



**APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE COMMISSION**

Applicant's Name: Tarin Benson

Date: April 14, 2021

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**How long have you lived in Lake County?** 40 years

**Which languages do you speak/read/write proficiently?** English

**With what ethnic group do you most closely identify?** *(This is an optional question. This question is included because the Commission values diversity. The Commission does not discriminate based on ethnicity or any other protected class.)* Lower Lake

**Please list all community organizations in which you have been involved and describe your level of participation:** Over the years I have been involved in many community organizations and participated in many levels. In the more recent years I have been involved in organized related to education. For the last ten years I have been a part of Lake County ACSA Charter. My current position is Past President and now I am the Secondary Representative for Region 4.

This vacancy is considered an at-large\* commissioner position as opposed to a mandated position. We are seeking applicants who meet the criteria in one of the following categories:

- ☐ Educator specializing in early childhood development
- ☐ Representative of a local organization for prevention or early intervention for families at risk
- ☐ Representative of a local childcare resource or referral agency
- ☐ Representative of a local medical, pediatric or obstetric agency, association, or society
- ☐ Representative of a community-based organization (CBO) that has a goal in early childhood nurturing and development
- ☐ Recipient of project services included in the First 5 Lake strategic plan (a parent or caregiver with young children 0-5)
- ☒ Representative of a local school district

**Please select the category or categories you represent above and state which organization/agency you represent and what position you hold:** Coordinator of Student Services for Konocti Unified School District

\*Length of term for "at-large" commissioners is two (2) years. Some of the duties for "at-large" commissioners include: a.) Attendance at all regularly scheduled meetings (including special meetings, as necessary) without missing three (3) consecutive meetings, b.) Professional conduct at all times, and c.)

Facilitate and participate in discussion and dialogue regarding our strategic plan, policies, and all other issues of mutual concern to the Commission.

***Please include below a brief description explaining why you would like to serve on the FIRST 5 Commission, what special qualifications or expertise you may have for the position, and any other information you would like to include as part of your application.***

I have worked for Konocti Unified School District for over 17 years. I taught Kindergarten and 5th grade and was a curriculum coach prior to moving into an administration role. For ten years I was a principal of K-8 and TK-7th schools. During the 2020-2021 school year I moved into the position of Coordinator of Student Services for the district.

**Appointment of New Members:**

When vacancies on the Commission exist, the Commission will recruit new members from all geographic areas of the county by means of Commission meetings, word of mouth and newspaper announcements, the Commission Chairperson will then appoint a committee to review and screen applicants. The Commission will make a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors for final appointment of new Commissioners.

***Please return completed application to:***

***First 5 Lake County, 1173 Eleventh Street, Lakeport, CA 95453***

Or electronically to: [vhays.first5@lakecountycalifornia.gov](mailto:vhays.first5@lakecountycalifornia.gov)

You will be notified by First 5 Lake staff when your application has been received.

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Date Received: 4/14/2021 Vacancy Existing on Date Received? (Y/N) Y

Submitted to Committee (date): 4/16/2021 Selected for Appointment? (Y/N & Date) Yes 5/4/2021

Applicant Notified of Receipt/Vacancy/Selection: Yes