

Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
10th Floor
Martinez, CA 94553
c/o County Administrator and Clerk of the Board, the Honorable David Twa

January 12, 2020

RE: Scott Konopasek's Candidacy for County Clerk-Recorder Appointment

Dear Members of the Board,

I am writing in support of your consideration of Scott Konopasek for appointment as County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar. I am a resident of Alameda County, but my wife wants to move to Contra Costa next year when our son graduates from high school. In short, I believe Mr. Konopasek would be an excellent choice for this position.

I have known Mr. Konopasek since 2004 in connection with my company's work in Elections Services. In recent years we have worked with him and his team in the Contra Costa Elections Division to produce and distribute Voter Information Guides to the voters of Contra Costa.

In my observations, Mr. Konopasek has been an effective and dedicated public servant. He has built a team in the Elections Division that deals with the deadlines and pressures of the elections as well as any county I know. Under his leadership the County reengineered its process for complying with the California Elections Code mandate to distribute election information to voters. We have produced Voter Information Guides for many counties over many years, but I can honestly say that I have never seen a county establish such high level of performance so quickly in reengineering their process. I believe Scott is the principal driver in that success.

The County would be well served with Mr. Konopasek as its County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar.

Sincerely

Larry Hawkins

CEO

June McHuen

From:

Jami Napier

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 1:52 PM

To:

Stacey Boyd; June McHuen

Subject:

Fwd: To Board of Supervisors: Endorsement for Clerk-Recorder

Attachments:

LUCCA Endorsement for Clerk-Recorder.pdf

For minutes and BGO.

Thank you!

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From: Jess Jollett < jjollett@liftupcocoaction.org >

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 1:42:14 PM

To: Supervisor Candace Andersen <SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us>; District5 <District5@bos.cccounty.us>; supervisorburgis@bos.cccounty.us <supervisorgioia@bos.cccounty.us <supervisorgioia@bos.cccounty.us>; SupervisorMitchoff <SupervisorMitchoff@bos.cccounty.us>; Clerk of the Board <ClerkOfTheBoard@cob.cccounty.us>

Cc: Jami Napier < Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>

Subject: To Board of Supervisors: Endorsement for Clerk-Recorder

Dear Chair Anderson and Board of Supervisor,

I am happy to announce Lift Up Contra Costa Action's official endorsement for Mark Friedman for County Clerk-Recorder. Attached you will find a letter outlining our process and the reasons we are excited to support Mr. Friedman for this important role.

Thank you. Happy to answer any questions.

- J.

Jess Jollett 619.203.0959 Executive Director

Lift Up Contra Costa Action members include Alliance of Californians for Community Empowerment (ACCE) Action, Asian Pacific Environmental Network (APEN) Action, Communities for a Better Environment Action, The Contra Costa AFL-CIO Labor Council, SEIU Local 1021, SEIU Local 2015, Safe Return Action, and the Richmond Progressive Alliance

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The Honorable John Gioia
The Honorable Candace Anderson
The Honorable Karen Mitchoff
The Honorable Diane Burgis
The Honorable Federal Glover
Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors
651 Pine Street
Martinez, CA 94553

Re: Kristin Braun Connelly for Clerk-Recorder

Dear Supervisors, Gioia, Anderson, Mitchoff, Burgis and Glover,

I write to express my strong support for Kristin Braun Connelly's application for the position of Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder. Kristin has had a long-standing commitment to ensuring fair and accessible elections, public service and professional non-partisanship. Additionally, as a Contra Costa native who has lived here much of her life, Kristin's knowledge of every part of the county and its challenges will be a critical asset to the Clerk-Recorder position.

I have known Kristin since she returned home to Contra Costa County from New York City. I have worked with her in my professional capacities in the Government Relations Departments of Safeway Inc. and Kaiser Permanente. I am ever impressed with her intelligence; commitment to understanding and learning critical issues; pursuit of fairness and equity; and, advocacy.

