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The Honorable Hank Weston, Chair,
And Members, Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Rood Administration Center, 950 Maidu Avenue
Nevada City, CA 95959

Re: Appointment of a Commissioner to represent the interests of local school districts

Dear Supervisors,

At their meeting in June, the First 5 Nevada County Commission asked me to write this letter to respectfully request that the Board of Supervisors consider appointing Shar Johns, Associate Superintendent of Schools for Educational Services, as the representative for the interests of local school districts to the First 5 Nevada County Children and Families Commission.

Ms. Johns is a proven education leader. In her position at NCSoS, Shar works closely with all western Nevada County school districts; she has served in this position since 2013. Previously, Ms. Johns served as Principal at Cottage Hill School in the Pleasant Ridge District.

In her current position, Ms. Johns oversees the early childhood programs for NCSoS, including the preschool and toddler programs at the Child Development Center at Sierra College and the Partnership Preschool program at the TK McAteer Center.

That Ms. Johns' perspective includes both school-age and toddler/preschool issues is unique and will be a great strength to add to the Commission.

For these and many other reasons, the First 5 Commission requests Ms. John's appointment as the member "representing the interests of local school districts" in Article 38 of Nevada County's Administrative Code, which established the First 5 commission.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Lindsay Dunckel".

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