

Written correspondence received in support of appointment of Tara Shaia:

Christine & Mike Coody, Rodeo Citizens Association;

Maureen Brennan, Rodeo;

Tanya Little;

Janet Callaghan, President Rodeo Citizens Association;

Maureen Brennan, Rodeo;

Dr. Cheryl Attoe Bennett, Hercules;

Elaine Wander Leclair, Rodeo;

Liana Rulsim, Pinole;

Tom Dhillou, D's Giant Burgers;

Elizabeth Genia; Bie Lie;

Darrin Bessolo;

Winston Ingram, President, Public Employees Union, Local One;

Ana Aviles Avila, President of AFSCME Pinole;

Tanya Little, Pinole, Rodeo, Hercules, El Sobrante for Equity & Diversity (PHREED) Co-Founder;

Robin Raber-Luna;

June 14, 2023

From: Maureen Brennan <
Sent: Tuesday, March 14, 2023 12:46 PM
To: John Gioia; Federal Glover; Candace Andersen; Diane Burgis; Supervisor Carlson
Cc: Sonia Bustamante; Clerk of the Board; David Fraser
Subject: Appoint Tara Shaia to RHFD board

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Dear Board of Supervisorors,

I support Tara Shaia's appointment to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District board. Shaia ran in the November 2022 election when no other applicant did. She received 2,859 votes. I believe that the community has spoken.

I do not support the reappointment of Robyn Mikel. Mikel failed to run in the November 2022 elections after your board advised her it was a requirement. She resigned, she re-applied, . . . and is causing confusion and distraction to real issues before the Board.

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to appoint Tara Shaia to this open seat. Thanks.

Maureen Brennan
Rodeo CA

From: Tanya Little
Sent: Thursday, March 16, 2023 8:57 AM
To: Supervisor Candace Andersen; Supervisor_Burgis; Supervisor Carlson; District5; John_Gioia
Cc: Sonia Bustamante; Gayle Israel; Teresa Gerringer; Lisa Chow; David Fraser; Clerk of the Board
Subject: URGENT - Please Appoint Tara Shaia, RHFPD Board
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Dear Board of Supervisors,

I support Tara Shaia's appointment to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District. Shaia ran in the November 2022 election when no other applicant did. She received 2,859 votes.

I do not support the reappointment of Robyn Mikel. Mikel agreed with district leadership to resign at the November 15, 2022, meeting and to reapply and be reappointed before her term expired on December 31st. Mikel resigned on November 16th and reapplied December 4th. District leadership's attempt to reappoint Mikel on December 13th failed. Their intentions were to circumvent state and county election laws. Why? Mikel failed to run in the November 2022 elections after your board advised her it was a requirement. Mikel disobeyed your order. Mikel's action was an attempt to manipulate state and county election laws. Therefore, Mikel's application should be disqualified.

I respectfully urge the Board of Supervisors to appoint Tara Shaia to this open seat.

Thank you,

Tanya Little

Zip code: 94547

Attachments:

RHFD Board Documents Containing Mikel's

Resignation: <https://www.rhfd.org/files/433781b18/Documents-additional.pdf>

RHFD Board Documents Containing Mikel's Dec 4 & Shaia's Dec 7

Application: <https://www.rhfd.org/files/81280064f/Documents.pdf>

RHFD Board Documents Containing Shaia Nov 2022 Election

Roster: <https://www.rhfd.org/files/dea008cbe/Board+Applications.pdf>



Rodeo Citizen <

Support for Tara Shaia RHFPD appointment

1 message

Janet Callaghan

Mon, Feb 20, 2023 at 4:04 PM

To:

2/19/23

To the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District's Board of Directors.

I ask that you appoint Tara Shaia for the open director position. Tara deserves to be the Rodeo appointment because she will add balance to the board for the Town of Rodeo as we are not a city and the county has not listened to Rodeo recently.

I have known Tara for almost 44 years since I became a Rodeo resident, but not as long as her generations of family in Rodeo. I have volunteered with Tara during the late 1994's during old fashion bucket air monitoring when it was Citizens for a Better Environment now called Communities for a Better Environment known as CBE including Julia May and others. Also the Rodeo Creek Trail/watershed and working with the past County Service Area R10 and Community Advisory Panel with Phillips 66.

Tara deserves to be appointed and will be an asset to the RHFD. She received a lot of votes in the Nov 2022 elections she was 4th on the list and went through elections. The Board should follow those voices and appoint Tara Shaia. She works hard, studies, cares about our firefighter needs, is committed to working with the board and providing the best for all.

Sincerely,
Janet Callaghan
President Rodeo Citizens Association

2/16/23

To the Board of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District:

I would like to support the nomination of Tara Shaia for the open position on the Board. She is a long-time resident of Rodeo, and understands the local interests in our community. I volunteer at the Pinole Senior Center lunch program, where she is head chef, purchaser, and trainer in the kitchen. She is forever emphasizing safety in our respective roles, and she runs a tight ship. She communicates well with all involved. In our recent November 2022 elections, she was next in line with 22% of the vote. The community has spoken, with a high level of support. I saw her last October at the RHFD "community open house," asking questions, learning about the fire district, and doing her "homework." I think she will add balance to our struggling Board.
Thanks.

