- * *Hrimnak v. Watkins* (1995) 38 CA 4th, 964 – Medical Malpractice, Failure to Diagnose Meningitis
- * *Miguelgorry v. Bayer* (1999) – Unpublished (Sexual Battery)

BOARDS

- * Chairman Family Winemakers of California representing over 700 wineries throughout the State of California.
Family Winemakers of California is an "organization that reflects the small producer's point of view." With nearly 5,300 licensed wineries in California someone needs to consistently speak for small, family wineries in the fight for more access to markets, protecting individual freedom from government over-regulation, and fostering aspirations to make the best wine. Our beginnings are humble. Family Winemakers was founded in 1990 after the wine market order extension was voted down in a true grassroots campaign. Industry growth and public policy on a myriad of issues begged for input from small producers. One man, one vote is the bedrock principle behind Family Winemakers that guides our views on legislation, regulation, litigation and business practices. We've spent 25 years and counting working to loosen up the post-Prohibition restrictions in California law and broaden access to domestic markets.
- * Napa Valley Vintners Association
Member of the Grant Review Committee, CIIC (Community and Issues Committee)
State and Federal Legislation
- * Consumer Attorneys of California, Board of Directors for 28+ years.
Now Emeritus Member.
Committees include: Civil Procedure, Elder Abuse, Evidence, Healthcare/Insurance, Medical Malpractice, Privacy Rights, Punitive Damages, Appellate Amicus Briefs and Home Office; Trustee of Employee Pension Plan growing same from \$30,000.00 to over 2 million dollars.

Testified on over **200 bills** before the California Legislature.
- * Capitol City Trial Lawyers – Association Board of Directors 20 + years. President, 1997.
Committees Include: Judicial Evaluation, Education, Membership. Tort and Trial Seminar, Travel Seminars (Hawaii and Tahoe), Problem Solving Clinics, Litigation, Voir Dire Seminars for the Sacramento Branch and Bar annually.
- * Make-A-Wish Board of Directors
Chairman (Sacramento and North Eastern California for six years; 24 counties in Northern California.
Conducted a Feasibility Study for Endowment Campaign to raise 3 million to annuitize overhead.
Obtained Mary Stuart Rogers Foundation, matching grant of \$500,000.00 a year for 3 years.
Capitol Campaign to build the Wishing House.
Celebrity Golf Classic with Scott Pruett
Trained the Board in the Carver Model of Board Governance.
Acted as Legal Counsel.

Events:

Winter Wine and Food Fest
KNCI Radiothon Week of Wishes.

- * Harbison Family Foundation 501(c)3. President.
Sponsored and ran for fourteen years the Winter Wine and Food Fest that began as a \$30,000 fundraising event and progressed over the years to \$1 million per annum, generating close to \$10 million to benefit Make-A-Wish.
Awarded **Wishmaker of the Year**, with billboards throughout Sacramento.
- * McGeorge Alumni Association Board of Directors

INSTRUCTOR

- * Adjunct Professor, University of San Francisco School of Law. Intensive Trial Advocacy Program.
 - * Civil Litigation, Berkley College of Legal Careers.
 - * Chairman University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law Alumni Association. Sacramento MCLE Programs
 - * Chair the 32nd Annual Tahoe Convention for the Consumer Attorneys of California.
- And many, many others available upon request.

DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- * Judge Pro Tem Sacramento Superior Court and El Dorado Superior Courts.
- * Arbitrator Sacramento Superior Court Panel, Placer and El Dorado counties – hundreds of cases.
- * Small Claims Court Judge
- * Party Arbitrator, Kaiser Permanente
- * Private Mediator – Complex Civil Litigation

EXPERT WITNESS

Served as an expert witness in numerous Legal Malpractice cases over the last 30 years, both for and against the defense.

TELEVISION COMMENTATOR

Interviewed on numerous occasions about the significance of certain highly publicized cases.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO PUBLIC SAFETY

Handled many cases against Dr. Beyer (accused of molesting many patients) – *Migglegory v. Bayer and UC Regents*- Won on appeal – (Doctor eventually left the state) and Dr. Brian West who injured many patients (via plastic surgery) lost his medical license, demonstrated that he violated the prescriptions of his medical board diversion program; which led to his termination of that program by the legislature.

Dr. William Miofsky – 170 women brought actions against Sutter – Defendant convicted of having sex with anesthetized patients.

CHARITY/PRO BONO

- * Chairman – Board of Directors of Make-A-Wish of Sacramento and N.E. California. Endowment Campaign – 3 million dollars; 1.5 million dollars matching grant; Capitol campaign to build the Wishing Place, 4 million dollars.
 - * President of Harbison Family Foundation. Chaired annual Winter Wine and Food Fest (6th through 20th years). Proceeds benefited Make-a-Wish. Granted well over 7.5 million dollars.
 - * Master of Ceremonies – Auctioneer – Hope and Harmony Benefit for Children, 2009.
 - * Chairman and Master of Ceremonies, Golden Empire division of the American Heart Association annual Wine Auction and Gourmet Dinner.
 - * Chairman of Vincenzo 15th Annual Wine Tasting and Auction. City Hall, San Francisco. Benefiting youth programs of C.Y.O. – St. Vincent's Home for Boys.
 - * Chairman 7th Annual Camphill Soltane, Glenmore (Chester County) PA. Life sharing educational community for individuals with intellectual disabilities.
 - * Sponsor of the St. Helena Hospital annual event.
 - * Sponsor of Family House and Raphael House annual events.
 - * Director and Board Member of Winesong! Annual fundraising event for the Mendocino Coast Hospital fund.
- Central Coast Wine Classic – Numerous charities in San Luis Obispo and Santa Barbara.
- * Jimmy "V" Valvano, V Foundation Fundraiser – Cure for Cancer Annual event to raise money for cancer research. Pat and I organized the largest Wine auction lot "ever" for our friend, Emily Miner, who was diagnosed with Lung Cancer (non smoker). 70 donations of magnums or larger. \$110,000. Was the winning bid.

FUNDRAISERS

- Imagine – To benefit the Russian National Orchestra event, now Festival del Sole.
- Emeritus Board Member/Donor:
- L'Ete'du Vin, Nashville, TN – Cancer, Make-a-Wish
 - Magic Moments (now Tum Tum Tree) – grants wishes for children with life threatening illnesses in Birmingham, AL.
 - Meals on Wheels – San Francisco, CA – underwriter donation.
 - Schultz Celebrity Golf Classic – benefits Sonoma County Children's Charities – WCC House, Research, Children's Foundations.

We have attended over 1006 charity events throughout the United States, and Chaired over 70 events in the last 35 years. We have raised over 50 million dollars for charities that benefit children.

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