

January 19, 2025

Solano County Board of Supervisors  
675 Texas Street  
Fairfield, CA 94533

Dear Chair Mashburn and Members of the Board:

I am writing to support the Board's appointment of Janine Harris as Auditor-Controller. Janine has over 16.5 years of experience working for Solano County as well as being a Certified Public Accountant in the State of California.

The Auditor Controller staff and I have worked with Janine throughout all her years with the County as she worked in various fiscal positions which interacted with the Auditor-Controller's Office on a regular basis. Janine worked at the Department of Health and Social Services (HSSD), the County's largest department, and promoted into management positions there, and I eventually hired her into the Auditor-Controller's Office as the Chief Deputy Auditor-Controller. During this time, I have had the opportunity to observe Janine closely and have been impressed with Janine's abilities and achievements.

Janine has consistently demonstrated a strong work ethic and a high level of commitment to the County over the years. Janine is a quick learner, resourceful, and has an ability to adapt to new situations and challenges. Janine's dedication to the County can be seen in several achievements which were not required for her position: she became certified in medical billing to support her understanding of the HSSD's revenue billing process and became a Notary Public to provide support to HSSD. Additionally, to further her career goals, Janine studied and passed the Certified Public Accountancy exam and is a CPA in the State of California.

Apart from these achievements, Janine possesses excellent leadership and interpersonal skills and has earned the respect of the Auditor-Controller's staff and management because of her attitude and knowledge. Janine's positive attitude and strong communication skills will continue to serve her in building strong working relationships with the County departments and other agencies.

As the retired Auditor-Controller, what impresses me about Janine is that she has embraced the Auditor-Controller's mission to serve as the watchdog for the taxpayers and to ensure the County is accountable to them. I have seen this in her daily work and interactions with others. The Auditor-Controller must make difficult, objective decisions that may not be popular, and the person who takes over must support the mission of the Auditor-Controller even in times of adversity. I know Janine understands this and will fulfill the duties entrusted to her.

To ensure the Auditor Controller's Office continues to fulfill its mission of public accountability, I strongly recommend and support the Board's appointment of Janine Harris as Auditor-Controller. Janine Harris is an exceptional candidate who possesses the necessary skills and qualifications to excel. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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Retired Auditor Controller, Solano County

