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**APPLICATION TO SERVE ON THE
GREAT REDWOOD TRAIL AGENCY BOARD**

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OCCUPATION: Senior Executive Consultant, Designer/Artist

PERSONAL REFERENCES:

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PRIOR ADVISORY BOARD OR BOARD OF DIRECTORS EXPERIENCE? Yes

**PLEASE WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT DESCRIBING WHY YOU ARE INTERESTED
IN SERVING ON THE PLANNING COMMISSION.**

I am pleased to submit my application for an At-Large vacancy on the Great Redwood Trail Agency Board of Directors. As a longtime Humboldt County resident with deep roots in public policy, community development, and interdisciplinary collaboration, I am eager to bring my experience to the stewardship of this landmark rail-to-trail project.

My career has been defined by building partnerships across sectors to advance programs that serve the public good with equity and creativity at their center. As Executive Director of the California Arts Council — appointed by both Governor Jerry Brown and Governor Gavin Newsom — I led the agency through a period of transformational growth expanding
PLEASE ATTACH A CURRENT RESUME.

DATE: April 15, 2026 SIGNATURE: Anne Bown-Crawford
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I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.

Applications will be accepted via email at cob@co.humboldt.ca.us or by mail to Humboldt County Planning Commission, Clerk of the Board, 825 Fifth St., Suite 111, Eureka, CA 95501

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Curriculum Vitae

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Profile

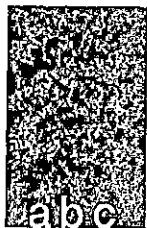
Anne Bown-Crawford is a senior consultant, policy leader, interdisciplinary artist, and educator whose work spans placemaking, culture, and creative education across public, academic, and governmental contexts. Her career bridges systems-level policy development with studio-based and research-driven artistic practice, with a focus on how arts and culture shape civic life, innovation, and community well-being.

She currently serves as Senior Executive Advisor to California State Parks' Arts in Parks program, where she designs and implements initiatives that integrate public art into natural landscapes—merging environmental stewardship with cultural enrichment. She also advises the CA Jobs First Sustainable Recreation & Tourism Cohort, the Arts, Culture, and Tourism Advisory Council, and the Great Redwood Trail Public Arts Advisory Council.

From 2017 to 2022, Bown-Crawford served as Executive Director of the California Arts Council, appointed by Governor Jerry Brown and reappointed by Governor Gavin Newsom. During her tenure, she led a significant expansion of the agency's vision, advancing arts and culture as essential to equity, economic development, and public life. She developed and implemented major statewide initiatives, including the CA Creative Corps, and expanded investment in creative education, cultural districts, accessibility, and workforce development. Under her leadership, the agency's budget grew from \$26 million to \$172 million through a strategic alignment of narrative, policy, and public value.

Parallel to her policy work, Bown-Crawford maintains an active interdisciplinary practice as an Artist in Residence with Google's Quantum AI Research Labs in collaboration with DrawEverywhere Studios. Her work in this context explores the intersection of art, science, and innovation, using iterative, collaborative processes to engage scientists in visual inquiry and creative exchange. This work reflects her broader commitment to integrating artistic thinking into complex systems and research environments.

Across all areas of her work, she is committed to building partnerships that connect arts, culture, science, and nature to advance more inclusive, creative, and resilient communities.



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Education

- M.A. in Education, U.C. Berkeley, 1978.
- M.F.A. Design candidate, California College of Arts, 1975-76.
- B.F.A. in Design, Northern Illinois University, 1974.

Employment

- **Senior Executive Advisor** to Arts in California Parks program, CA State Parks, 2022 - present
- **Principal Artist in Residence**, Google Quantum AI Computing Research Labs with DrawEverywhere Studios, 2021 - present
- **SED Supervisor**, Cal Poly Humboldt 2024 - present
- **Arts Media & Entertainment Teacher Trainer**, AME Institute 2024 - present
- **Executive Director**, California Arts Council 2018 - 2022
- **Visual and Performing Arts teacher** secondary level, 1978 - 2017
 - **Creative Arts Department Chair**, Northern Humboldt Union High School District - 2008-2017
 - **California State Mentor Teacher**, 1995-2017
 - **Founder and Director of the Arcata Arts Institute** in the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, 2004-2017
 - **Founder and Director of the Innovation Design Institute** in the Northern Humboldt Union High School District, 2013-2017

Advisory and Leadership Roles

National & State Leadership / Policy Influence

- **Governor's Cultural Cabinet**, State of California — 2018-2022
- **National Endowment for the Arts** — Technical Work Group Contributor, *TECH AS ART: Supporting Artists Who Use Technology as a Creative Medium* — 2020-2021
- **California Department of General Services** — Public Art Panel Lead



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- **California Department of Education** — Arts, Media & Entertainment (AME) Statewide Advisory Board, High School Innovations & Initiatives Office — 2017–present
- **California State Libraries** — California Cultural Collections Protection Survey Report Task Force — 2018–2022
- **State Office of Historic Preservation** — CA Cultural Resources Climate Change Task Force — 2018–2022

Advisory Boards & Ongoing Affiliations

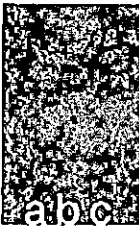
- **CREATE CA** — Co-Founder & Past Chair, Leadership Advisory Group — 2011–present
- **California Institute for Community, Art, and Nature** — Advisory Board — present
- **Stanford Graduate School of Education** — Transformative Learning Technologies Lab, Senior FabLearn Fellow — 2016–present
- **Adobe Education Leader** — 2013–present

Think Tanks, Fellowships & Strategic Initiatives

- **Education Leadership Institute (ELI)** — NEA-affiliated education think tank — 2011
- **Bay Area Funders Advisory Group** — Rainin Foundation, Hewlett, Haas, PolicyLink, Center for Cultural Innovation, et al. — 2019
- **Blueprint for Creative Schools** — Designer & Co-Author — 2015
- **California State Libraries** — California K–12 Online Content Project, STEAM Education Resource Selection Panel — 2020–2022
- **School of the Art Institute of Chicago** — TICA (Teacher Institute in Contemporary Art & Technology) — 2010–2012

Regional Leadership & Economic Development (Foundational Work)

- **Humboldt County Economic Development Initiative** — “Decade of Difference,” Youth Entrepreneurship & Creativity Group — 2013–2017
- **Humboldt County “Prosperity!” Initiative** — Arts & Culture and Information Technology Industry Clusters — 2000–2006



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Conferences, Presentations, and Thought Leadership (most recent)

- Southern California Funders Group
- WESTAF (Western States Arts Federation)
- NASAA (National Assembly of State Arts Agencies)
- CREATE CA Convenings - organizer/presenter/
- NEA (National Art Education Association) - presenter
- CAEA (California Art Education Association) - presenter
- Adobe Education Leaders North American Summits - presenter
- Stanford Education FabLearn Fellows conferences - presenter
- Arts Media & Entertainment Education Leadership conferences - organizer/presenter