

COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

For the meeting of: 9/11/2018

File #: 18-1141

To: Board of Supervisors

From: County Administrative Office

SUBJECT:

Appointment of Nick Wilczek to the Access Humboldt Board of Directors

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That the Board of Supervisors appoint Nick Wilczek as the county representative on the Access Humboldt Board of Directors.

SOURCE OF FUNDING:

General Fund (Franchise Fees)

DISCUSSION:

In 2006, as part of the re-negotiation of the local franchise for cable television services, a non-profit organization was created to manage public, educational and governmental access channels on behalf of the county and participating cities and to construct and maintain a Community Media Center. That organization, Access Humboldt, is governed by a Board of Directors comprised of persons elected by the organization's membership, persons appointed by the other Directors, and representatives from designated organizations including the county. The county's representative does not need to be a county employee but cannot be an elected official.

Since December 2010, the representative for the County of Humboldt has been a County Director of Library Services. Due to the vacancy of the Director of Library Services position in October 2017, your Board elected Sean Quincey, Senior Administrative Analyst with the County Administrative Office, to serve in the role of county representative for the Access Humboldt Board of Directors.

From 2010 through 2018, the county's designated representative slot was filled by a county employee, and this facilitated the flow of information regarding Access Humboldt. Since the date of the last appointment to the Access Humboldt Board of Directors, the Director of Library Services position has been filled by Nick Wilczek. Mr. Wilczek has expressed a desire to serve on the Access Humboldt Board of Directors. At this time, staff recommends that your Board appoint Mr. Wilczek to fill the county representative position on the Access Humboldt Board of Directors.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

There is no cost to the recommended action. Access Humboldt is funded in part by franchise fee revenue collected under the State's Digital Infrastructure and Video Competition Act of 2006 (DIVCA). Access Humboldt works with the county and helps to support your Board's strategic priority of inviting civic engagement and awareness of available services through its civic channel for local government programming.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT:

Access Humboldt

ALTERNATIVES TO STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Board could choose to appoint a designee other than Mr. Wilczek.

ATTACHMENTS:

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PREVIOUS ACTION/REFERRAL:

Board Order No.: N/A
Meeting of: N/A