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March 28, 2024

Jeanne Herman  
Vice Chair  
Washoe County Board of Commissioners  
1001 E. Ninth Street  
Reno, NV 89512

Dear Vice Chair Herman,

I write to you on behalf of Audrey Martinez-Keller, a new resident of Reno, Nevada.

While I presently serve on the Board of Supervisors for the County of Ventura, I first interacted with Mrs. Keller when I was a Councilmember in the City of Oxnard.

During her time in Ventura County, Mrs. Keller was civically engaged and volunteered in several capacities in the community. In the way of background, the City of Oxnard has a population of about 200,000 and the County of Ventura has approximately 850,000 residents, roughly the same size as Washoe County. Oxnard is also home to the Channel Islands Harbor, the 5<sup>th</sup> largest harbor in the State of California.

Over the past 15 years, Mrs. Keller held several key volunteer leadership roles including that of founder and Chair of the Channel Islands Neighborhood Council, a formal City advisory group focused on the needs of individual residential neighborhoods throughout the City. In that capacity, she interacted frequently and directly with the City Manager, members of the Council, City Attorney, and other staff. During her tenure, the City evaluated a significant and controversial development project and also made significant progress toward improving water quality in the Harbor.

Mrs. Keller also worked with my predecessor on a variety of issues and initiatives at the County level including:

- Making public presentations against a coastal power plant's shut down of circulation pumps critical to the harbor's water quality and marine life

- Helped initiate discussions between City and County staff regarding the Oxnard Airport public safety and noise abatement.
- Publicly advocated for Harbor water quality. Helped organize a citizen volunteer team to test water quality to Federal standards and advocated for the Harbor before the California Water Resources Board.
- Organized and led a Harbor development planning project that evolved into a County "Visioning" template applying to future development projects in the Harbor.
  - Over several years, worked directly with two County Harbor Directors on that Visioning project.
  - Served on the committee to review and vet developers.
  - Engaged with, and encouraged, an international corporation to propose a project for a key gateway site in the Harbor.
- Served on a committee to vet Harbor Director candidates for the County CEO

Mrs. Keller worked energetically and enthusiastically toward the betterment of the City of Oxnard and the County of Ventura. As someone who engaged with her in these different capacities locally, I expect she will also become a valued member of the community she now calls home. It is for these reasons that I recommend the service of Audrey Martinez-Keller on a local commission or board in Washoe County.

Should you wish to discuss this letter further, you may contact me at [REDACTED] or via email at [REDACTED]

Sincerely,



Vianey Lopez  
County Supervisor, Fifth District

**Margo Piscevich**



March 25, 2024

Re: Washoe County Audit Committee

Dear Commissioners Herman and Hill,

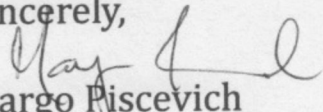
I am writing a letter on behalf of Audrey Keller. I met Audrey after she moved from Ventura, California couple of years ago and we became friends. We got to know each other when she was working on attempting to save the Rancharran Barn. She is a smart and delightful person who is interested in becoming involved in projects in our area. Based on her background and vast experience, she would be a perfect person for the Washoe County Audit Committee and she is very qualified for this position.

I know she will provide you with her resume, but she has owned her own business for 20 years in Los Angeles. She received The Women Business Champion of the Year Award from the Small Business Administration. She is not a CPA, but has a financial background as her business involved finances and she coordinated with her own CPAs and financial staff. She understands finances and how to solve operational issues.

She has also served as a volunteer with the Ventura County's Office of the CEO and with a County Supervisor from 2008 to 2022. She audited the Channel Islands Harbor, reporting to the City Manager, County Supervisor and the County CEO. You will learn much more about her when you speak with her as she is an impressive person with knowledge about government and finance.

I totally recommend her for this position. Thank you.

Sincerely,



Margo Piscevich