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AGENDA: 10/26/99

October 14, 1999

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: APPOINTMENT TO DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Domestic Violence Commission, as the representative of the Family Law Bar, in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.118, Section 20:

Susan Myers 520 Mission Street Santa Cruz, CA 95060 426-9981 (H) 429-0181 (B)

Sincerely,

JEFF ALMQUIST, Chairperson

Board of Supervisons

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cc: Susan Myers, Esq.

Donna Becker, Chairperson, Family Law Bar

Domestic Violence Commission

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DONNA L. BECKER

CERTIFIED SPECIALIST, FAMILY LAW, THE STATE BAR OF CALIFORNIA BOARD OF LEGAL SPECIALIZATION 0052

October 12, 1999

DONNA L. BECKER LINDA R. TURPIN

Board of Supervisors County of Santa Cruz 701 Ocean Street, Rm. 500 Santa Cruz, CA 95060

Attention: Terry Dorsey

Re: Commission on Domestic Violence

Dear Ms. Dorsey:

I spoke with Supervisor Almquist about the appointment of Susan Myers to the Commission on Domestic Violence. Currently, Vicki Parry, Esq. is serving on the Domestic Violence Commission as a representative of the Family Law Bar. Due to the demands of her practice, Ms. Parry has been unable to attend many meetings recently. She will be resigning from the Commission. Susan Myers has volunteered to fill a space on the Commission as a representative of the Family Law Bar. I enclose her application for review by Mr. Almquist.

It is important that a member of the Family Law Bar serve on the Domestic Violence Commission. Many cases in Family Court involve domestic violence, and we would like to have input at a commission level in the county. By this letter, I am requesting that Mr. Almquist submit the application of Susan Myers as a member for appointment to the County Commission on Domestic Violence. Please call me or Ms. Myers if there is anything further which you require for this application to be considered.

Very truly yours,

DONNA L. BECKER, Chairperson

Family Law Bar Santa Cruz County

DLB: ec Enclosure

cc: Vicki J. Parry, Esq. Susan Myers, Esq.

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INSTRUCTIONS

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If you are interested in serving on a County Advisory Body please complete the following application and return it to the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean St., Room 500, Santa Cruz, California. If you are interested in being considered for more than one advisory body a separate application should be. submitted for each appointment you are seeking.

Upon receipt, your application for appointment will be routed to each Board member and then filed for further consideration by Board members when there is a vacancy on the advisory body. If a Supervisor is interested in nominating you for appointment, the Supervisor will contact you and discuss the appointment, the appointment process, and requirements for the advisory body in question.

Please specify below the Commission/Committee or Board to which you are seeking appointment and provide the requested information.

Thank you for your interest in County Government.

COMMISSIO	N, COMMITTEE or BOA	RD Domestic Viole	ence			
<u>Name</u>		Susan Myers				
Address		520 Mission S	520 Mission Street			
		Santa Cruz, (CA 95060			
Phone	(Hone)	(831)426-9981	(831)426-9981			
	(Business)	(831)429-018	1			
Supervi so	rial District	5	5			
Length of Residence in Area		31 years	31 years			
<u>Age</u>	(Optional)	Circle one:	Under 21			
			21 - 30			
			31-40			
			Over 40			
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	<u>Advisory Body</u>		<u>Term</u>			
Not applicable.						

EDUCATION

Institution	<u>Maj or</u>	<u>Degree</u>	Year Year
Univ. of Colorado	English	R A	1966
San Francisco State	Education	Secondary	Credential 1968
Monterey	Law	JD	1983
Monterey	Law	JD	1983

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	Position	Year
Page & Coben	105 Soquel Ave.	Law clerk/atty.	1982 - 85
Goldman,Goldman&Myers	550 Water St.	Attorney	1985 - 95
Law Office of Susan Myer	cs 520 Mission St.	Attornev	1995-present
UCSC Extension	740 Front St.	Instructor	1987-1 997
VNA	1041 41st Ave.	(Paralegal progr Board member	am) 1993-1 997
	Santa Cruz, CA		_

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

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

October 6, 1999

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Date

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Susan Myers, Esq.
Attachment to Domestic Violence Commission Application Statement of Qualifications

I have practice in the Juvenile and Family courts for nearly 16 years, In the stories the clients tell I have come to recognize familiar patterns of behavior that suggest substance abuse, serious mental illness, and domestic violence. Of these, the histories of domestic violence are perhaps the most dramatic in their sameness.

I am particularly concerned about the effects of domestic violence on children - the immediate emotional trauma, and the long-lasting effects of exposure to these pernicious models of adult behavior. Second to keeping families physically safe, I am most interested in finding ways to avoid modeling the behaviors of both perpetrators and victims for another generation.