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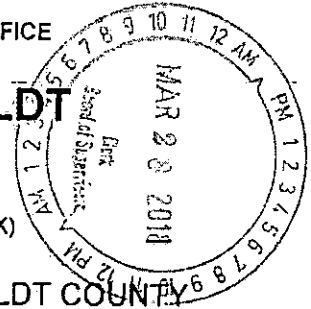


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OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' OFFICE

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

825 FIFTH STREET
EUREKA, CALIF. 95501-1153

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UPDATED APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY

**HOUSING TRUST FUND AND
HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE**

APPLICANT NAME: Janelle Egger

MAILING ADDRESS: _____
Fortuna, CA

TELEPHONE: Home: _____ Work: _____ Fax: _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS: njlr@sbcglobal.net

OCCUPATION: Retired

PERSONAL REFERENCES: 1
(1) _____ PHONE: _____
(2) Doug Strehl PHONE: _____

PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? _____ NO YES

PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU'RE INTERESTED IN SERVING ON THE HOUSING TRUST FUND AND HOMELESSNESS SOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

Through personal experience and educating myself on the issue of homelessness I am of the opinion that charity is not the complete answer, government programs are limited and ever changing, and the loss of dignity is not considered as part of the problem.

The Housing First approach, jointly adopted by Humboldt County and City of Eureka, has been shown to reduce costs in emergency and police services. Housing people "as is", with services offered but not required, gives the message of respect for one's dignity and encourages self-respect.

I am convinced that the Shelter Crisis is a tool that allows camping to temporarily address homelessness as the housing crisis is addressed. A legal place to call home managed as rental property provides dignity as well as a place to lay one's head. This is what I would like to work on.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: 3/8/2022 ~~March 28, 2018~~ SIGNATURE: Janelle Egger

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct

SUBMIT THIS APPLICATION TO:
HUMBOLDT COUNTY Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

Janelle Egger

Fortuna resident

Advisory Board or Board of Directors Experience

-Present- 2010 - 2018

Eel River Advocacy for Shelter (Fortuna Homeless Housing Coalition) – 6 months

Redwood Chapter ACLU of No. Calif. – 3 years

1990's

North Coast Co-op

1980's

Citizens Advisory Committee on the Housing Element (CACHE)

Redwood Legal Assistance (now Legal Aid of Northern California)

Humboldt Women for Shelter (now Humboldt Domestic Violence Services)

Planned Parenthood Political Action Committee

California Housing Action and Information Network

Director, Humboldt Housing Action Project

Homelessness Related Experience

Oct 2011 - present

Independent research on the issue, including Housing First approach, and advocacy for a legal place to live for those living rough.

January-~~2018~~ 2022, 2019, 2017

Point-in-Time Count Fortuna volunteer (also 2015 in Fortuna and 2013 in Eureka)

Nov - Dec 2017

Humboldt Housing and Homeless Coalition (HHHC) Special Emergency Shelter meetings, including the Shelter Operations Planning Subcommittee

May 2016 - Nov 3, 2016

Daily presence at Eureka rotating sleeping sites providing hot beverages, filming police interactions and coordinating moving-day help. Other varied activities included obtaining assistance or information from Eureka City Staff, checking Court records, coordinating with St. Vincent's for food during stormy weather, providing information to DHHS regrading services fair, encouraging and discouraging activities, loaning my phone, giving rides, attending Homeless Court

Feb 4 - March 1, 2016

Occasional visits to Palco Marsh limited enforcement area to video law enforcement, escort attorneys, relay information, support choices, educate regarding civil disobedience

Winter of 2015-2016

Overnight staff, Fortuna Homeless Housing Coalition Extreme Weather Shelter

Oct 2015 - April 2016

Friends of the Marsh weekly lunches at Palco Marsh parking lot

October 2011 - March 2012

Shared public space in front of the Courthouse with homeless and worked with homeless people as part of civil rights demonstration, including night to early am shift

Spring 2004

from mid-Dec 2011 to March 2012

During a family visit to Berkley my daughter became very upset seeing homeless people. She and I went back to the motel to make dinner plans. Back in Fortuna at the shopping

center, she and I walked by a man who asked for money for food. We went to a nearby sandwich shop, ordered at the counter, and chatted as the food was prepared. After paying and bringing the food to the table, my daughter and I continued on with our errand.

July 1981

Early in the morning, after arriving in San Francisco by bus from Humboldt County for federal jury duty, I walked down on a quiet street and passed a man lying in a doorway. I heard yelling and looked back to see the man following me. Ignoring my first response to run, I turned and said, "I think you have the wrong person, my name's not Babe." He apologized. I walked on.

Spring 1977

After confirming with the leaseholder that the landlord had agreed to my dog, I paid a deposit and first month in a shared housing situation. On moving day the landlord came by and said my dog was not staying, he was told a medium sized dog and my dog was too big. I was able to "couch-surf" until other housing was found.

