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COUNTY OF HUMBOLDT

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APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE HUMBOLDT COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

APPLICANT NAME: LAURA CUTLER

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OCCUPATION: Attorney

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

(1) Governor Jerry Brown

PHONE: _____

(2) Seth Geddes

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 **PLANNING COMMISSION**.

Humboldt County has been my adopted home for over 20 years and I consider my decision to live, practice law, and raise a family here the best decision of my life. I currently maintain a small private practice, my children are grown, and I have the time now to dedicate myself to this position and believe I my skills and passion would be a great asset to the Commission. My experience with the legal issues involved in planning is broad and deep. The majority of my legal career has involved business transactions with a substantial amount of real estate work representing a wide range of clients from individuals to large developers and I am equally capable of understanding the needs of a small business owner as I am understanding the kinds of complex financings I participated in when an attorney on Wall Street prior to coming here. I am also very familiar with the local and state regulations regarding cannabis and have 3 years of work experience with the county as a Deputy Public Defender and Deputy County Counsel. I am a quick study, passionate about preserving Humboldt's amazing natural resources and cultural heritages while also growing our economy in a sensible and sustainable fashion. Sustainability has always been a passion of mine as it was when I created and ran the We the People School of Sustainability for Governor Jerry Brown prior to coming to Humboldt. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME. Attached

DATE: 12/17/18

SIGNATURE: _____

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 PLANNING COMMISSION, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth Street, Suite 111,
Eureka, CA 95501-1153.

DATE TO SUPERVISOR _____ DATE APPROVED _____ NOT APPROVED _____

LAURA J. CUTLER

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EDUCATION

BENJAMIN N. CARDOZO SCHOOL OF LAW, New York, NY

J.D., June, 1991 -- Honors: Law Review, Senior Editor; Graduated Cum Laude

YALE UNIVERSITY, New Haven, CT

B.A., June, 1984; Major, American Studies

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

LAURA CUTLER, ATTORNEY AT LAW, Arcata, CA

Sole Practitioner, 2012 - Current

Specializing in business entity selection, formation and governance, contract drafting and negotiation, business transactions and real estate.

ARCATA HIGH SCHOOL, Arcata, CA

Substitute Teacher, 2015-2017

Served as multi-subject substitute teacher for short and long term assignments.

FUND HUMBOLDT, Arcata, CA

Co-founder and Co-owner, 2013 - 2015

Developed and co-ran Humboldt County's only crowd funding and local investing portal at www.fundhumboldt.com.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY OFFICE OF COUNTY COUNSEL, Eureka, CA

Deputy County Counsel, 2010 – 2011

Served as primary legal counsel and contract specialist to many County department's including the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office, the Humboldt County Correctional Facility, Public Works, Human Resources, Risk Management, Purchasing and Elections. Assisted other members of the office with a variety of matters including Planning, legal research and complex contracting.

HUMBOLDT COUNTY PUBLIC DEFENDER'S OFFICE, Eureka, CA

Deputy Public Defender, 2008 – February 2010

Provided defense for mental health proceedings and misdemeanor crimes and occasional handling of contempt and family law calendars.

GOODSILL ANDERSON QUINN & STIFEL, Honolulu, HI

Associate, 2007

Broad real estate and corporate practice including residential and commercial real estate purchases and sales, development and construction projects, commercial leasing and financing, entity formation and governance, and business sales and acquisitions.

THE DANCO GROUP, Arcata, CA

General Counsel, 2004 – 2006

Ran legal department for rapidly expanding real estate development and construction group active in home and commercial building and property management, public works projects, affordable housing and assisted living facilities.

SOLE PRACTICIONER, Arcata, CA

Attorney at Law, 2000- 2004

Engaged in broad civil practice, specializing in real estate and business transactions and advice.

CALIFORNIA INDIAN LEGAL SERVICES, Eureka, CA

Staff Attorney, 1999 - 2000

Launched a department advising local tribes regarding corporate organization and regulatory matters.

JANSSEN, MALLOY, NEEDHAM, MORRISON & REINHOLTSEN, Eureka, CA

Associate, 1997 - 1999

Participated in all aspects of full-service firm including general business matters and civil litigation. Advised clients on business formation, contracts, real estate transactions and employment matters.

WE THE PEOPLE, SCHOOL OF SUSTAINABILITY, Oakland, CA

Founder & Director, 1995 – 1996

Founded and directed an adult education program regarding green economies, sustainable food systems, urban planning and development, alternative building, and simple living. Created and hosted lecture series, workshops, and “Sustainable Fridays” radio show series on NPR with Jerry Brown.

DEBEVOISE & PLIMPTON, New York, NY

Associate, 1991 - 1994

Member of Corporate Finance Department of large, full-service Wall Street law firm. Experience in private placement, secured finance and leveraged lease transactions. Pro bono activities: representation of community lending institutions and various other non-profits.

ACTIVE BAR MEMBERSHIP: California (Past – New York and Hawaii)

REFERENCES AVAILABLE ON REQUEST