Maureen Brennan
Rodeo, CA

To the Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors:

I am writing in support of Tara Shaia's appointment to the Rodeo Hercules Fire District Board. Tara is the strongest candidate and she is the most qualified to serve the community as a Board Director.

Tara's priorities are safety and progress for the community. She is fair and works to develop a deeper understanding of important issues. She is always willing to serve the public.

Please appoint Tara Shaia to the RHFD Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Attoe Bennett

Dr. Cheryl Attoe Bennett
Hercules CA



Rodeo Citizer

Fw: Letter of support for Tara Shaia to the RHFD Board

elaine wander ·
To: "CitizenR572@gmail.com" <CitizenR572@gmail.com>

Tue, Feb 21, 2023 at 4:12 PM

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From: elaine wander <wanderelaine@yahoo.com>
To: corcoran@rhfd.org <corcoran@rhfd.org>
Sent: Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at 04:09:15 PM PST
Subject: Letter of support for Tara Shaia to the RHFD Board

Hello,

I have lived in Rodeo for 33 years and know we need a very competent person to represent us on the the fire district board . That person is Tara Shaia. I talked with her about what she thinks the best ways to protect Rodeo from accidents occurring at the refinery (Phillips66) are and also about our Rodeo Fire Station,Her answers about cooperation between the refinery and our fire department and maintaining our Rodeo Station were very good. Also, that the Fire department team have the skills to handle all the hazards that go with these fuels being made so close to our town. Spills ,toxins ,odors ,explosions derailments,etc.... I think Ms. Shaia would best represent us in Rodeo and Hercules (her awareness of issues around open space and fire safety) and be an asset to the fire district.

Thank you,
Elaine Wander Leclaire

Date: 2/17/2023

To: Board of Directors RHFD.

Re: Recommendation for Tara Shaia.

To whom it may concern:

I am writing to recommend Tara Shaia for a position in the board of The Rodeo-Hercules Fire Dept.

I am Liana Ruslim, a volunteer in the Pinole Senior Center helping in the kitchen as Tara is the chef & head of the kitchen .

I believe her leadership & organizational skills will be suitable for a position on the board.

She treats all volunteers fairly, listens to suggestions, is assertive and works hard. Tara pays attention to details, deals well with all kind of personalities & races and is able to communicate well with everyone. She always has a positive attitude and remains calm under pressure.

She organizes all aspect of the kitchen from volunteers, the menu, fund raising, groceries and all the day to day operations of the kitchen. She is always on time for seniors to pick up the meals.

She will be a great asset for the Rodeo -Hercules community if she is appointed to be in the board of RHFD.

Sincerely,



Liana Ruslim
Retiree- volunteer in Pinole Senior Center .

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Tara's priorities are safety and progress for the community. She is fair and works to develop a deeper understanding of important issues. She is always willing to serve the public.

Please appoint Tara Shaia to the RHFD Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Name Tony Dhillon

Business D'S Giant Burger's



Rodeo Citizen

Support letter

Elizabet

Mon, Feb 20, 2023 at 10:07 PM

To: "CitizenR572@gmail.com" <CitizenR572@gmail.com>

February 20, 2023

Rodeo-Hercules Fire District

I would like to let you know of my support of Tara Shaia for the fifth seat on the RHFD Board. Tara has a good head on her shoulders, compassionate and is very aware of her community. She has been involved regularly with the RHFD zoom meetings often contributing comments.

As you probably know, Ms. Shaia is a long time Rodeo resident (3rd generation). She is the chef at the Pinole Senior Center. She IS involved in her community. Let's get her more involved.

I am the manager at the Rodeo Senior Center and a member of the Measure O Oversight Committee.

Thank you for your attention,

Elizabeth Genai



Rode: [redacted]

Tara Shaia for RHFD appointment

1 message

B Lie

Sun, Feb 19, 2023 at 5:53 PM

To: " [redacted] :r572@gmail.com>

Hi Tara

Please see my letter of recommendation below.

Please give this to RHFD Directors.

I really hope that you will be appointed because we really need a strong leader like you!

Dear RHFD Directors,

I m in support of appointing Tara Shaia to the Roseo-Hercules Fire District Board.

I have worked with Tara and known her to be professional, patient and work very well under pressure, keeping it a level mind.

I am a Hercules Resident and believe that Tara Shaia would be a great addition to the RHFD Board.

Your attention on this matter is much appreciated

Sincerely,

Bie Lie

2-19-23

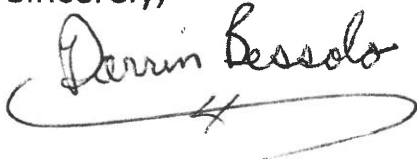
To the Board,

I support Tara Shaia for appointment to the Fire District Board. She will do a great job for the fire department and for the community.

I have known Tara for many years. We are long time family friends. Tara is fair and I know she wants the best for our town.

