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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO
BOARD, COMMISSION, COMMITTEE OR TASK FORCE

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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 Commission on Aging

*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.)

Organizations Concerned

*Supervisorial District in which you reside:

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*Full Name:

Kristi Lesnewich

*Date:

6/26/2017

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

Staff Attorney Bay Area legal Aid

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

State Bar of California

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

JD
15 years practicing law

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

Member of DA Elder Abuse Prevention Council
Member of Honoring Choices Napa Valley
Past chair of the Napa Valley Latino Elder Coalition

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

Past vice chair of the Commission on Aging
Past vice chair of the Advisory Board of In Home Support Services

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

*Name:

Naomi Dreskin Anderson

*Address:

[redacted]

*City: *State: *Zip Code:

Napa CA 94559

*Telephone:

[redacted]

*Name:

Teresa Cunningham

*Address:

[redacted]

*City: *State: *Zip Code:

Napa CA 94559

*Telephone:

[redacted]

*Name:

Suzanne Shiff

*Address:

[redacted]

*City: *State: *Zip Code:

Napa CA 94559

*Telephone:

[redacted]

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

Rebecca Jackson, MD Surgeon

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

I was a member of COA for several years and was very involved in many aspects of the Commission. Due to work obligations I resigned from the COA five years ago. I now again have the opportunity to serve.

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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:

Kristi Lesnewich

*email Address:

[redacted]

*Home Address:

[redacted]

*City: *State: *Zip Code:

Napa CA 94559

*Telephone:

[redacted]

*Work Address:

[redacted]

*City: *State: *Zip Code:

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*Telephone:

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KRISTI A. LESNEWICH
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LEGAL EXPERIENCE

BAY AREA LEGAL AID, Napa, California — January 2016 to Present
LEGAL AID OF NAPA VALLEY, Napa, California — May 2003-January 2016
Staff Attorney

» Represent seniors in elder abuse cases by obtaining protective/kick out orders in court.

» Advocate for elders with: landlord/tenant issues by negotiating settlements and direct court representation, debt issues by debt relief counseling, representation of debtors and negotiating with creditors, conservatorships by court representation, mobile home matters and consumer fraud and other consumer issues.

» Draft comprehensive small estate documents such as power of attorneys for finance, simple wills and healthcare directives. Review and amend existing trusts.

» Small Claims Assistance Project attorney. Prepared court documents and assisted claimants after small claims hearings. Quarterly meetings with court staff.

LEGAL AID OF NAPA VALLEY, Napa, California
Volunteer Attorney, August 2001-February 2003 and ***Intern***, May-September 2000.

»Interviewed clients, assessed legal needs, explained court proceedings and continued case management through client correspondence, drafted pleadings, petitions and other legal documents.

» Represented clients in court, argued motions in evictions hearings and represented clients in Section 8 housing administrative hearings.

Intake Volunteer, April 1997-August 1998.

»Interviewed clients, assessed legal needs prior to review by staff attorneys.

LEGAL ASSISTANCE FOR SENIORS, Oakland, California
Staff Attorney, March 2004-November 2005 and ***Volunteer Attorney***, March 2003-March 2004

» Represented clients in elder abuse, SSI and guardianship matters. Prepared court documents and represented clients in court.

» Collaborated with other senior providers to organize community events for the elderly.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES AND COALITIONS

2017:

Napa County Latino Elder Coalition, Chair. Work with other service providers to ensure that Spanish speaking elders have access to community resources, by organizing numerous educational events throughout the County, including several with the purpose of preparing health care directives.

Napa County District Attorney's Elder Abuse Prevention Council. Present elder abuse/scam cases to the Council and work with the DA's office on presentations, in recognizing and avoiding abuse and scams targeting seniors, through appearances on both the local radio and television stations and by personal appearances.

Honoring Choices Napa Valley. Steering Committee Member. Collaborate with hospitals, doctors, county agencies and other non-profits to promote the implementation of advance care planning to facilitate informed healthcare decisions.

Past Committees and Accomplishments:

Napa County Commission on Aging, Vice Chair and member. Subcommittee member that was instrumental in Napa County drafting and passing the State's first Caregiver's Ordinance, that requires a background check for those providing care in the homes of the elderly.

Napa County In Home Supportive Services, Advisory Board, Vice Chair. Worked to ensure that current levels of caregiving were maintained for those receiving IHSS.

Napa County Healthy Aging Population Initiative. Coalition of non-profits senior providers. Among other accomplishments, was moderator and panel participant for an elder symposium entitled *"Surviving Today's Economy"*.

Napa County Financial Abuse Specialist Team. Was active in recognizing the need for and involved in forming this team, with the purpose of assisting victims of financial abuse with a coalition of community members including, among others, the DA's office, the Napa Police Department, banking institutions, a forensic accountant, a geriatric psychologist and Adult Protective Services.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

DAVIES MEDICAL CENTER, San Francisco, CA
Clinical Laboratory Supervisor, 1987-1998
Supervised clinical laboratory scientists and assistants. Wrote technical test procedure and laboratory policy manuals. Ensured compliance with all Federal and State regulations.
Received the Employee of the Year Bravo Award, 1994.

ROTOPLAST, INC. and INTERPLAST, INC.
International Volunteer Surgery Programs
Support Staff Volunteer,
Outer Mongolia, 1996/1997, Philippines, 2002, Guatemala, 2005/2006

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania
Bachelor of Science, Clinical Science

UNIVERSITY OF SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL OF LAW, San Francisco, California
Juris Doctor, 2001 Recipient of three American Jurisprudence awards:
Constitutional Law, Real Property and Community Property

Admitted to the California State Bar November 2001