

Diane Dillon - Experience

Community Service - Affiliations - Education

Land Use / Political Activities:

NAPAC (Napa Agricultural Preservation Action Committee)

(Member, Board of Directors, 1989-92)

Objective - political action committee formed to support candidates and issues for the preservation of agriculture in Napa County.

Result - helped secure funding to support the elections of supervisors in Napa County who supported NAPAC's goals, and the passage of the Measure J Initiative.

20-20 Vision Committee (member, 1989-1990)

Objective - campaign committee for the Measure J initiative.

Result: in November 2000, the voters of Napa County passed the Measure J initiative to protect lands zoned for agriculture and agricultural watershed from being changed to any other land use without another vote of the people.

No on W & X Committee (co-chair, 1995-1996)

Objective - campaign committee to oppose Measures W & X, county-wide initiatives to rezone 1200 acres of the Suscol Ridge area south of the City of Napa (agricultural watershed land) to allow 1700 homes, 27-hole golf course, and shopping area.

Result: in March 1996, 85% of the voters of Napa County said NO to W & X, preserving the Suscol Creek & Ridge area from being developed.

Received the Outstanding Service Award from UNVA (United Napa Valley Associates) for work in opposition to Measures W and X.

Get a Grip on Growth (co-organizer and member, 1997-1999)

Objective - political action committee organized to prevent sprawl at the Stanly Ranch (900+ acres cherry-stemmed into the jurisdiction of the City of Napa).

Result - in June 1999 the developer withdrew the proposed development project for 600+ homes, a large resort hotel and facilities, golf course, and over 100,000 sq. ft. of commercial building area. The land was sold and is now being used for agriculture and open space.

Previous Appointments (appointments made by Board of Supervisors in past):

Napa City-County Library Commission

(chair, 1989-1991; vice-chair, 1988-89; member, 1987-1991)

North Bay Cooperative Library System Advisory Board (member, 1984-87)

Napa County Law Library Board of Trustees (member 1982-1992)

Community and County-Wide Activities:

North Bay Regional Center - Board of Directors

(member, 1984-87; secretary, 1985-87; director search committee member, 1988)

NBRC serves the Counties of Napa, Solano, and Sonoma, and supervises the distribution of state funds mandated for the assistance and care to those persons with developmental disabilities.

Land Trust of Napa County (member, 1984 to present)

Non-profit organization that actively works to protect the natural diversity, scenic open space, and agricultural vitality of Napa County.

Member, Extraordinary Results Campaign Advisory Committee, 1996

Napa County Landmarks (member, 1982 to present; board member, 1995-2004)

Non-profit historic preservation organization that promotes the saving and appreciation of irreplaceable historic buildings and sites.

Rotary Club of St. Helena (member, 1987 to present; president, 1991-92)

Rotary is an organization of business and professional leaders who provide humanitarian service, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

First woman member (1987) and first woman president (1991-92)

Co-chair/organizing committee member - Winter Ball - 1991-2001

Paul Harris Fellow

St. Helena Hospital Foundation Board (board member, 1989-1995)

The Foundation enhances community awareness of and access to hospital services and raises funds to support those services.

St. Helena Chamber of Commerce

(member, 1989-2002; complimentary member 2003-present)

Jumelage Committee (delegation member to Bordeaux, May 1989 & May 1994)

Leadership Napa Valley (member, Class II, 1988-89)

November 1992: panel member for government & community involvement day

April 2011 and April 2012: panel member for agriculture day

Napa Valley Symphony (team member, Sustaining Fund Drive, 1987)

Napa County Volunteer Center (volunteer, Human Race, 1984-85)

Napa County Genealogical & Biographical Society (member, 1982 to present)

Napa County Historical Society life member (member since 1982)

St. Helena Historical Society member since 2003

Participant/volunteer at annual cemetery tour event; research committee member

Friends of the Napa City-County Public Library life member (member since 1991)

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Napa Valley Museum member since 2002

Sharpsteen Museum (Calistoga) life member since 2007

Professional Activities/Accreditations:

State Bar of California, Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Probate & Trust Administration, 1997-2009

California Women Lawyers (member, 1982 to present;
Board of Governors member, 1984-87; executive committee, 1986-87)

CWL is the largest association of women lawyers in the United States and only statewide association. It actively deals with women's rights issues, including on a national level.

Napa County Women Lawyers (founding member; member, 1982 to present)

Napa County Bar Association (member, 1981 to present)

California Library Association (member, 1976 to present)

Work Experience:

Coombs & Dunlap, LLP - 1984-2002

Partner - 1986-2002

Included being Assistant City Attorney - Calistoga in the early 90's

Associate - 1984-1985

Sonoma State Paralegal Program - 1982-1984 - instructor in legal research and writing

Gaw, Van Male, Smith & Drago - 1981-1984 - Associate

UC Davis - 1979-1980 - research assistant to law school professor

Slavitt, King, Weiser & Perlberger, Century City, CA - 1977-1978 - Law Librarian

UCLA - 1975-77 - law library staff member

U.S. Postal Service, Napa, CA - 1970-1973 - postal clerk

Education:

UC Davis, King Hall School of Law - May 1981 - J.D.

Member - UC Davis Law Review

Member, Moot Court Board

Editor, The Advocate (law school newspaper)

Member, King Hall Legal Foundation

Secretary and Member, Phi Delta Phi (legal fraternity), Gibson Chapter

UCLA - June 1977 - Masters in Library & Information Science

with a Certificate of Specialization in Law Librarianship

Gold Shield Oral History Intern

Member, Friends of Archaeology

UC Santa Barbara - June 1975 - B.A., Cultural Anthropology, with Honors

Dean's List, three quarters (of six attended)

Community Affairs Board Pre-Legal Program

Napa Junior College - attended 1970-1973

Napa High School - graduated June 1970