Please appoint Tara Shaia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Darrin Bessolo". The signature is written in black ink and includes a large, sweeping flourish underneath the name.

Darrin Bessolo



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Stronger Together

March 15, 2023

Tara Shaia
753 San Pablo Ave
Rodeo, CA 94572

tehallisy@aol.com

Dear Tara,

I am pleased to inform you that the Board of Directors of PEU, Local 1, has voted to endorse your appointment to the Rodeo Hercules Fire District Board.

As a dues paying active member of Local 1 for over 7 years we are please to recommend you to this appointment.

Please keep us informed as to the progress of your appointment and how we might mobilize our organizational resources to be of further assistance to you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Winston Ingram".

Winston Ingram
President

Letter of Support

February 21, 2023

Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board

I would like to support Tara Shaia to her appointment to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board. Tara is in good standing with AFSCME/Local 1. Tara is fair and unbiased at all the meetings, and I like her eagerness to serve at different times we have needed her. Being a union member is very important to Tara and us, she is always advocating for fairness throughout not just in her department but for all of us. Tara posses the ability and skills to work with volunteers and with lots of skills on management and team building. Always has a positive attitude.

Tara is a life-long resident of Rodeo and want to serve her community. I support her to be appointed to the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District Board.

Sincerely,



Ana Aviles Avila
President of AFSCME/Local 1
Unit of the City of Pinole

TANYA LITTLE

February 16, 2023

Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District Board
C/O Tara Shaia, Board Candidate
1680 Refugio Valley Road
Hercules, CA 94547

Dear Rodeo-Hercules Fire Protection District Board,

I urge you to appoint Tara Shaia to the vacant board seat. Candidate Shaia has submitted the most competitive, comprehensive and thorough application when compared to the other applications posted to the District's website.

Candidate Shaia is the only candidate who participated in the 2022 Election process for vacant Board of Director seats. On the campaign trail, Candidate Shaia communicated her astute executive mindset and keen ability to evaluate the complexities of the district. She communicated a thoughtful and fair assessment of the District's public information regarding its challenges and successes. Candidate Shaia communicated she would work in collaboration with the Board to evaluate factual data to provide guidance to the Fire Chief on the will of the Board. Candidate Shaia discussed her desires and abilities to evaluate information without bias, and a high desire to work with the Fire Chief, city officials, and community. She is committed to ensuring the best economic decisions are made to support the district and communities it serves.

Candidate Shaia has established she is the most competent professional executive candidate for appointment. Her management experience with administering city programs and staff, budgets, working with vendors, and her decades of commitment to community advocacy position her as the best fit as a director. You will maximize the board's collective fairness and reasonableness by appointing Candidate Shaia to the vacant district seat. I am confident Candidate Shaia will aid this district's leadership efficiencies. Candidate Shaia has the emotional intelligence to aid this district in garnering community and fire staff trust.

I sincerely believe Candidate Shaia's leadership skills, and ability to focus on the board's fiduciary responsibilities will promote success and transparency for the district. Candidate Shaia's application establishes she is the most qualified administrator who is desperately needed to bring stability to the district. Please be encouraged to appoint Tara Shaia to the vacant district seat.

Sincerely,



Tanya Little, Retired California Governor's Appointee
Pinole, Rodeo, Hercules, El Sobrante for Equity & Diversity (PHREED) Co-Founder
Friends of the Hercules Senior Center Board President
30-year City of Hercules Resident

cc: Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors

Great Organizations demand a high level of commitment by the people involved ~ Bill Gates

February 21, 2023

To whom it may concern,

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter of recommendation in support of Tara Shaia becoming a Director of the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District. I've known Ms. Shaia for over 7 years working with her at the Pinole Senior Center.

Ms. Shaia consistently and impressively displays qualities that make her an ideal candidate. She is very in tune with the needs of the communities she'd represent and can also balance those with any fiscal implications. She is a true advocate of what are the key issues of importance to the cities and its citizens to improve and continue the high standards and qualities needed for a successful and healthy community.

She has a true passion, dedication and commitment to the safety and health concerns in Rodeo and Hercules and is able to present concrete viewpoints that take into consideration the pros and cons of an issue. Her approach is honest and forthright and always with the goal of creating a positive impact.

I highly recommend Ms. Shaia and am confident she will be a valuable asset as a Director of the RHFD.

Robin Raber-Luna

From: Christine & Mike Coody ✓
Sent: Monday, March 13, 2023 2:58 PM
To: District5; John_Gioia; Contra Costa County Supervisor Federal Glover; Supervisor_Burgis; Supervisor Candace Andersen; SupervisorMitchoff; Clerk of the Board
Subject: RHFD Appointment

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To the CCC BOS,
Im writing you in support of the appointment of Tara Shaia to the Rodeo/Hercules Fire District Board. Rodeo is currently under-represented on the board and any appointment should be a **Rodeo resident**. Tara is a Rodeo resident and has all the leadership and qualifications needed for this position.

Please appoint Tara Shaia to the **Rodeo**/Hercules Fire District Board on March 21.

Thank you
Mike Coody
Rodeo Resident
Rodeo Citizens Association board member