



# County of Santa Cruz

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## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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February 2, 1999

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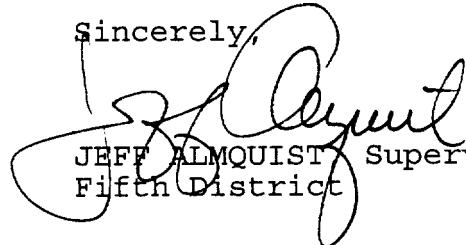
RE: AT-LARGE APPOINTMENT TO CHILDREN  
AND FAMILIES FIRST COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Children and Families First Commission, as an at-large representative, in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.45, Section 40, for a term of office to be determined by lot:

Mary Hammer  
823 Middleton Drive  
Boulder Creek, CA 95006  
338-6884 (H)

Sincerely,

  
JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor  
Fifth District

JA:ted

cc: Mary Hammer  
Children and Families First Commission

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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Thank you for your interest in County Government.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD Children and Families First Commission

Name Mary Hammer

Address 823 Middleton Dr.  
Boulder Creek Ca 95006

Phone (Home) (831) 338-6884  
(Business) \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisorial District Fifth

Length of Residence in Area 33 year

Age (Optional) 61 Circle one: Under 21  
21-30  
31-40  
Over 40

PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Please specify)

<u>Advisory Body</u>	<u>Term</u>
<u>Planning Commission</u>	<u>1975-78</u>
<u>Water Advisory Commission</u>	
<u>Disaster Advisory Council</u>	<u>1983 - Present</u>

EDUCATION

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
Univ. of Cal. Berkeley	Social Studies	BA	-1959
"	"Grad. School Education	Elem Ed. Credential	1960

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
SLVUSD	6024 Hwy 9 Felton	Teacher	1966-68
Valley Emarg. Prep. Project (VWC)		Admin.	1982-1986
Valley Resource Center	POB 105 231 Main St. BL.	Director	1986-1998
Various Environmental/ political organizations			1972-1999

STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Please attach a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on the advisory body in question and why you are qualified for the appointment.

CERTIFICATION

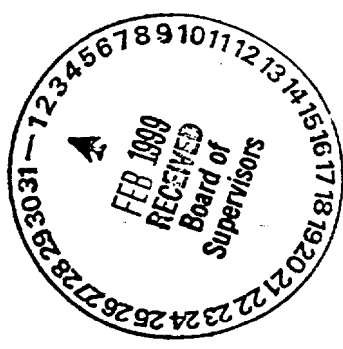
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Mary Hammer

Signature

1/28/99

Date



**Statement of Qualifications:**

As founder and executive director of the Valley Resource Center for the past eleven years, I, with a dedicated staff, established the only Family Resource Center in Santa Cruz County that provides a continuum of services from birth to death. I have actively participated in the many committees, advisory groups and commissions who have been working on long term **planning** for children and their families for the past 10 years. I served on the original **committee** to establish the criteria for Family Preservation Family Support Programs (FPSP) as well as:

United Way Board Member  
 Community Assessment Project  
 Children's Commission  
 Human Care Alliance  
 Community Action Board  
 Family Resource Center Network  
 Monterey Bay Collaborative establishing the evaluation criteria for the California Matrix  
 Healthy Start Collaborative SLV  
 Sunrise Rotary of Santa Cruz County

Prior to my time spent in bringing a broad range of social services to the San Lorenzo Valley and identifying resources existing in our own community, I established the Valley Emergency Preparedness Network, currently called **Mountain** Neighbors Network, and participated in all the disaster recovery efforts since 1974.

From 1975 -1978, I served on the Santa Cruz County Planning Commission through which I became acquainted with the varied and distinct areas and cultures of the County. At the same time, I participated in the founding of the Environmental Council of Santa Cruz, the Resource Defense Fund, the Valley Women's Club, Save San Lorenzo River Association and Valley Citizens for Clean Water.

Through all these efforts, I gained an incredible understanding of our county as well as developing contacts with a broad range of people, representing valuable resources in our larger community.

I am sure, I would be able to not only facilitate a basic understanding in our community of the programs which will be supported by the Children and Families First Commission, but more importantly, be able to draw on the expertise of public and private agency staff and community leaders to enhance the efforts of the Commission programs.

I appreciate being considered for this commission and am available to answer any questions you may have. I can be reached at (83 1)338-6884.

Thank you.

Mary Hammer  
 cc: Supervisor Jeff Almquist



# FOOD & NUTRITION SERVICES, INC.

Family Services    Senior Services    Transportation Services

February 4, 1999

Jeff Almquist, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County Government Center  
701 Ocean street  
Santa Cruz, California 95060

Dear Mr. Almquist:

It is with great pleasure that I write this letter recommending Mary Hammer to the County's Proposition 10 Commission.

I strongly support Mary's appointment, since her extensive experience and commitment to serving families with children make her an ideal candidate for this commission.

