

REPORT ON INFORMATION COLLECTED CONCERNING APPLICANT

Under section 60835 of title 2 of the California Code of Regulations, the Bureau of State Audits is responsible for collecting information concerning applicants for the Citizens Redistricting Commission that is needed by the Applicant Review Panel to perform its responsibilities. This is a report by Bureau staff in compliance with that responsibility.

Name of Applicant: Michelle R. DiGuilio-Matz_____.

Information: In her second essay answer on her supplemental application regarding her ability to be impartial, Applicant commented that her ability to be impartial is reflected in her political affiliation of "Decline to State," because while she has been "listed with formal political parties," she has "always voted in a manner to reflect the qualifications and experience of the individual or issue on the ballot." Bureau staff asked Applicant what she meant by this statement. Applicant replied that she had been registered with the Democratic Party, switched to Green Party, registered as Decline to State prior to November 18, 2005, and remained registered as Decline to State since that time. Staff confirmed this information with the Office of the Secretary of State.

In her fourth essay answer on her supplemental application regarding her relevant analytical skills, Applicant stated that she serves on the Board of Directors of the University of the Pacific's Anderson Y Center. According to its Facebook page, the Anderson Y Center (or Center for Community Involvement, as it is now known) is "a student centered learning environment that provides quality, innovative programming by Pacific students for the Stockton community." Through this program, Pacific students tutor economically disadvantages members of the community who cannot afford tutoring.

Also in her fourth essay answer on her supplemental application, Applicant stated that she serves as a member of the City of Stockton's Community Development Committee (SCDC). The SCDC studies Housing Department data to determine recommended project funding levels and reviews Department of Housing and Urban Development applications for Community Development funds. Members of the SCDC are appointed by the Stockton City Council and serve a four-year term. Applicant's term expires September 30, 2010. Under California Constitution, article XXI, section 2, subdivision (c)(6), a member of the Citizens Redistricting Commission cannot serve as a member of the SCDC, because it would constitute serving in an appointive local public office as defined in California Code of Regulations, title 2, section 60804.1.

In the "Employment History" section of her supplemental application, Applicant reported that she had been employed as a Senior Analyst by LeadershipOne. LeadershipOne is a consulting firm specializing in transition planning and implementation services for families and businesses. Applicant also reported having been employed as a Programs Assistant at Great Valley Center.

Great Valley Center is a nonprofit organization working to improve California's Great Central Valley by offering leadership development programs and providing technical support.
In the "Other Relevant Material" section of her supplemental application, Applicant discussed having worked as a firefighter with the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection, but she did not report this in the "Employment History" section of her application. Staff asked Applicant about this, and Applicant replied that her work as a firefighter was only seasonal while she attended the University of California, San Diego, so she didn't feel it was appropriate to list it as prior employment.

Staff contacted Lani Schiff-Ross, the author of one of Applicant's letters of recommendation, to confirm the information provided in the letter and receive any additional information that may be relevant. Ms. Schiff-Ross confirmed the information in the letter. She also stated that she first met Applicant when she was working at First 5. Regarding a statement in her letter that she observed Applicant provide an orientation to potential contractors at a workshop, Ms. Schiff-Ross said that Applicant listened to all ideas being presented and was able to connect the dots, forming a solution to the item being presented. She also stated that Applicant is very open-minded and has a broad view on life. Ms. Schiff-Ross said she recommends Applicant for selection to the Citizens Redistricting Commission "because she represents the public with her many life experiences. She is a great thinker and processes information in layman's terms."

Recommendation: None.

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