

I received notice from the Coast Democrats that you are seeking to fill an opening on the Mendocino Coast Health Care District Board. I have a strong interest because of the critical importance Mendocino Coast Hospital is to our community.

My background is in economic development. Healthcare, of course, is a critical component of that. My experience with healthcare comes from work with non-profit organizations. It goes back to the health planning movement of the 1970's when I was a Board Member for the Orange County Health Planning Council. A few years later I served as the Executive Director for the Los Angeles Radiological Society/Southern California Radiation Oncology Society, the California Radiation Oncology Society and the National Association of Radiation Oncology Centers. More recently, I was a board member for Healthy Smiles OC a non-profit that provides dental services to indigent children. I am far from an expert in healthcare but am familiar with many of issues facing healthcare in general and from my economic development volunteer work, I have a strong understanding of the challenges and opportunities in our community.

With respect to the specific attributes you are seeking, my service with West Business Development Center, the Sonoma-Mendocino Economic Development District and my recent appointment to the Redwood RISE Equity Council should be an indication of community-mindedness. My experience with non-profits both as staff and as a board member I believe demonstrates my ability to work collaboratively. I am deeply experienced through my professional and volunteer work with ethnic communities and am a second-generation Latino of Mexican descent.

I am attaching a resume that will give you a fuller account of my background. I hope I have an opportunity to discuss this further with you.

Thank you,

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