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Dear APHE Nominating Committee,

I would like to continue my work as a member of the APHE board. For the last three years my experiences as part of the APHE board have been very rewarding and inspirational. I am confident I have made many positive contributions to the organization. I am dedicated to continuing to be a part of these great successes, and hope you will consider me for nomination for the 2022- 2024 term.

I believe very strongly in the work of APHE and know that keeping connected with peers in the world of humane education is very important to our successes. The sharing of humane education resources is key to keeping up with new trends and ideas in animal welfare.

Currently I am Director of Community Engagement at Marin Humane in Novato California. Along with my experience in humane education and other animal welfares positions, I believe my leadership, team building, and interpersonal skills are a good fit for the position.

My resume will outline my experience and qualifications. In my early years I was a humane education instructor. I believe being a humane educator has been a part of every position I have held over the years. Humane education is more than just learning about pet care or preventing neglect or abuse. It is compassionate engagement that raises awareness and respect for both animals and people, empowering us to make our own humane choices.

I would be honored to be nominated for another term.

Thank you for your consideration,

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