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To Whom it May Concern:

We are writing in support of Heidi Taylor for the position of Environmental Organization Alternate on the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission.

Heidi is a founding member of Healthy Martinez: Refinery Accountability Group. She has spent countless hours advocating on behalf of our group including interviews with NPR Forum, KPFA, Terra Verde, KPIX, KRON, and KCBS. She speaks passionately and intelligently about the issues facing Martinez and the surrounding communities.

Heidi is a family law attorney. She is familiar with navigating complicated and emotionally charged situations. She is curious by nature and not afraid of digging in and digging deeper to ascertain the facts needed to dissect complex problems.

In short, we believe Heidi would be a valuable asset to the Contra Costa Hazardous Materials Commission based on her background and proven dedication to environmental justice issues. We recommend her without hesitation.

Rebecca Barrett

Rebecca Barrett (May 3, 2023 15:23 PDT)

Rebecca Barrett

Alysia Gadde

Alysia Gadde (May 2, 2023 17:05 PDT)

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Wendy Ke

Wendy Ke (May 3, 2023 15:17 PDT)

Wendy Ke

Jillian Elliott

Jillian Elliott (May 2, 2023 20:54 PDT)

Jillian Elliott

Application Form

Profile

Heidi

First Name

C

Middle Initial

Taylor

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Martinez

City

CA

State

94553

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

District Locator Tool

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 5

Self

Employer

Attorney

Job Title

Length of Employment

25+ years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

All

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

22 years

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Hazardous Materials Commission: Submitted

Heidi C Taylor

Seat Name

Environmental Justice (Alternate)

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

2+

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

UC Berkeley

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA Political Science/Rhetoric

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

California Western School of Law

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

JD

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Diablo Valley College

Heidi C Taylor

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

AA German

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I am a new resident of the city of Martinez (August 2022). I lived in Pleasant Hill for 22 years. I now live 150 feet from the fence line of Martinez Refining Company. I was directly impacted by the spent catalyst release on Thanksgiving, 2022. Since that incident, I have learned a great deal about the various types of hazardous materials manufactured/stored in our county. I have attended many city council meetings and ISO/Community Warning System Ad Hoc Committee/Hazardous Material Commission meetings to voice my concerns and offer suggestions. I want to serve on this committee because I want to make sure that we all are doing everything we can to keep residents safe and informed regarding the realities of living in a county that is refinery dense and living around other hazardous material sources. I hope to bring not only my own opinions to the commission but also those of my neighbors. I will also advocate fiercely for those without access to social media and unable to participate in the decisions that directly affect them.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

I am directly impacted by the operation of the MRC refinery. I am interested and willing to invest significant amounts of time in educating myself about the issues that come before the commission and dutifully attend those meetings. I am not afraid to ask questions. I enjoy working collaboratively with others to find workable solutions.

Heidi C Taylor

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

Healthy Martinez: Refinery Accountability Group, UC Berkeley Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association, California Bar Association, Contra Costa County Bar Association and DEI committee member, CASA Volunteer, Former Mock Trial Coach for DeAnza High School, Member of DeAnza High School Mentoring Group, UC Section German Club, UC Section Writer's Group

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Yes No

Heidi C Taylor

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and understand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

HEIDI TAYLOR

LAW OFFICE OF HEIDI TAYLOR

EXPERIENCE:

LAW OFFICE OF HEIDI TAYLOR, Pleasant Hill, CA, 2008 – present

Owner/Sole Proprietor: Consult with and direct litigation for clients involved in divorce, custody and support cases. Litigate cases through trial. Negotiate and settle various family law issues with pro per litigants or with opposing counsel. Manage the daily operations of a solo practice law firm.

LAW OFFICES OF MADSEN & WOLCH, Walnut Creek, CA, 2006 – 2008

Associate attorney: Assisted with the preparation and litigation of family law cases.

FURTADO, JASPOVICE AND SIMONS, Hayward, CA 2001-2006

Associate attorney: Litigated plaintiff personal injury cases.

BOXER AND GERSON, Oakland, CA, 1999 – 2001

Associate attorney: Litigated third party personal injury cases on behalf of clients who were injured while in the course and scope of employment.

BRAYTON HARLEY CURTIS, Novato, CA, 1998 - 1999

Associate attorney: Litigated personal injury claims on behalf of clients who were exposed to and suffering from exposure/inhalation of asbestos.

ROBBINS AND GREEN, Phoenix, AZ, 1996 – 1998

Associate attorney: Prepared motions and conducted research for toxic tort litigation against Motorola; assisted senior partners with litigation of medical malpractice and other personal injury claims;

EDUCATION:

California Western School of Law
San Diego, California

J.D. 1996

University of California, Berkeley
Berkeley, California

B.A. 1989

MEMBERSHIPS:

UC Berkeley Lifetime Member of the Alumni Association, California Bar Association, Contra Costa County Bar Association and DEI committee member, CASA Volunteer, Former Mock Trial Coach for DeAnza High School, Member of DeAnza High School Mentoring Group, UC Section German Club, UC Section Writer's Group