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Big Sur Byway Organization Application

Martha Diehl

District: 5
Initialed Application: Yes

Applicant

First Name: **Martha**
Middle Initial:
Last Name: **Diehl**

Employment

Occupation: **N/a**
Job Title: **N/a**
Employer: **Retired**

Interests and Experiences

Able to attend meetings regularly and devote the time necessary to fulfill duties as a member?

Yes

Currently serving on a County of Monterey Board, Commission, Committee or other Community Advisory Group?

Yes

Monterey County Planning Commission, Big Sur Byways Organization (as MidCoast Resident Representative)

Has served on an advisory group before?

Yes

As mentioned, I currently serve on the BSBO and am hoping to change roles. The Planning Commission is both a decision making and an advisory group in different situations. And, while I have never served on a Land Use Advisory Committee myself I have been the designated Planning Commission Liaison to a number of them for many years.

Please tell us about yourself and why you want serve:

I am a 1979 graduate of the United States Merchant Marine Academy with honors, part of the first class of women admitted to any federal academy through the regular admissions process. I then served as a deck officer on a wide variety of

merchant vessels including 15 years for AT&T installing and maintaining submarine telephone cable as well as supervising construction and commissioning of three new ships. I retired from the American Maritime Officers union as Captain in 1999. I was then appointed to the Planning Commission in 2001, where I have served since through the development and adoption of the 2010 General Plan. In 2003 I enrolled as part of the initial class in the CSUMB/Panetta Institute Masters of Public Policy program and graduated from that in 2006. I have lived in Big Sur at my current residence, located 7 miles south of the house my great grandparents built, since 1986. I am actively involved with my community. I care about this County and in particular Big Sur and the highway south of Carmel. I have served on the Monterey County Planning Commission since 2001 and BSBO since 2019.

Please state the reason you would like to be a member of this board committee/commission/district:

I have been involved with the development and subsequent implementation of the Big Sur Coast Highway Management Plan as a community member since 2002. The Big Sur Byways Organization was created to help implement that plan. I have served on BSBO as chair since it was established. The group recently experienced two resignations from the resident representatives, and I feel I can better serve as the at large representative than in my current role.

How did you hear about the position?:

At a BSBO meeting when participants announced they were stepping down

Please identify any specialized accommodations needed for equal participation:

None