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November 20, 2018

Dear Napa County Board of Supervisors,

With over 20 years of professional aviation experience, I present to you my application for the Napa County Airport Land Use Commission (ALUC). As a Napa resident for more than 16 years, I've witnessed many changes to our community ranging from the emergence of large, exclusive resorts up and down the Valley to industrial development near the County Airport and American Canyon. I've also had the pleasure of experiencing the exciting rebirth of our viable downtown City of Napa. As these changes continue to shape our community, I hope my extensive aviation experience and dedication to the local community may be of service through the ALUC.

As a professional aviator with more than 10,000 hours of flying experience, operating to destinations around the world, I have come to appreciate the balance between maintaining safe airport environments and effective land use development. A worthy consideration for land use and aviation activities in any environment is weather. I hope you agree my educational background in Climatology could be an added value to ALUC matters. In addition to overseeing an operation of 155 aircraft worldwide with over 500 crewmembers, I routinely correspond with many governing agencies and associations including:

- Department of Transportation/Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
- Transportation Security Agency (TSA)
- European Aviation Safety Agency
- Transport Canada
- Numerous International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) authorities
- National Business Aviation Association (NBAA)
- Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA)
- National Air Transportation Association (NATA)

Attached you will find my relevant career highlights. I believe my educational background, aviation experience, and executive leadership make me an excellent candidate for the Napa County ALUC, and my service would ultimately facilitate informed decision-making for our local community.

Sincerely,

Tom Benvenuto

Attachment: Career Highlight Summary

Career Highlights:

- Senior VP of Flight Operations with Solairus Aviation/Executive experience (current)
- Safety Management System (SMS) expert related to Aviation Operations
- Chief Pilot, Director of Operations
- Airline Transport Pilot with multiple aircraft type ratings
 - Airline Pilot Experience with United Airlines, American Eagle
 - Business Jet Pilot Experience flying Gulfstream, Citation and Hawker aircraft
 - International Captain
 - Check Airman in Gulfstream and Citation aircraft
- Certified Flight Instructor (CFI-Gold Seal designation), Instrument, Multiengine
 - Taught Korean Airlines students from initial training to airline First Officer positions
 - Conducted numerous ground school courses and seminars
- B.S. Degree in Physical Geography/Climatology
 - Taught numerous weather seminars to aviation professionals and enthusiasts
- Extensive experience operating various aircraft in and out of the Napa County Airport
- Trained in Aviation Safety/Accident prevention

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**Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position -
Submission #617**

Date Submitted: 11/25/2018

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.

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.

Form 700 Conflict of Interest Code

[California Fair Political Practices Website](#)

Please note that appointees may be required by state law and county conflict of interest code to file financial disclosure statements.

Application for Appointment to:

Airport Land Use Commission

Name of Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position.

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying*

Commissioner/Aviation Expert

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.

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*

Thomas Benvenuto

Supervisorial District in Which You Reside*

Napa/City District 1 bf

Home Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

Napa

State*

California

Zip*

94559

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Email Address*

[REDACTED]

Work Address*

[REDACTED]

City*

Petaluma

State*

CA

Zip*

94952

Work Phone*

[REDACTED]

Current Occupation*

Sr. VP of Flight Operations/Pilot
Solairus Aviation

Within the last 12 months

Current License

FAA ATP (Airline Transport Pilot rating) Issued:09/1993

Professional or occupational, date of issue, and expiration including status

Education/Experience

University of California/Davis-BS
Sierra Academy of Aeronautics

Resume

Dear Napa County Board of Supervisors_F.pdf

Attach a resume containing this and any other information that would be helpful to the Board in evaluating your application.

Community Participation

Active Professional Pilot/Napa County Airport

Nature of activity and community location

Other County Board/Commission/Committee on Which You Serve/Have Served

None

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating

None

List all court or other public administration actions impacting your credit rating within the past ten (10) years.

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

Reference 1

Name*

George Dom

Phone*

[REDACTED]

Address*

[Redacted]

City*

Napa

State*

Ca

Zip*

94558



Reference 2

Name*

John King

Phone*

[Redacted]

Address*

[Redacted]

City*

San Rafael

State*

Ca

Zip*

94901



Reference 3

Name*

Fred Lohden

Phone*

[Redacted]

Address*

[Redacted]

City*

Oakland

State*

Ca

Zip*

94618

Name and occupation of spouse within the last 12 months, if married.

Not Married

For Conflict of Interest purposes

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

Please reference cover letter attached.

Responded

Yes

Completed

Yes

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.*

Yes

No

Electronic Signature Agreement

By checking the "I agree" box below, you agree and acknowledge that 1) your application will not be signed in the sense of a traditional paper document, 2) by signing in this alternate manner, you authorize your electronic signature to be valid and binding upon you to the same force and effect as a handwritten signature, and 3) you may still be required to provide a traditional signature at a later date.

I agree.

Electronic Signature

Thomas Benvenuto

Date

11/25/2018

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