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September 2, 2025

County Executive Office

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**Neha Hoskins**  
Clerk of the Board

Robert E. DeYoung

[Redacted]

Napa, CA 94558

[Redacted]

Dear Robert,

You have been a valued member of the **Napa County Airport Advisory Commission** representing Local Chamber of Commerce. The term of your position will expire September 17, 2025. If you wish to request reappointment for another 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 Airport Advisory Commission**.

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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Some of the information on my last application is no longer current or is five (5) years old or older.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

9-3-2025  
DATE

**Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position**

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.

**Which Boards would you like to apply for?**

Napa County Airport Advisory Commission: Submitted

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

Commissioner

**Profile**

Robert \_\_\_\_\_ E \_\_\_\_\_ Deyoung \_\_\_\_\_  
First Name Middle Initial Last Name

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Email Address

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Home Address Suite or Apt

Napa \_\_\_\_\_ CA \_\_\_\_\_ 94558 \_\_\_\_\_  
City State Postal Code

**Which supervisorial district do you reside in? \***

District 4

To find your supervisorial district go to <https://www.countyofnapa.org/1334/About-the-Board>, click on "Look Up My District" and enter your address.

Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone

Papa Tango LLC

Employer

Pilot / Director of Flight Operations

Job Title

Aviator

Occupation

## Education/Experience

My aviation background includes early involvement in the development of Smith Ranch Airport in San Rafael, CA, as part of my father's initiative. I also commanded my Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps attachment at Novato High School. Over the years, I worked as a flight instructor at the Marin County Airport, in customer service for West Air and United Airlines in Chico, Sacramento, and San Francisco, and in corporate aviation and charter operations throughout the North Bay Area. Currently, I manage and operate a corporate business jet based at the Napa County Airport and offer consulting services to the aviation industry, providing both managerial and pilot services under contract.

## Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married. (For conflict of interest purposes)

Lisa DeYoung / Realtor

## Resume

[BOB\\_DEYOUNG\\_RESUME.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

[Bob\\_DeYoung\\_Biography.docx](#)

Letter of Recommendation or Supplemental Attachments

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

Air Transport Pilot Feb. 28,1998, Flight Instructor Mar. 14, 1996, Advanced Ground Instructor Mar. 14, 1996 - All active and without expiration I hold ratings in Multi Engine Turbojet, Single Engine Land and Sea aircraft, Lighter than Air Balloon (Hot Air Balloon), and Glider all with commercial privileges.

## References: Provide names and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Kristen Gregory ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED], Chair of the Airport Advisory Commission, [REDACTED] Aviation Explorer post. Christian Palmaz ([REDACTED]), [REDACTED] Airport Advisory Committee member, [REDACTED] neighborhood. [REDACTED], Former employer and owner of the North Bay Business Journal

## Community Participation

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

The commission is an avenue that I can return to the community my gratitude in service for the blessings I have to share. I have been fortunate to be involved in the field of aviation my entire life and have expertise as a pilot, familiarity in the economics and infrastructure of airports and particularly the Napa County Airport. My experience in commercial and recreational flying give me unique knowledge and insight to balance the recreational and small business aircraft owner, and the commercial aircraft operator for profit, inclusive of the commercial supporting services.

Robert E Deyoung

## Nature of activity and community location

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The airport is multifaceted in that it supports the storage of aircraft and social interactions of pilots who fly for recreation, but it also supports the small business owner that enhance the efficiency of business through the use of aviation for transportation. Economically it supports the commerce of the aviation support services based in Napa, and the economic benefit to the community as a gateway for visitors to the region. In terms of infrastructure it is vital as a resource for emergency access and egress from the surrounding communities. I have been a tenet in good standing at the airport for more than 20 years.

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

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NA

## Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating (List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years)

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None

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## Electronic Signature Agreement

I meet the criteria required to serve in this position.

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Yes  No

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

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Yes  No

## Please Agree with the Following Statement

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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.

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I Agree

## Electronic Signature (First M. Last)

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Robert E DeYoung

## Date

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February 12, 2025

# Robert E. DeYoung

## Work Experience

- Jan. '02 ~ Present : Corporate Pilot – CE525B  
Papa Tango LLC, San Rafael CA, and Napa Jet Center  
Napa CA
- June '98 ~ Nov. '02: CE525, CE550, BE-200, CE414, BE-58  
Sunset Aviation, Novato CA
- June '99 ~ Feb. '02: Contract Corporate Pilot – Dornier 328  
Pacific Gas & Electric Company, Oakland CA
- Mar. '96 ~ Aug. '99: Flight Instructor Single and Multi Engine Land,  
Instrument, Advanced Aeronautical Ground Instructor  
AirWard Inc., Novato CA
- Oct. '94 ~ Present: Consultant Aviation Services, Owner  
Smith Ranch Aviation Services, Napa CA
- May. '91 ~ Oct. '94: Customer Service Representative,  
United Air Lines, San Francisco International Airport CA

