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TO: The Honorable Satpal Singh Sidhu, County Executive

THROUGH: Jon Hutchings, Director

FROM: Gary S. Stoyka, Natural Resources Manager
Austin Rose, Planner I

RE: Marine Resources Committee appointment recommendations

DATE: August 26, 2021

*Pls appoint.
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There is currently one vacancy on the Marine Resources Committee (MRC) for a Conservation/Environmental position. This position became vacant June 15, 2021, due to the resignation of Ms. Rachel Arnold from the MRC. One application for the Conservation/Environmental position was received on August 18, 2021 from Ms. Elizabeth Lorence.

It was decided at a previous MRC meeting by the full committee that the MRC Executive Subcommittee would serve as a "Nominations" committee by reviewing applications and submitting recommendations. The MRC recommends Ms. Elizabeth Lorence to represent a Conservation/Environmental position on the MRC. Ms. Lorence has previously expressed interest in the MRC and has attended MRC meetings prior to the pandemic. MRC Staff and the MRC Executive Committee met virtually with Ms. Lorence to discuss the structure of the committee and expected commitment from members. Ms. Lorence verbalized that she is available to volunteer necessary time to participate in MRC projects and interests. Ms. Lorence has extensive experience with environmental science and education outreach. Her expertise will be a valuable contribution to the MRC's work on conserving and restoring the local marine environment.

If you have any questions regarding this recommendation, please contact Austin Rose at extension 6286