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Application for Appointment to Board, Commission, Committee, Task Force or Position - Submission #1014

Date Submitted: 8/8/2019

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 Advisory Commission

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

Category of Membership for Which You Are Applying*

General Public or Wine/Hospitality Industry

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*

Christian Gastón Palmaz

Supervisorial District in Which You Reside*

District 4

Home Address*

[redacted]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Phone*

[redacted]

Email Address*

[redacted]

Work Address*

[redacted]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558-3818

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)

Within the last 12 months

Current License

FAA Certificated Commercial Helicopter - Instrument Pilot | First Class Medical | OID: Sep-2012

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

Education/Experience

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

Resume

Christian Palmaz AAC Resume.pdf

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

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

Nature of activity and community location

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

Public Actions that may impact Credit Rating

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*

Sgt James Andrews

Phone*

[redacted]

Address*

[redacted]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

Reference 2

Name*

Cap Kristen Gregory

Phone*

[redacted]

Address*

[redacted]

City*

Vallejo

State*

CA

Zip*

94591

Reference 3

Name*

Todd Walker

Phone*

[redacted]

Address*

[redacted]

City*

Napa

State*

CA

Zip*

94558

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

[redacted]

For Conflict of Interest purposes

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 pilot's careers. They employee hundreds of people directly and thousands more indirectly. Lastly, KAPC is single-handedly responsible for bringing invaluable support to our agriculturally focused local industries.

The AAC has served to provide an important interface between the airport community and the Board of Supervisors. Our Napa County airport has changed over the years as advances in air travel bring more services to a broader user base. The AAC deserves active participation from a passionate team dedicated to promoting sustainable growth.

I believe my management background in the wine industry among other diverse businesses, coupled with being an active commercial pilot, make me a suitable candidate to serve on the AAC. I pledge a collaborative and open dialogue style in supporting the AAC's mission and hope the Board of Supervisors consider my application.

Best regards,

Christian Gastón Palmaz

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	Date
Christian G Palmaz	8/7/2019
	11:45 PM

Christian Gastón Palmaz

[redacted]

August 7, 2019

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 AAC with an emphasis on promoting sustainable airport growth and increasing value for the community it serves.

Aviation Experience

- **FAA CERTIFICATED COMMERCIAL HELICOPTER - INSTRUMENT PILOT | FIRST CLASS MEDICAL**
- **OVER 1,200 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 4 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, 2019)**
- **19 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 - Retired Sergeant, CHP Golden Gate Divison Air Operations - [redacted]

Cade Clark - Helicopters Association International Vice President - [redacted]

Oren Breedlove - FAA Designated Pilot Examiner, CFII - [redacted]

Richard Conte - Former FAA Sacramento FSDO Aviation Safety Inspector - [redacted]

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

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

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

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

Bill Dodd - California State Senator District 3 - [redacted]

NAPA COUNTY
FARM BUREAU

August 16, 2019

Board of Supervisors
County of Napa
1195 Third Street, 3rd Floor
Napa, CA 94559

Dear Board of Supervisors:

The Napa County Farm Bureau would like to recommend Christian Palmaz for the Airport Advisory Commission representing the Wine/Hospitality Industry. The airport is an important asset as it provides a critical air bridge for visitors supporting our industry. It's important that this position be filled with someone who both understands aviation and the industry's needs. Christian Palmaz, as CEO of Palmaz Vineyards and a long-time commercial pilot and user of the Napa County airport, is uniquely suited to fulfill the needs of this position and properly represent our industry's needs at the airport.

Sincerely,

RYAN KLOBAS
Chief Executive Officer

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COOMBSVILLE
VINTNERS & GROWERS

August 22, 2019

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

Dear Board of Supervisors,

The Coombsville Vintners & Growers would like to recommend Christian Palmaz for the Airport Advisory Commission representing the Wine/Hospitality Industry. The airport is an important asset as it provides a critical air bridge for visitors supporting our industry. It's important that this position be filled with someone who both understands aviation and the industry's needs. Christian Palmaz, as CEO of Palmaz Vineyards and a long-time commercial pilot and user of the Napa County airport, is uniquely suited to fulfill the needs of this position and properly represent our industry's interests in the airport.

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Taylor Martin
President

Rudy Zuidema
Vice President

Kina Kreer
Secretary

Kristi Devine
Treasurer