



September 5, 2023

RE: Recommendation for appointment of Stephanie Noble to BART Audit Committee

Dear BART Board of Directors:

I am writing to highly recommend Stephanie Noble for consideration to be a member of the BART Audit Committee. Stephanie has the technical background and experience to be a productive member of this committee. I believe she will add value based on her work as a respected auditor in the Bay Area audit community.

In the three years I have known Stephanie, I have been impressed with her contributions. I have worked with Stephanie in her role as part of the leadership of the Bay Area Association of Local Government Auditors (BALGA). The goal of BALGA is to provide a forum for government auditors to share information and obtain the required trainings we need in this profession. Stephanie has been an excellent contributor through her participation on the planning committee. She has worked collaboratively with other committee members to create the group's operating procedures and identified relevant trainings that benefit the government audit community in the Bay Area. I have observed her to be professional, thoughtful, and helpful, stepping in to provide valuable input and insight. She has been a successful member of the committee because of her experience as an independent auditor, knowledge of auditing standards, familiarity with general government operations at the local level, and her ability to foster productive working relationships with others.

Stephanie also possesses excellent communication and presentation skills. In addition to effective interactions on the BALGA committee, I have seen Stephanie's passion for auditing through the trainings she's led and conducted. For example, she received positive feedback from several auditors following a recent training she conducted on a case study on internal controls. Not only did she have excellent knowledge of this important audit topic, she was able to tailor her presentation to the audience by breaking down technical information around audit compliance and performance into easy to understand terms, inspiring others to use this framework to evaluate the efficiency and effectiveness of government programs and operations. Several auditors stated that they plan on using internal controls in their audit workplans. Similarly, she gave a presentation to a large gathering of regional auditors around a city-wide survey. She had strong command of the material and was able to easily and clearly provide answers when asked questions about the methodology. I appreciate her calm, competent, and collaborative way of communicating with others in these settings.

Stephanie's background and contributions thus far have made her a stand-out auditor in the regional audit community. She would be a great asset on this committee.



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Please do not hesitate to contact me at jwong@berkeleyca.gov or 510-541-2663 regarding this recommendation.

Sincerely,

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