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Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, or
Task Force

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NAPA COUNTY
EXECUTIVE OFFICE

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Public Records Act

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.

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Code

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Application for Appointment to: Airport Land Use Commission

Category of Membership for Position Representing General Public
Which You Are Applying

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 Christian Gaston Palmaz

Supervisory District in Which District 4
You Reside

Home Address [REDACTED]

City Napa

State CA

Zip 94558

Phone [REDACTED]

Email Address [REDACTED]

Work Address [REDACTED]

City	Napa
State	CA
Zip	94558
Work Phone	[REDACTED]
Current Occupation	CEO, Palmaz Vineyards (Napa, CA) President & CEO, Vactronix Scientific INC (Fremont, CA) CTO, GoodHeart Brand Specialty INC (San Antonio, TX) Co-Founder, Genesee Valley Ranch LLC (Genesee, CA) Partner, Cristamine Mining (Buenos Aires, Argentina)
Current License	FAA Certificated Commercial Helicopter - Instrument Pilot First Class Medical OID: Sep-2012
Education/Experience	Trinity University, San Antonio, TX — BS Business Management - Computer Science - 2007
Resume	Christian Palmaz ALUC Resume.pdf
Community Participation	Co-Founder Rural to Rural - International Charitable Organization Napa Sheriff Aero Squadron - Volunteer Helicopter Pilot Young Pilots Cadet Explorer Program - Helicopter Content Contributor NAPA — Napa Airport Pilot's Association Member EAA Young Eagles - Volunteer Helicopter Pilot
Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served	<i>Field not completed.</i>

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Provide names, addresses and phone numbers of 3 individuals who are familiar with your background.

Reference 1

Name	Sgt. James Andrews
Phone	[REDACTED]
Address	[REDACTED]
City	Napa

State CA
 Zip 94558

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Reference 2

Name Cap. Kristen Gregory
 Phone [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 City Vallejo
 State CA
 Zip 94591

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Reference 3

Name Chairman Todd Walker
 Phone [REDACTED]
 Address [REDACTED]
 City Napa
 State CA
 Zip 94558

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Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married. Jessica Palmaz, President Palmaz Vineyards

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

Dear Members of the Board of Supervisors, A small town's airport is arguably one of the most important resources available to any community. With less than 600 airports around the United States supporting commercial air carrier service, a vast majority of the U.S. is inaccessible via the airlines. Fortunately there are over 17,000 general aviation airports to help fill the gaps. Napa County's airports are a portal to the skies serving not only our local municipalities and private air travelers, but also provide beginnings of many

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Christian Gastón Palmaz

August 27, 2018

Napa County Board of Supervisors
1195 Third Street
Suite 100
Napa, CA 94559

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Goal

Represent the general public as a contributing member to the ALUC with an emphasis on maintaining a compatible and orderly relationship between Napa County's airports and their surrounding community.

Aviation Experience

- FAA CERTIFICATED COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER - INSTRUMENT PILOT | FIRST CLASS MEDICAL
- OVER 1,000 HOURS OF INCIDENT FREE FLIGHT TIME IN 12 DIFFERENT AIRFRAME TYPES
- VOLUNTEER HELICOPTER PILOT - NAPA COUNTY SHERIFF AERO SQUADRON
- DESIGNED, PERMITTED, AND MANAGED CONSTRUCTION OF AN FAA, CALTRANS, AND COUNTY APPROVED HELIPORT WITH 3 YEARS OF SUCCESSFUL INCIDENT FREE OPERATION
- EXTENSIVE EXPERIENCE WITH AIRCRAFT BORNE IMAGING PLATFORMS FOR AGRICULTURE AND GIS PURPOSES
- EXPERIENCE CONTRACTING AND COMPLETING TWO AVIATION AIRPORT NOISE STUDIES AND ONE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REVIEW FOR AN AIRPORT
- STRONG PROPONENT FOR AVIATION SAFETY AND NOISE ABATEMENT
 - FOUNDER OF WWW.NAPAVALLEYHELICOPTERNOISE.COM AND THE FLY-QUIET CAMPAIGN FOR HELICOPTERS OVER NAPA VALLEY
 - SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETION OF HAI ROTOR SAFETY CHALLENGE (2014, 2016, 2017)
- 18 YEAR EXECUTIVE HANGAR TENANT IN GOOD STANDING AT NAPA COUNTY AIRPORT

Current Professional Experience

- CEO, PALMAZ VINEYARDS (NAPA, CA) – 2016 - PRESENT
- PRESIDENT & CEO, VACTRONIX SCIENTIFIC INC (FREMONT, CA) – 2016 - PRESENT
- CTO, GOODHEART BRAND SPECIALTY INC (SAN ANTONIO, TX) – 2012 - PRESENT
- CO-FOUNDER, GENESEE VALLEY RANCH LLC (GENESEE, CA) – 2015 - PRESENT
- PARTNER, CRISTAMINE MINING (BUENOS AIRES, ARGENTINA) – 2010 - PRESENT

Education

Trinity University, San Antonio, TX – BS Business Management - Computer Science - 2007



Professional Skills

Complex Business Development and Financial Management of companies specialized in advanced high-tech manufacturing, research & development, and luxury brand development

Directly responsible for over 500 employees within a variety of industries

Responsible for the global protection and management of over 700 patents

Advanced development of computer based machine learning, rapid R&D, and computational sciences

Advanced integration of GIS with a focus in agricultural application and resource management

Bilingual English and Spanish

Community Involvement / Philanthropy

Co-Founder Rural to Rural - International Charitable Organization

Napa Sheriff Aero Squadron - Volunteer Helicopter Pilot

Young Pilots Cadet Explorer Program - Helicopter Content Contributor

NAPA – Napa Airport Pilot's Association Member

EAA Young Eagles - Volunteer Helicopter Pilot

References

James Andrews - Sergeant, CHP Golden Gate Division Air Operations -

Greg Baer - Napa County Airport Manager -

Cade Clark - Helicopters Association International Vice President -

Oren Breedlove - FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, CFII -

Richard Conte - Former FAA Sacramento FSDO Aviation Safety Inspector -



Shane Shannon - FAA KAPC Certified Professional Air Traffic Controller & National Air
Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA) Facility Representative - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Pradeep Panikar - Napa Jet Center FBO Manager - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Todd Walker - Airport Advisory Commission (AAC) Chairman - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Kristen Gregory - Captain, Napa County Sheriff Aero Squadron - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Hal Leggit - 2nd Lieutenant, Napa County Sheriff Aero Squadron - [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Bill Dodd - California State Senator District 3 [REDACTED]