

To: The Elections Committee of the Arts Commission, City of San José

From: Jill Arnone, Member of the Arts Commission

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It is with honor that I humbly submit this document to your committee for consideration for Vice Chair of the Arts Commission for the 2007 – 2008 term.

As a current member of the Public Art Committee and former member of the Programs Committee, I have a well-rounded understanding of the overall workings of the Commission. Previous experience as Vice Chair of the Arts Commission included chairing the Executive Committee of the Arts Commission, as well as filling in during any absence of the Chair.

My activities through the years within the arts community of San José has included being active with Opera San José, and the Marketing Committee of the San José Downtown Association. As an advertising manager at both the Mercury News, during the inaugural issues of “eye”, as well as Metro Publishing, my role was constantly involved within the arts category, with marketing as the focus.

Through the years, I have been active in attendance of many performances, exhibits, and now, as serving on the Arts Commission for five years, continue to do so. Being on the Arts Commission has included the obvious duties: attendance at various arts functions, performances, dedications of public art, community awareness, as well as other related civic and social services community involvement.

Attached is a brief business bio/resumé:

The Arnone Group

Jill Arnone, President of The Arnone Group, has many years of experience in newspaper advertising, sales, communication, and project management. The Arnone Group includes focuses on media consulting, communications strategies, graphics and design, nonprofit events, public relations and publicity. Current clients include History San José, Mexican Heritage Plaza, Works/San José and Project Hired.

As a past president of the Board of Directors of the YWCA in Santa Clara Valley, she has initiated organizational leadership and fund-development. A variety of volunteerism and community service in the South Bay includes the United Way of Silicon Valley, San Jose Host Lions Club, Friends of Opera San José and the San Jose Downtown Association.

Ms. Arnone was appointed to the Arts Commission for the City of San José, which serves as an advisory board for the San José City Council, and has served as Vice Chairperson.

Ms. Arnone graduated from the University of Missouri with a Bachelor of Journalism Degree, specializing in advertising.

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