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Leanne Link
County Executive Officer

October 12, 2016

Ms. Laura Rafaty

St. Helena, CA 94574

Re: Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

Dear Ms. Rafaty:

The term of your position representing the Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee expired on September 30, 2016.

If you wish to request reappointment, please check the appropriate boxes below, sign where indicated, and return this letter to the County Executive Office. When the letter has been returned, your name will be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for consideration for reappointment to another four-year term, as you have been a valued member of the Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee.

If any of the information on your last application for appointment has changed or is 5 years old or older, please contact the Napa County Executive Office to obtain a new application and return the new application with your reappointment request.

☒ Yes, I would like my name, this letter and application forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for possible reappointment to the Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee for the term commencing immediately and expiring September 30, 2020.

☒ I confirm by signing below that all the information on my application is current; or

☐ Some of the information on my prior application is no longer correct. A new application is attached.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Leanne Link".

SIGNATURE

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NOTE: 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.

PLEASE NOTE THAT APPOINTEES MAY BE REQUIRED BY STATE LAW AND COUNTY CONFLICT OF INTEREST CODE TO FILE FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE STATEMENTS.

For information about Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code click on this link [Committee List of Form 700 Filers](#)

*Application for Appointment to: (Name of Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force)

Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

*Category of membership for which you are applying:

(This information can be found on the news release announcing the opening.
You may apply for more than one category if more than one position is open.)

Representative

*Supervisorial District in which you reside:

St. Helena

*Full Name:

Laura Rafaty

*Date:

3/19/2015

*Current Occupation: (within the last twelve (12) months)

Attorney, Producer, Writer, Nonprofit Arts Executive

*Current License: (Professional or Occupational, date of issue and/or expiration including status)

Active Member California State Bar Association

*Education/Experience: (A resume may be attached containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.)

BA English and JD University of Santa Clara. Thirty years' experience as a producer, lawyer and executive with global and local arts and nonprofit organizations. Please see attached bio for details.

*Community Participation: (Nature of activity and community location)

Board, St Helena Performing Arts Foundation, St Helena Downtown Renaissance, Chamber Government Relations Committee, Writer St Helena Star, Volunteer/Staff Lincoln Theatre, Board, Drama Dept, New York

*Other County Board/Commission/Committee on which you serve/have served:

none

*Application for Appointment to: (Name of Board, Commission, Committee or Task Force)

Names, addresses and phone number of three (3) individuals familiar with your background:

*Name:

*Address:

*City:

*State:

*Zip Code:

*Telephone:

*Name:

*Address:

*City:

*State:

*Zip Code:

*Telephone:

*Name:

*Address:

*City:

*State:

*Zip Code:

*Telephone:

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married (For Conflict of Interest purposes):

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

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Napa County Arts and Culture Advisory Committee

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.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

The following information is provided in confidence, but may be used by the Board of Supervisors when making the appointment, or be used by the Committee/Commission/Board/Task Force following appointment for purposes of communicating with the appointee.

*Full Name:

Laura Rafaty

*email Address:

*Home Address:

*Work Address:

*City:

*State:

*Zip Code:

St. Helena

CA

94574

*City:

*State:

*Zip Code:

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*Telephone:

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Laura Rafaty Bio

Laura Rafaty was born and raised in Northern California, and graduated with honors from the University of Santa Clara, earning a BA in English (written communication) and a law (JD) degree. She was an attorney at Pillsbury, Madison & Sutro and Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher in San Francisco, and at her own law office in Sausalito, California. She has represented major corporations, telecommunications and media companies and financial institutions, as well as nonprofit organizations including the American Conservatory Theatre in San Francisco and the San Jose Cleveland Ballet, and numerous individual clients in film, theater, television and book publishing. She served for over a decade as chief business attorney, director of business operations (encompassing the contracts, purchasing, intellectual property and technology commercialization divisions) and international general counsel for EPRI, a \$425M+/annual global nonprofit based in Palo Alto, California and its for-profit subsidiary in Knoxville, Tennessee. She currently maintains a law practice in St. Helena, California specializing in immigration law, bringing extraordinary artists in the performing, culinary and winemaking arts to live and work in the Napa Valley.

Laura served as the Producing Director of the Napa Valley Performing Arts Center at Lincoln Theater where she worked with artists spanning the gamut of performing arts and musical genres. She co-produced the first CabFest cabernet festival for the theatre, and established a wide variety of alliances and partnerships with other arts and nonprofit organizations across the valley. Laura is the Founder, Producer & Artistic Director of NapaShakes, a nonprofit bringing world-class professional Shakespeare and classical theatre to Napa Valley.

She is a Tony-nominated independent theatrical producer, having produced both on and off-Broadway, in major US cities and in Canada. She has been represented by shows ranging from Anna Deavere Smith's "Twilight: Los Angeles" on Broadway to Paul Rudnick's "Jeffrey" in Los Angeles to A.R. Gurney's "Sylvia" in San Francisco and Canada. As producer she has been responsible for acquisition and development of new projects, formulating and implementing legal and business strategies for exploitation of rights in theatrical properties, complying with requirements of applicable unions, supervising relationships with outside legal counsel, accountants, casting agents, press agents, advertising agencies and general managers in all aspects of theatrical production, and managed enhancement and exploitation of subsidiary rights, including film, television, and audio and book publishing rights. She has managed investor relations, fundraising, securities law compliance, and corporate sponsorships, establishing producing alliances with numerous nonprofit arts organizations, including the US Holocaust Memorial Museum, the Annenberg Center, and Ford's Theatre. Laura also co-produced with the Joseph Papp Public Theatre, the Old Globe Theatre, the Mark Taper Forum, and with frequent producing partner, the late Benjamin Mordecai. She has served on the boards of several nonprofits, including The Drama Dept., a nonprofit theatre company in New York, and the St. Helena Performing Arts Foundation.

As a writer she is best known for her bi-weekly "Up the Valley" column for the St. Helena Star newspaper and its parent website The Napa Valley Register and the blog laurarafaty.com. Her column was the first place winner of both the 2012 and 2013 National Society of Newspaper Columnists awards for humor, and won again in 2014. She won the 2012 California Newspaper Publishers Association Better Newspapers Award for best column, and has been named Erma Bombeck Humor Writer of the Month. She also writes books and features for newspapers and for magazines like *Decanter*, *California Homes* and *Shortlist*. A small-business owner in California's Napa Valley, Laura owned and operated the retail store and website *Pennaluna*, for which she developed and manufactured a successful signature fragrance. She has been actively involved in organizations promoting local business and the restoration of the historic downtown district, and is a resident of St. Helena, California.