Kristin has had a long-standing commitment to public service. She served on the Board of Trustees of the Lafayette Library and Learning Center Foundation and is currently a member of the Governing Board of the Acalanes Union High School District. Also, she is a member of the Workforce Development Board of Contra Costa County.

Kristin has had a decades-long interest and professional experience supporting fair and accessible elections. In New York, she worked for the Brennan Center for Social Justice, the Election Protection Coalition and Citizens Union. Upon returning to California, Kristin worked for California Forward on governance reform. All of her work and advocacy has been non-partisan, which is critically important for the Clerk-Recorder.

Kristin is exactly the kind of person Contra Costa County needs as its Clerk-Recorder at this important time in our nation's history. I cannot think of a smarter, more competent, non-partisan person to tackle the challenges of election security, disenfranchisement and civic engagement. I urge you to select her as our county's Clerk-Recorder.

Sincerely,

Rachel Zenner Kane

Orinda, CA 94563

June McHuen

From:

Jami Napier

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 7:52 AM

To:

June McHuen; Stacey Boyd

Subject:

Fwd: Scott Rafferty for Registrar of Voters

For BGO and minutes please.

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From: Brodie H < ___

Sent: Sunday, January 12, 2020 5:28:16 PM
To: Jami Napier < Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>
Subject: Scott Rafferty for Registrar of Voters

Ms. Napier,

I want to encourage the Supervisors to appoint Scott Rafferty for the Registrar of Voters. There is no other candidate that is better qualified. He has the knowledge of election law, having graduated from Yale Law School. He has the experience, having worked to protect voters in many counties and states. He is concerned with "money in politics" and will seek to bring light to campaign disclosures. He is an experienced manager who will include staff in decision-making.

I have first hand experience of his sincere pursuit of voter protection. Several years ago there was a report of a person illegally prohibiting people from receiving the proper ballots at a polling station in a retirement home. I went there to investigate only to find Mr. Rafferty already there handling the situation.

Knowledge, experience, integrity, leadership are the qualifications Mr. Rafferty excels in. Please help appoint Scott Rafferty as Registrar of Voters.

Best,

Brodie Hilp



January 13th, 2020

Supervisor Andersen; Supervisor Burgis; Supervisor Gioia; Supervisor Glover; Supervisor Mitchoff;

651 Pine Street 1st Floor, Room 106 Martinez, CA 94553

Dear Chair Anderson and Board of Supervisor,

I am happy to announce Lift Up Contra Costa Action's official endorsement for Mark Friedman for County Clerk-Recorder.

Our coalition represents a wide range of organization and union partners who work to ensure every resident of Contra Costa has an opportunity to thrive. As a coalition that is dedicated to fair and inclusive elections we are deeply interested in a Clerk-Recorder Department that is led by integrity and transparency. Therefore, we offered a questionnaire to the 22 applicants who applied for this position. We inquired on the applicants plan to restore trust in this crucial office and their commitment to ensuring all eligible voters engage in our local elections.

Our coalition was encouraged by Mark Friendman's answers. He demonstrated an understanding of the scope and importance of the County Clerk-Recorder position. His knowledge of county history and his stellar reputation as a former elected create confidence in his leadership. His career at First 5 in Alameda County has given him the knowledge and experience in managing large budgets and staff. We are truly excited by the opportunity for Mr. Friedman to lead this crucial department.

If you have any questions regarding our coalition's endorsement, please feel free to contact me directly at jiollett@liftupcocoaction.org.

