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Laura Griffin

Chair Mental Health Commission

John Gioia

Supervisor, District 1, West Contra Costa County

Dear Chair Griffin and Supervisor Gioia,

I have been a Mental Health Commissioner since 2017 and have enjoyed my time in service to the district and to the County. Through these years, it has been an honor to have learned so much about the operation of and the many working parts that make up the Behavioral Health Services for our County.

It is with heavy heart that I must announce my resignation from the Commission effective immediately. The remaining months of the year are quite busy with personal and health matters which will make it impossible to attend meetings in October and December. It doesn't make sense to start the process of onboarding with AOD, in November if I am not going to be continuing as a commissioner.

Thank you so much for the opportunity to have served with the very dedicated members of this Commission and to have contributed to the betterment of mental health services throughout Contra Costa County. You have my deepest gratitude for the services that you provide. The residents of this county are lucky to count you as representatives for them.

If you have any questions about my decision, please feel free to reach out to me. Otherwise, please carry on in the pursuit of assisting those whose mental health needs are so desperately needed here and throughout the State.

I wish you the very best with the integration of AOD with the Mental Health Commission!

Most sincerely,

Geri Stern

Mental Health Commissioner, District 1