## Flight Time

Total Time: 10,231      Instruments: 768  
Multi-Engine: 7546      Turbine PIC: 6133 Turbine SIC: 501  
(Turbojet PIC 5618)

## Certificates and Ratings

*Airline Transport Pilot,*  
Airplane Multi-Engine Land, CE-500, CE-525 Single pilot  
*Commercial Pilot,*  
Airplane Single Engine Land, Lighter than Air  
*Certified Flight Instructor*  
Airplane Single and Multiengine Land, Instrument,  
LTA Balloon  
*Ground Instructor,*  
Advanced Ground Instructor  
*First Class Medical ~ DOI 09/16/2014*

## Education

*Bachelor of Science Degree, Recreation Administration,*  
California State University at Chico, Chico CA

# ROBERT DE YOUNG

THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE NAPA  
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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FEB. 12, 2025

As a new member of the Napa Chamber of Commerce and your representative on the Napa County Airport Advisory Committee, I will bring a unique perspective on airport operations and their impact on the Napa community. With a lifelong career in aviation and airport management, I am committed to ensuring the airport serves both the recreational and business needs of Napa's residents and visitors.

My aviation background includes early involvement in the development of Smith Ranch Airport in San Rafael, CA, as part of my father's initiative. I also commanded my Air Force Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps attachment at Novato High School. Over the years, I worked as a flight instructor at the Marin County Airport, in customer service for West Air and United Airlines in Chico, Sacramento, and San Francisco, and in corporate aviation and charter operations throughout the North Bay Area. Currently, I manage and operate a corporate business jet based at the Napa County Airport and offer consulting services to the aviation industry, providing both managerial and pilot services under contract.

I hold a Bachelor of Science degree in Recreation Administration from California State University, Chico, where I focused on the business and private enterprise aspects of recreation. My senior project—on the development and operation of airports for both

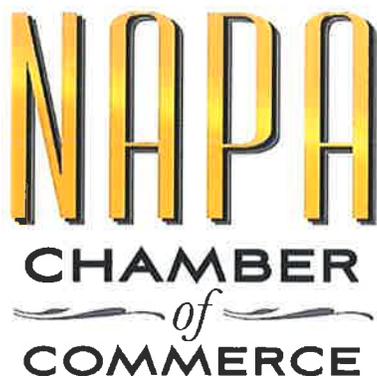


recreational and business use—earned recognition as the Outstanding Graduating Senior in the College of Education.

For 31 years, I have been married to my wife Lisa, a Napa native. Together with her father, Carl Hammond, they have been involved in Napa Valley real estate and property management since the early 1980s. We have two sons: Gunnar, a graduate of the University of New Hampshire with a degree in Finance, and Soren, a senior at Vintage High School, who is pursuing a career in military aviation through one of the U.S. Military Academies. Our family is actively engaged in St. John's Lutheran Church, with my spare time split between church, Boy Scout Troop 83, Napa Aviation Explorer Post, supporting local high school athletic and music programs, and forwarding the interest of aviation among the youth in our community.

Sincerely,

Robert De Young



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February 13, 2025

Napa County Board of Supervisors  
1195 Third Street, Suite 310  
Napa, CA 94559

***Subject: Recommendation for Robert De Young – Napa County  
Airport Commission***

Dear Chair Cottrell,

I am pleased to submit this letter of recommendation in support of Robert De Young's appointment as the Napa Chamber of Commerce Representative to the Napa County Airport Commission.

With an extensive career in aviation and airport management, Robert brings a wealth of experience and a deep commitment to ensuring that the Napa County Airport serves both the recreational and business needs of our community and its visitors. His expertise spans multiple facets of the aviation industry, including airport development, aviation training and flight instruction, corporate and charter operations, and customer service with nationally recognized airlines. Additionally, he currently provides consulting services in aviation management and pilot operations, further demonstrating his leadership and dedication to the field.

Beyond his professional qualifications, Robert is actively engaged in various local community organizations, enabling him to offer a well-rounded and inclusive perspective as a commissioner. His ability to bridge industry expertise with community priorities will make him an invaluable asset to the commission.

I am confident that Robert's knowledge, experience, and collaborative approach will greatly benefit the Napa County Airport Commission.

Thank you for your consideration. Please do not hesitate to reach out if you require any further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jeri Hansen". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Jeri Hansen  
President & CEO  
Napa Chamber of Commerce