I strongly recommend your favorable consideration of Mary Hammer for this important position.

Sincerely,

Robert Garcia  
Agency Administrator

# *the* Community Foundation of Santa Cruz County

530  
2455 Porter Street  
Suite Sixteen  
Soquel, CA 95073  
831-477-0800  
831-477-0991 fax

February 9, 1999

Jeffrey Almquist, Chair  
Board of Supervisors  
County Building  
701 Ocean Street  
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

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Dear Jeff:

Please accept this letter as a recommendation for Mary Hammer as a potential appointee to the Children and Families First Regional Committee.

As you know, Mary has been a tireless community worker in the San Lorenzo Valley for many years. She has just recently been elected to the Board of Directors of the Community Foundation and serves on the Grants Committee.

I am confident that she will be an eloquent spokesperson for children and families and help the Board of Supervisors in their future decisions.

Thank you for your consideration.

Jack Baskin  
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Mary Hammer  
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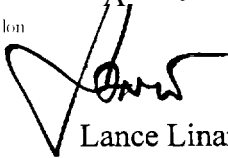
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Sincerely,



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Diane K. Siri  
1285 San Andreas Road  
Watsonville, CA 95076  
728-8485 (H)  
479-5220 (B)

Sincerely,

WALTER J. SYMONS, Supervisor  
Second District

WJS:ted

cc: Diane Siri  
Children and Families First Commission

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Thank you for your interest in County Government.

**COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD** Children and Families First Commission

**Name** Diane K. Siris

**Address** (work) 809-H Bay Avenue (home) 1285 San Andreas Road  
Capitola, CA 95010 Watsonville, CA 9507

**Phone** (Home) (831)728-8485

(Business) (831)479-5220

**Supervisorial District** Walt Symons (2nd District)

**Length of Residence in Area** 30 years

**Age** (Optional) **Circle one:** Under 21  
21-30  
31-40  
Over 40

**PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Please specify)**

<b><u>Advisory Body</u></b>	<b><u>Term</u></b>
<u>Children's Network Executive Board (Founding Member)</u>	<u>1990-present</u>
<u>Cultural Council Executive Board</u>	<u>1990-present</u>
<u>Pajaro Valley Prevention and Student Assistance Board of Directors (Founding Member)</u>	<u>1991-present</u>
<u>Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA)</u>	<u>Founding Member</u>



**EDUCATION**

<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
Columbia University	Education	Doctoral	1994-96
San Jose State University	Counseling & Guidance	Masters	1970-76
Cal State Long Beach	English/Math	Secondary Credential	1968-69
University of California Los Angeles	English/Speech/Math	Bachelors	1964-68

**WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
Santa Cruz County Off. of Ed.	809-H Bav Ave Capitola, CA	Superintendent of Schools	1990-present
Santa Clara University	Santa Clara, CA	Adjunct Professor	1990-present
San Jose State University	San Jose, CA	Lecturer. Business/Finance	1988-present
Santa Cruz County Off. of Ed	Capitola, CA	Assistant Superintendent	1984-1990
Institute of Computer Technology	Sunnyvale, CA	Director	1983-1984
Pajaro Valley Unified School District	Watsonville	Vice Principal & Principal	1974-1983

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

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**CERTIFICATION**

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*[Handwritten Signature]*  
Signature

January 29, 1999  
Date





**COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION**

Diane K. Siri, Superintendent • 809 - H Bay Avenue • Capitola, CA 95010 • 831 / 476-7140 • FAX 831 / 476-5294

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Mr. Richard Swanson

**Children and Families First Commission**

**STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS**

**DIANE K. SIRI**

Having spent the last thirty years in education, I have an overwhelming interest in the health, safety and education of our children. I have had a wide range of experience when it comes to children. I have been a classroom teacher at both the elementary and secondary level. I spent four years as a counselor and vice principal at E. A. Hall Middle School in Watsonville. For the next five years, I served as the principal for Watsonville and Renaissance High Schools. Through the County Office of Education, I have served the children of Santa Cruz County in the position of Assistant Superintendent for Student and Educational Services and for the past nine years, as County Superintendent of Schools.

It is with pride that I acknowledge that I was a founding member of the Children’s Network, an organization that coordinates the services available to the children of Santa Cruz County and for CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocates). Through these organizations, the services that are available for children have been used to their fullest without money being wasted on duplication of services. As well, I have been very involved in a variety of childcare issues related to CDRC (Child Development and Resource Center) and the Child Care Council of the United Way.

Likewise I am proud of my commitment to the United Way of Santa Cruz County. I was the chairperson for their Education Committee and have served on their Board of Directors and Steering Committees while serving as President for two years. I have been involved in United Way’s community assessment

project since its inception in 1995. It **has** provided important and essential information about **our** community and has served as the basis for improvement in many areas of the lives of residents of Santa **Cruz** County.

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As you can see, my entire adult life has been committed to children. Serving on the Children and Families First commission would be a continuation of my interest and my service to my community.