Thank you so much for your time,

Jess Jollett
Executive Director
Lift Up Contra Costa Action

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Stacey Boyd

From:

Jami Napier

Sent:

Monday, January 13, 2020 5:23 PM

To: Cc:

Stacey Boyd
June McHuen

Subject:

Fwd: Endorsement of Scott Rafferty for Registrar of Voters

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From: Ellis Goldberg <ellisg237@aol.com>

Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 4:18:07 PM

To: John_Gioia <John_Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Sonia Bustamante <Sonia.Bustamante@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Candace Andersen <SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us>; Gayle Israel <Gayle.Israel@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor_Burgis <Supervisor_Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; Mark Goodwin <Mark.Goodwin@bos.cccounty.us>; District5 <District5@bos.cccounty.us>; David Fraser <David.Fraser@bos.cccounty.us>; David Twa <David.Twa@cao.cccounty.us>; Jami Napier <Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>; rafferty@gmail.com <rafferty@gmail.com>; shgold237@aol.com

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Dear Contra Costa Supervisors;

We wholeheartedly encourage your selection of Scott Rafferty for Registrar of Voters. We have known Scott for several years. He is a highly qualified attorney who works effectively to bend the arc of the moral universe toward justice. He is concerned with protecting democracy when it is threatened. He is expert in the area of election laws and will be a diligent and fair enforcer of those laws. He is also an excellent manager who realizes the importance of by-in by the staff in the Registrars office and plans to formulate plans where the team members are part of the planning process. Integrity, expertise and leadership are the what we vouch for in our endorsement of Scott Rafferty for Registrar of Voters.

Sharon and Ellis Goldberg

Stacey Boyd

From:

Jami Napier

Sent:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:22 AM

To:

June McHuen; Stacey Boyd

Subject:

Fwd: Dolores Huerta Endorsement for Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder

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From: Scott Rafferty < rafferty@gmail.com > Sent: Monday, January 13, 2020 11:33:26 PM

To: Sonia Bustamante <Sonia.Bustamante@bos.cccounty.us>; John Gioia <John.Gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Candace Andersen <SupervisorAndersen@bos.cccounty.us>; Gayle Israel <Gayle.Israel@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor_Burgis <Supervisor_Burgis@bos.cccounty.us>; Mark Goodwin <Mark.Goodwin@bos.cccounty.us>; District5 <District5@bos.cccounty.us>; David Fraser <David.Fraser@bos.cccounty.us>; David Twa <David.Twa@cao.cccounty.us>; Jami Napier <Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>

Subject: Dolores Huerta Endorsement for Contra Costa Clerk-Recorder

Dear Supervisors:

I received a call from Dolores Huerta's son tonight. His mother had heard that you are deciding on finalists tomorrow. She asked that I relate her endorsement of my application for your appointment as Contra Costa's Clerk-Recorder.

95% of our county's Latinos are citizens when they turn 18. Every year, our county gains 5000 more Latino voters. As your registrar, I will ensure that our elections office engages them in our political life so that the next generation of leaders can be fully representative of our county's diversity. The decision of many of our jurisdictions to move to district elections has not only given Latinos a more equal voice, it has made elections more competitive to the benefit of all voters. By respecting the equality of our Latino citizens, we also bring their households and communities out of the shadows and ensure that they are fully counted on April 1.

Ms. Huerta knows that I made sure that every vote from Delano and Macfarland counted in the 2018 election, without regard to ethnicity or party. She knows that I will be an ally of our Secretary of State in making sure that reforms intended to increase turnout and campaign disclosure work at both the state and county level. If and when you approve a transition to Voter's Choice, I will lead our well-qualified staff in making it work for all citizens, including those with limited mobility, language preferences, the homeless and every single citizen awaiting trial or otherwise incarcerated but eligible to vote. Our county office will be a nonpartisan presence welcoming new voters at every naturalization ceremony in the Bay Area. If appointed, I will make her - and each of you - proud of the trust you have placed in me.

I realize that you have many candidates, including some with very particular qualifications. I have a commitment to impartiality, knowledge of election law and practice, and the experience in managing organizational change to grow the office's staff and to make Contra Costa a model for increasing participation and improving campaign disclosure. Please include me in the next round of your consideration.

