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**Neha Hoskins**  
Clerk of the Board

September 18, 2024

Michael Silacci

[Redacted]

Napa, CA 94558

Via email [Redacted]

**Re: Napa County Housing Commission**

Dear Michael:

You have been a valued member of the **Napa County Housing Commission** representing the **Napa Valley Grapegrowers**. The term of your position expires on October 1, 2024. If you wish to request reappointment for a 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 **Napa County Housing Commission** for the term commencing upon appointment and expiring October 1, 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Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older.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:

<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, or email.**

*Michael Silacci*

SIGNATURE

September 18, 2024

DATE

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**Print****Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position -  
Submission #1750****Date Submitted: 11/3/2020**

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:**

Housing Commission

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

**Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying\***

Napa Valley Grapegrowers

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\***

Michael W Silacci

**Supervisorial District in Which You Reside\***

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**Home Address\***

[Redacted]

**City\***

Napa

**State\***

CA

**Zip\***

94558

**Phone\***

[Redacted]

**Email Address\***

[Redacted]

**Work Address\***

1144 Oakville Crossroad

**City\***

Oakville

**State\***

California

**Zip\***

94562

**Work Phone\***

[Redacted]

**Current Occupation\***

Vice-President, Winemaker/Viticulturist

Within the last 12 months

**Current License**

[Redacted]

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

**Education/Experience**

B.S. Enology, UC Davis M.S. Viticulture, UC Davis U.V. Oenologie, University of Bordeaux, Institute d'Oenologie, Bordeaux, France
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**Resume**

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

**Community Participation**

Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Vice-President - Active member of the NVG Co-Founder of the Napa Valley Viticultural Fair, 1990 Host Team for the 2013 Auction Napa Valley
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Nature of activity and community location

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

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**Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating**

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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\***

Jennifer Putnam
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**Phone\***


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**Address\***


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City\*

Napa

State\*

CA

Zip\*

94558

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Reference 2

Name\*

Steve Moulds

Phone\*

[REDACTED]

Address\*

[REDACTED]

City\*

Napa

State\*

CA

Zip\*

94558

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Reference 3

Name\*

Pete Richmond

Phone\*

[REDACTED]

Address\*

[REDACTED]

City\*

Napa

State\*

CA

Zip\*

94559

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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 have lived in Napa Valley since 1987, with the exception of an 18-month job in Oregon. I grew up in farming, having lived on a dairy farm and worked in the family orchard business. My professional life has centered around viticulture and winemaking. The two most important assets in winemaking are vineyards and people. I want to make a contribution to the Napa Valley and an impact on individuals, families, and the community. Housing is an important issue in Napa Valley. Adequate housing and healthcare for the people who tend our grapevines and make our wine is vital to the success of the Napa Valley. Having grown up in a small farming community, lived and worked in a major European city and viticultural region, and owning two houses in Napa Valley gives me a good perspective and platform to contribute significantly to the Housing Commission.

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

Michael W Silacci

11/3/2020

4:00 PM

# Michael Silacci

Napa, CA 94558

## EXPERIENCE

- Winemaker**, Opus One, Oakville, California 2003 – Present  
Directs and is fully responsible for all aspects of winemaking, vineyard, and facility operations and capital projects. Member of design team for winery enhancement project and vineyard equipment shop.
- Director of Viticulture and Enology**, Opus One, Oakville, California 2001 – 2004  
Directed all day to day viticulture and winemaking activities.
- Winemaker**, Stag's Leap Wine Cellars, Napa, California 1998 – 2001  
Oversaw all production activities related to winemaking and viticulture. Was accountable and responsible for the preparation and implementation of operating and capital budgets for winemaking and viticulture. Negotiated all grape purchase agreements.
- Associate Winemaker**, Stags Leap Wine Cellars, Napa, California 1995 – 1997  
Directed all production activities related to winemaking and viticulture. Co-designed unique cave layout.
- Winemaker**, King Estate, Eugene, Oregon 1993 – 1995  
Directed all production activities related to pinot noir, pinot gris, and a small amount of cabernet sauvignon winemaking, including viticulture and grape purchases. Consulted with André Tchelistcheff on a regular basis. Developed and implemented training programs for cellar crew. Managed all winery construction projects. Supervised early development of computer system that tracked wine from vineyard to bottle.
- Viticulturist**, Beaulieu Vineyard, Inglenook, and Quail Ridge 1992 – 1993  
Managed vineyard operations and grower relations working with three vineyard management companies and four winemakers. I was a member of the winemaking team.
- Viticulturist**, Heublein Fine Wine Group 1989 - 1992  
Managed vineyard operations and grower relations for Beaulieu Vineyard, Inglenook, Christian Brothers, and Quail Ridge working with five vineyard management companies, five winemakers, and 85 growers. Directed experiments in viticulture and enology for cabernet sauvignon and pinot noir clones. Developed computer vineyard cost tracking system. Consulted with André Tchelistcheff on a regular basis. Organized seminars and presentations for growers, vineyard managers, and trade.
- Production Manager/Grower Relations**, Beaulieu Vineyard, Rutherford, California 1988 – 1989  
Managed bottling, maintenance, shipping and grower and labor relations. Supervised experiments in viticulture and winemaking for clones and rootstock. Prepared budgets for winery operation.
- Enologist/Viticulturist**, Beaulieu Vineyard, Rutherford, California 1987 – 1988  
Worked with winemaker in all aspects of winemaking. Supervised experiments in viticulture and enology for clones and rootstock. Oversaw vineyard operations working with two vineyard management companies. Prepared budgets for vineyard operations.

## LANGUAGE

French, bilingual and bicultural.

## EDUCATION

Master of Food Science (Viticulture emphasis)  
University of California, Davis (1988)

Bachelor of Fermentation Science (Enology emphasis)  
University of California, Davis (1986)

Unité de Valeur d'Oenologie/Institut d'Oenologie/Université de Bordeaux, II, France (1984)

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## ORGANIZATIONS

Napa Valley Grapegrowers, Board of Directors, VP	2013 to present
International Cabernet Symposium, Co-organizer	2010 to present
International Academy of Wine	2009 to present
American Society for Enology and Viticulture, President	2007
American Society for Enology and Viticulture, Executive Committee	2005 to 2007
Académie Internationale du Vin, Member	2006 to present
American Society for Enology and Viticulture, Board of Directors	1993 to 1995
American Vineyard Foundation, Viticulture Technical Committee	1995 to 1998
American Vineyard Foundation, Enology Technical Committee	1998 to present
North Coast Viticulture Research Group, Chair	1996 to 1998
Napa Valley Vineyard Technical Group, President	1990 to 1992
Napa Valley Wine Technical Group	1989 to present
Napa Valley Viticultural Fair, Conceived and was a major organizer of the first fair.	1990 to present
Sulfide/Yeast/Juice Nutrient Interaction Research Group, Co-founder	1989 to 1993