



Fred Glueck
Commissioner, Hazardous Materials Commission
1220 Morello Avenue, Suite 100
Martinez, CA 94553

September 11, 2023

Dear Mr. Glueck,

I am writing to nominate Gretchen Lee Salter to the Environmental Organization alternate seat of the Contra Costa County Hazardous Materials Commission. Ms. Salter is a natural fit for this seat given her years of advocacy in California and nationally.

Clean Water Action California protects public health and the environment by stopping pollution at the source and promoting the cleanup of contaminated waters. We have worked with Gretchen since 2005 when she was with the Breast Cancer Fund and later at Safer States. She has led several successful policy campaigns in California including spearheading legislation that created California's Safe Cosmetics Program, the state's Safer Consumer Products program, and a statewide biomonitoring program. All of these programs have been models for the nation. Later, she has served as a strategic and technical advisor for states across the country, including Clean Water Action in California and nationally, on policies related to PFAS, flame retardants, and plastics.

In her work, we have known Ms. Salter to be a coalition builder, bringing diverse interests together to find consensus on the best way to protect public health. She has a deep commitment to environmental justice, ensuring that EJ organizations have a seat at the table at the beginning of any endeavor.

Gretchen would be an asset to the commission and would represent environmental organizations well.

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Andria Ventura".

Andria Ventura
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