Childhood

My mother, four siblings and I were homeless when I was a toddler, we may have stayed with her sister. I was an adult before my mother talked about how difficult it was leaving my father and our home, that her younger sister was the only family member who knew where she was. To find a rental she finally told a landlord "I'll come back when I have only two kids" and got a one bedroom house. She was fortunate to find a union job with health care, paid vacations. She rented out our home for a couple years to make the G.I. (veteran's) loan payments.

A few years later we were back home and the Veterans Administration called, they were about to discharge my father from the hospital and asked if he could come home. Soon we were leaving again, this time we slept on the neighbor's floor and stayed with our mother during the day. I remember driving a lot, playing in a park, waiting in the car as she met with the union provided attorney, and returning to school not sure what to tell other kids when they asked if I was sick.

When I asked about my father my mother said she didn't know where he was, he was "walking the streets" somewhere. I was an adult when I confirmed my father was an alcoholic and learned he was diagnosed with a serious mental illness.

Education and Training

January 2018

CPR/First-Aid Training Certification, Eureka Community Services

December 2017

Naloxone Training, Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction

November 2107

Adult Mental Health First Aid Training, Humboldt County Public Health

1987 Bachelor of Arts: History

Humboldt State University

2001 Elementary teaching credential program

Humboldt State University (Calif. Elementary Teaching Credential, 2002)



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April 2, 2018

Board of Supervisors
County of Humboldt
Tracy D'Amico
c/o Clerk of the Board
825 5th St., Rm 111
Eureka, CA 95501

SUBJECT: Humboldt Trust Fund & Homelessness Solutions Committee,
Membership Support for Janelle Egger

Board of Supervisors,

I am writing to provide my support for and encourage the appointment of Janelle Egger to the Humboldt Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee.

Working with Janelle, I have gained trust in knowing she researches information on different causes she believes in her heart to be the right thing to do. She has demonstrated much experience in working towards addressing Homelessness throughout the county and elsewhere in her travels. She will be a strong pillar on the committee and provide strong commitment and leadership!

She would be an ideal member to serve on the Humboldt Trust Fund & Solutions Committee. I encourage the Board of Supervisors to chose Janelle for a positive outcome

Sincerely,

Charles Bean
CHARLES BEAN

Damico, Tracy

From: Don Smullin <dsmullin@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, April 9, 2018 6:31 PM
To: Damico, Tracy
Subject: Janelle Egger

If this be the right spot, I am writing to support Janelle Egger's application to serve on your Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee.

I have personally known Janelle for 5 years now. She personally and regularly participates in the Humboldt Homeless Housing Coalition meetings, City Council, and County Supervisors.

She personally works with the homeless from Palco Marsh days to its temporary replacements.

Her position that homeless need a legal place to stay is one I too support.

Sincerely,
Don

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Don Smullin, retired
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2420 G Street
Eureka, CA 95501

County of Humboldt
Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee
825 Fifth Street
Eureka, CA 95501

April 26, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in regards to Janelle Egger's interest to be appointed to the recently created Humboldt Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee. As I understand it, the purpose of this committee is to give recommendations to the Board of Supervisors in using funds to meet specific affordable housing goals.

Since knowing Janelle, I can say that she is passionate about being part of the conversation and solutions to address homelessness in Humboldt County. While I do believe Janelle fully supports the idea that permanent housing "bricks and mortar projects" are the best way to address homelessness, I think she realizes how slow these projects are to come to fruition. It is because of this realization that I believe Janelle is a good fit for this committee, because she also looks outside the box and promotes creative ideas that can be a quicker response to the affordable housing crisis and the criminalization of homelessness.

Sincerely,

Brian Olson

Brian Olson
Community Member
City of Eureka

(707) 407-7602



Humboldt Area Center for Harm Reduction (HACHR)
P.O. Box 7365
Eureka, Ca 95502
707-601-6221

April 30, 2018

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is in support of Janelle Egger's application for the *Humboldt Housing Trust Fund and Homelessness Solutions Committee*. I have known Janelle in a service capacity since 2015 where we were both working to provide support for folks experiencing houselessness in the PalCo Marsh. During that time and the time following I have experienced Janelle's unwavering dedication to addressing the systematic issue of homelessness. She is not connected to any Community Based Organization, which makes her a champion advocate. Her desire is solely for the welfare of the folks who are living outside and not to any group or political entity.

Janelle has the trust of many within the homeless community, which allows her to fully engage and cultivate relationships. These relationships will help inform what areas might need to be addressed in order to make a housing program successful. Janelle also has knowledge around the span and spectrum of our communities services and providers. Janelle posses a culmination of skills that position her perfectly to a position on this committee; she is a champion advocate, knowledgeable about providers, access to people within the homeless community, and has a working knowledge of laws and codes that can prevent or support housing projects. These are just a few of the reasons I strongly encourage you to appoint Janelle to this committee.

I whole-heartedly support Janelle's application to this committee and hope that you see fit to include her in this critical work in Humboldt County.

In service,

Brandie Wilson M.A.
HACHR Executive Director
707-601-6221