Scott Rafferty

Walnut Creek CA 94596

Stacey Boyd

From:

Jami Napier

Sent:

Tuesday, January 14, 2020 5:23 AM

To:

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Subject:

Fwd: County Clerk-Recorder position

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From: Sarah Butler <

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 1:58:08 AM

To: Mark Goodwin <Mark.Goodwin@bos.cccounty.us>; District5 <District5@bos.cccounty.us>; David Fraser

<David.Fraser@bos.cccounty.us>; David Twa <David.Twa@cao.cccounty.us>; Jami Napier

<Jami.Napier@cob.cccounty.us>

Subject: Fw: County Clerk-Recorder position

See e-mail below to the Supervisors regarding the Clerk-Recorder position, 1/14/20

From: Sarah Butler

Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2020 1:54 AM

To: john_gioia@bos.cccounty.us < john_gioia@bos.cccounty.us>; Supervisor Candace Andersen

<supervisorandersen@bos.cccounty.us>; supervisor_burgis@bos.cccounty.us <supervisor_burgis@bos.cccounty.us>

Subject: Re: County Clerk-Recorder position

Dear Supervisors,

I am writing to you to urge you to consider Scott Rafferty for the County Clerk-Recorder position. I have known Scott for 7 years, and know him to be a person of very high integrity, as well as being extremely knowledgeable about election law, (both State and Federal election law).

Please consider Scott Rafferty for the position of County Clerk-Recorder.

Thank you, Sarah Butler

Orinda, CA 94563

Margaret Liang 3776 Hobstone Pl Dublin, CA 94568

January 13, 2020

Dear Contra Costa Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support to Catharine Baker in her application for Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder position.

Catharine has practiced election laws for 15 years, as an award winning attorney with a heavy emphasis on the operation of county registrar offices. She also has advised many political candidates, non-profit organizations in county registrar offices in the bay area.

Catharine has also a vested tie in Contra Costa County. She has represented the Contra Costa and Alameda County that she serves as the State Assemblywoman in District 16. She was one of the most dedicated public servants I have seen and worked on many issues that the CC county residents faced day in and day out. She has also been active in the community leading various non-profit organizations serving the contra costa county, such as Diablo Regional Arts Association.

She is also ideal because of her independence of partisan influence. Her bi-partisanship has long been recognized and praised. She has also gained much support in her legislatures as well as from her peers.

With her extensive experience and credential, her contribution and vested tie to many communities across the contra costa county, I strongly support Catharine Baker as the ideal candidate for Contra Costa County Clerk Recorder position.

Sincerely,

Margaret Liang

Jay Yao 6508 Bennington Way San Ramon, CA 94582

Dear Board of Supervisors,

My name is Jay Yao. I am currently a member of the Open Space Advisory Committee of San Ramon.

While Catharine Baker was the Assemblywoman representing district 16, I had a few opportunities to join her walk-and-talk town halls in the open spaces, where she led walks in the open space while discussing environment related legislative issues. As an open space advocate, I was impressed with her creative approach to reach out to the voters, listen to them and educate them.

I support Catharine's application to be the Contra Costa Clerk Recorder.

Sincerely,

Jay Yao January 14, 2020

Honorable County Supervisors,

As an active voter living in San Ramon while working in NASA Ames research center, I am writing this letter to strongly recommend Catharine Baker for the county Clerk-Recorder position. The first time I met her was in 2014, at a fundraising party held by a family in our neighborhood. Since then, she has earned my continuous support in several campaigns. Catharine has impressive memory, clear mindset, long time experience as a lawyer and later record as an elected assemblywoman, and the proficient understanding of state and local issues. People were surprised by how she got things done through collaborations in Sacramento. That says, you will agree that Catharine is fully capable for the position.

However, my support and recommendation are mainly based on the simple fact that Catharine has been actively listening and responding to our community and voters, sincerely. From 2014 to 2018, those town-hall meetings I attended, the survey cards we received at home, to the timely alerts she sent on sensitive issues, and the bill to keep more UC seats for California kids, etc. they all mean something I keep seeing in Catharine. That will make her a great Clerk-Recorder for our county & residents.

