

September 13, 2017

Dear Board of Supervisors:

My name is Dr. Julianna Hynes, PhD. I'm a current Commissioner on the Contra Costa Commission for Women and have been on the Commission since 2011. I'm also a proud resident of Pittsburg, CA where I have resided for the last 21 years. I own my own executive coaching business in which I work with individual leaders as well as groups to attain their business and professional goals. I was asked one year by the Friends of the San Francisco Commission on the Status of Women to facilitate their annual planning retreat. Having a passion for women, I was more than happy to. I came away inspired and motivated to find an organization in my county to lend my talents and that's when I came upon the Contra Costa Commission for Women.

Since becoming a Commissioner, I have enjoyed being part of a Girl on Girl Violence project where we exposed bullying in the Contra Costa Schools. I have had the honor of helping organize the Women's Hall of Fame in which women all over our county have been honored for their hard work and achievements. I am also proud of initiating and leading a Women in the Workplace initiative in which the Commission organized panel events on topics such as non-traditional careers, being a woman in leadership and entrepreneurship. No less than 30 people attended these events with minimal advertising and no budget – all the commissioners volunteered their time, talent and resources to put on the event. These events always received positive reviews and my hope has been to begin partnering with other women's and business groups to grow the event and expose more women in our county to the information that will help them thrive in their workplaces and lives. Finally, I had the pleasure of being the Chair of the Commission for two years – just recently passing the baton to one of the current co-chairs.

The above accomplishments do not even include the accomplishments that other Commissioners have achieved like the Cookie Project in which high school seniors are educated about the pay disparity of women. Or the Bone Health project in which senior citizens were screened and provided information about bone health.

I have enjoyed serving on the Commission and being a contribution to my community. We have worked hard as a cohesive group ever since I became a member and I'm extremely proud of our accomplishments – yet and still, there's much more work to do!

I write this letter to express my care and concern for the viability of the Commission. I think it is a relevant and important entity that I would like to continue serving on for the betterment of the women (and girls) who live in Contra Costa County. Given that we are all professional women and volunteers, we might not get things done as quickly as we would like, but we still get them done – and done well.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

For further information, I can be reached at julianna@juliannahynes.com.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JH' with a stylized flourish.

Dr. Julianna Hynes