

# **County of Santa Cruz**

## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

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AGENDA: 2/26/02

February 12, 2002

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

RE: APPOINTMENT TO SENIORS COMMISSION

Dear Members of the Board:

I recommend the appointment **of** the following person to the Seniors Commission in accordance with County Code Chapter 2.78, Section 30, for **a** term to expire April 1, 2005:

Janet McGinniss	
10590 Laguna Street	
Felton, CA 95018	
335-1260 (H)	
462-5510 (B)	
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JEFF ALMQUIST, Supervisor	
Fifth District	
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cc: Janet McGinniss Seniors Commission

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Jeff Almquist, Supervisor Board of Supervisors 5<sup>th</sup> District 701 Ocean Street,Suite 500 Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4069

Dear Supervisor Almquist,

Thank you for your letter regarding the Seniors Commission. I am flattered that Matt Natale recommended me for the Commission. I am very interested in serving the senior population in the County. At the present time I am the Program Manager for the Health Insurance Counseling and Advocacy Program at Senior Network Services.

I worked in the Business Office of Santa Cruz Medical Clinic for five years prior to my accepting the HICAP position with Senior Network Services. It is very clear to me that seniors need help in a variety of ways with their health care concerns.

I see clients on a daily basis who not only need information and assistance with their Medicare questions but continue to see an increase in seniors who cannot afford their prescription drugs. It is a very sad fact that often our clients have to choose between eating and paying for prescriptions.

Enclosed is my application for the Seniors Commission. I would be delighted to serve on this Commission.

Sincerely,

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Jan McGinniss Program Manager, HICAP

#### APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO A COUNTY ADVISORY BODY 0069

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

If you are interested in serving on a County Advisory Body, please complete this application and return it to the Board of Supervisors, 701 Ocean Street, Room 500, Santa Cruz, CA 95060-4069. If you are interested in-being considered for appointment to more than one advisory body, a separate application must 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, you will be contacted to discuss the appointment, the appointment process, and requirements for the advisory body in question.

Please specify 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:	Seniors Commission
Name :	Janet McGinniss
Address :	10590 Laguna Street
	Felton. CA 95018
Phone: (Home)	<u>(831)</u> 335-1260
(Business)	(831) 467-5510
Supervisorial District:	5t h
Length of Residence in Area:	8 years

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

#### PREVIOUS COMMISSION OR COMMITTEE SERVICE (Please specify):

- Advisorv Body	Term
San Benito County-Long Term Care Commission	2 years

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#### EDUCATION :

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Purdue University	English	BA	1964
San Jose State Universi	ty Womens' Studies	MA	1978

### WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE:

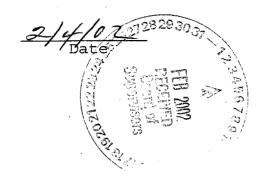
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Women's Crisis Support	(Now Defensa	des Mujeres	Advocate	94-96
Red Cross			Community Ed.	01-02
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#### STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

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

#### CERTIFICATION

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



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## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS:

One of the reasons that I am interested in serving on the Seniors Commissions is that over the past year when I have been able to attend Commission meetings I have been very impressed with the hard work and commitment of the Commissioners. It was with this in mind that I approached the Watsonville Pajaronian with the option of my writing a column about Seniors. I knew that one of the Commissioners, Chuck Molnar, was already writing a column for the Sentinel and I thought that maybe someday I might be able to be a Commissioner and then we'd have another newspaper under our belt.

Then I wrote a column but found that I didn't get enough input to do it on a monthly basis. I just didn't have access to enough information. I was sort of hidden away in my little HICAP burrow. So that is one of the reasons.

One of the other reasons is my inability to keep my mouth shut when it comes to elder concerns. I don't mean to imply that I don't have manners or that my politics are faulty or that I am consumed with wearing purple on all occasions. Just that now that I am of an age I want to let people know what their rights are as seniors. And, I want to be able to advocate for senior interests.

In a less formal manner, I can tell you that I remember one day riding the bus in Boston and being quite concerned about the plight of the elderly. I thought at that moment that I would like to help seniors. Of course, that was way before the term was coined. It has taken me a long time to get from there to here, many miles, lots of amateur theatricals later, but I never forgot the thought.

Sincerely,

Jan McGinniss Program Manager HICAP