Please appoint Catharine as our new County Clerk-Recorder. Thank you!

Best regards,

Xinchuan Huang

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686 Carrington Ct

San Ramon, CA 94582

or xinchuan@gmail.com

My name is Feng Xu. I am from the Tri-Valley (Pleasanton/Livermore/ San Ramon) communities. Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and many of us voted for the first time because of her outreach.

I want to endorse her in her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder. This letter of endorsement has been signed by Feng Xu on 01.12.2020.

My name is Wenli Tian. I am from the Tri-Valley (Pleasanton/Livermore/San Ramon) communities. Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and many of us voted for the first time because of her outreach.

I want to endorse her in her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder. This letter of endorsement has been signed by Wenli Tian.

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My name is Wei Ye. I am from the Tri-Valley (Pleasanton/Livermore/San Ramon) communities. Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and she is an inspiration to all of us to participate in various efforts to help keep our community safe, make our public transportation more efficient, and make education accessible to all etc. Some of us voted for the first time because of her outreach.

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WEI YE

01/11/2020

My name is Helena. I am from the Pleasanton Community. Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and she is an inspiration to all of us to participate in various efforts to help keep our community safe, make our public transportation more efficient, and make education accessible to all etc. Some of us voted for the first time because of her outreach.

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Helena Li from

1/12/20

To whom it may concern:

My name is Shuyi Wu. I am from the Tri-Valley (Pleasanton/Livermore/San Ramon) communities. Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and she is an inspiration to all of us to participate in various efforts to help keep our community safe, make our public transportation more efficient, and make education accessible to all etc. Some of us voted for the first time because of her outreach.

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Shuyi Wu

To whom it may concern,

My name is Michael. I am a resident in Pleasanton, CA. In the past years, Ms. Catharine Baker has always been very involved in our community and she is an inspiration to all of us to participate in various efforts to help keep our community safe, make our public transportation more efficient, and make education accessible to all etc.

I want to endorse her in her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder. This letter of endorsement has been signed by Michael Chen on January 13, 2020.

Thank you.

Dear Sir/Madam,

My name is Wenhua Wang from Pleasanton communities.

I write this email to support Ms. Catharine Baker in her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder.

I endorse Ms. Catharine Baker in her application because she has always been very involved in our community and she is an inspiration to all of us to participate in various efforts to help keep our community safe, make our public transportation more efficient, and make education accessible to all etc.

Overall, I trust her in serving the county well and protect the spirit of USA.

Thanks!

Wenhua Wang

Endorsement for Ms. Catharine Baker to apply the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder

To whom it concerns,

My name is Xiaoshan Song. I live in Pleasanton.

1/13/2020

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Even though I am not a Contra Costa voter, but as a voter in AD16, I'd like to endorse Ms. Catharine Baker for her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder.

Sincerely,

Xiaoshan Song

To whom may concern:

My name is Lingling Cai. I live in San Ramon.

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As a resident and a voter in Contra Costa County, I would like to endorse Ms. Catharine Baker for her application to become the Contra Costa County's clerk recorder.

Sincerely,

Lingling Cai

Yry Kuy Jan. 13th, 2020

Ms Catherine Baker stoke me as a hardworking community Key Opinion Leader who is independent, inclusive, bypartisan and focus on what brings people together. She is enthusiasm in voter's education and encourage new immigrants to care and participate local community affairs.

Catharine has been leading the way in supporting new ideas to make California's schools better for all children. Catharine is known for finding creative solutions to challenges facing our community.

I sincerely hope the Contra Costa County Board member accept Catherine's application to become the Contra Costa County's Clerk Recorder.

Sincerely Yours,

Mei LI

A community member of Try-Valley Community (San Ramon, Dublin and Pleasanton)

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