## **Interests & Experiences**

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## Special Expertise, Experience, or Interest in This Area?

My expertise in Public Health and Pediatrics makes me uniquely qualified to serve as a Commissioner on the First 5 Mendocino Commission. Public health research and community program planning are the foundation of my education and training. Prior to obtaining my advanced nursing degree, I coordinated research studies in partnership with the National Institutes of Health, navigated complex regulatory protocols and closely monitored clinical and community health outcomes. My experience working with state and national regulatory bodies enhanced my ability to solve complex problems and collaborate across professions. This work also taught me the importance of continually evaluating programs to ensure maximum impact and sustainability. These skills are essential when directing the use of public funds such as the Proposition 10 tobacco tax revenue. As a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner in our community, I am passionate about early childhood development and connecting families with First 5 Mendocino programs and resources to ensure that children have a strong, supported start to their lives. Childhood trauma, obesity and mental health disorders plague our community and I hope to see Mendocino County and the First 5 Mendocino Commission adopt enduring programs that will address these public health issues upstream.

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## Certification

Please read the following statements and indicate your acceptance thereof.

I hereby certify that I am a registered voter in the State of California, County of Mendocino, a citizen of the United States, and will be at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election. I am not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony. I certify under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information on this application is true and correct. I understand that assuming this public responsibility could result in public knowledge of my background and/or qualifications, including financial interests. Applications will be kept on file for one year.

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