



July 5, 2017

Board of Supervisors, County of Lake
255 N. Forbes Street
Lakeport. CA 95453

Dear Supervisors,

On February 22, 2017, at the regular meeting of the First 5 Lake Commission, an ad hoc committee was formed to recruit, screen and interview prospective candidates for the two at-large vacancies on the Commission. Following the recruitment, screening and interview process prescribed by First 5 Lake policy, the ad hoc committee presented Carly Swatosh, Education Specialist (preschool – 2nd grade) for Lake County Office of Education, and Allison Panella, Community Benefit Specialist for Sutter Lakeside Hospital, for appointment. The Commission voted unanimously at their June 28, 2017 meeting to approve Ms. Swatosh and Ms. Panella to serve two-year terms on the Commission.

Carly Swatosh taught kindergarten at Konocti Unified School District for six years and has a master's degree in early childhood education. She has been a Lake County resident for 28 years and has served as a volunteer coach with the Konocti Basketball League and as a member of the Parent Teacher Community Association at East Lake Elementary School. In her role with Lake County Office of Education, Carly fulfills the criteria for an at-large position as an educator specializing in early childhood development and as a recipient of project services included in the First 5 Lake Strategic Plan (Imagination Library).

Allison Panella has a bachelor's degree in early childhood education and previously served as a preschool teacher, receiving her credential as a site supervisor. She has been a Lake County resident for 32 years and is the coordinator for the Heroes of Health and Safety Fair, a member of Hope Rising, and a member of Kelseyville Sunrise Rotary Club. Allison also brings the perspective of a parent of children currently under the age of five. In her role with Sutter Lakeside Hospital, Allison fulfills the criteria for an at-large position as a representative of a local medical, pediatric or obstetric agency.

The Commission has now instructed me to submit their two approved candidates for your formal approval and appointment to the First 5 Lake Commission.

Applications for both Ms. Swatosh and Ms. Panella are attached for review. Please let me know if there are any questions.

Respectfully submitted by,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Carla Ritz". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carla" and last name "Ritz" clearly distinguishable.

Carla Ritz

Executive Director

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Cc: Pamela Klier, First 5 Chairperson