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December 21, 1999

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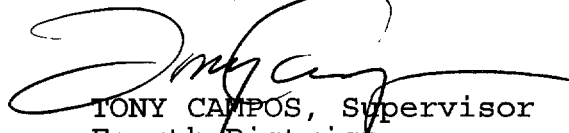
RE: APPOINTMENT TO COMMISSION ON DISABILITIES

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment of the following person to the Commission on Disabilities in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.72, Section 40, for a term to expire April 1, 2003:

Patricia A. Spence
720 Oregon Street
Watsonville, CA 95076
728-2767 (H)

Sincerely yours,


TONY CAMPOS, Supervisor
Fourth District

TC:lg

cc: Patricia A. Spence
Commission on Disabilities

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APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY

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INSTRUCTIONS

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.

COMMISSION, COMMITTEE or BOARD Commission on Disabilities

Name Patricia A. Spence

Address 720 Oregon Street

Watsonville, Ca 95076

Phone (Home) 831-728-2767

(Business) none

Supervisory District 4th District, Tony Campos

Length of Residence in Area 1972 27 years

Age (Optional) Circle one: Under 21

21-30

31-40

Over 40

PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Please specify)

Advisory Body

Term

none

EDUCATION

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<u>Institution</u>	<u>Major</u>	<u>Degree</u>	<u>Year</u>
College of San Mateo	Business	AA	

WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Position</u>	<u>Year</u>
Boy Scouts of America	Salinas	Cub Pack Commitee	approx 1982-84
Self employed motel and hardware store owner	Watsonville		1973 to 1985

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.

Patricia A Spence

Signature

12/18/99

Date

December 18, 1999

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

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Re: Appointment to Commission on Disabilities

Dear Supervisors:

I recently received an application for appointment to the Commission on Disabilities from Supervisor Tony Campos. I am very interested on serving on this committee and hope the meeting times and transportation arrangements can be made. I use Lift Line for unescorted transportation. Therefore, access to the building, getting to and from the meeting room, and time of day are factors that need to be addressed. I have been an advocate of people with disabilities on a small scale recently and would like the opportunity to expand my efforts.

I am a stroke survivor since October 1996. My life and that of my family/caregivers changed forever and we now view the world from an entirely different perspective. I feel lucky, if it can be said, that my disability was incurred in the late 1990's and not earlier. People in years prior to ADA guidelines must have suffered great indignation due to the lack of facilities, transportation or other services.

Since December 1997 I have been a student at the Cabrillo College Stroke Center. The Stroke Center is a marvelous facility and the people of Santa Cruz County we are immeasurably fortunate to have it in our community. Last spring and early fall I compiled a Student Handbook. The purpose of the handbook is to acquaint new and continuing students to the Stroke Center. It includes: the history, description of class, an introduction of the employees and education, funding; allied support groups such as Auxiliary and Advisory Board members and VIVA recreation program.

I am including a basic copy of the Handbook for your records or library so that Supervisor may refer to it if needed. The Board has given wonderful, continued support to the Stroke Center. All students and staff are grateful although that gratitude may not often be expressed. Thank you!

Since I started using Lift Line for my transportation, I have become acutely aware of certain factors effecting passenger safety and service. I initiated communication and dialogue with Scott Bugental, Life Line Transportation Director and John Daughtery, Santa Cruz METRO Accessibility Coordinator in an effort to bring the factors to their attention. Through Mr. Daughtery statements have been made as to the need and responsibility for improvement, but so far I have not been informed as to the results or any implementation. As the Stroke Center's representative, I am also looking forward to serving on the Stakeholders Group for the METRO re-certification program of paratransit riders. The meetings were to begin in November, but so far seem to be delayed.

In September 1998 my family and I returned to the Santa Cruz County Fair after a lapse of 12 or so years. I found the fair grounds to be non-compliant to ADA guidelines and not at all friendly to people with disabilities. This included restrooms, surfaces, and access to buildings and certain exhibit areas. I wrote two letters to the fair CEO addressing my concerns. In a recent article in the Sentinel, I read that the Fair Board allocated \$55,000.00 to upgrade the fair grounds for handicapped accessibility. At the 1999 fair there was at least the addition of toilet risers in the Harvest Building. This may seem minor, but I hope my letter brought this need to the Fair Board and initiated the start of improvements.

One of my main concerns is the enforcement of ADA guidelines and ways for people with disabilities to report infractions, receive improved service and access to the community.

Sincerely,



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cc: Tony Campos, District Fourth Supervisor