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**To:** [Lacey Chagolla](#); [Miranda E. Wall](#)  
**Subject:** FW: [EXT]Fw: Appointment of Stew Jenkins for Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters  
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Dear Review Committee Member:

I am attaching an open letter I previously sent to the Board of Supervisors on June 16, 2021. I wanted to make sure your Committee was in its possession.

I want to stress that I continue to believe that Stew is a unique candidate and would be your best choice.

Thank you for anticipated consideration.

Ilan Funke-Bilu

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**From:** Ilan Funke-Bilu <[bilu1950@live.com](mailto:bilu1950@live.com)>  
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**Subject:** Appointment of Stew Jenkins for Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters

Open Letter to the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors:

I write this letter in support of the appointment of Stew Jenkins to fill the vacancy in our County's Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters. I need not echo the merits contained in his Letter of Application. Rather, I think it would be helpful in your consideration to provide my opinion, my perspective, of Stew Jenkins.

I have known Stew since 1979 when I started practicing law in San Luis. While my focus has always been criminal law, Stew practiced civil litigation, family law, civil rights law, elections

law, municipal law and, of course, criminal law. He mastered each. I enjoyed discussing strategies and tactics in criminal law with him. His patience and originality in thought is nonpareil. When he left the practice of criminal law to the practice of other fields, I missed him. I missed his wisdom. On the other hand, I recognized that his contributions in these other fields insured that justice would have its warrior there.

I have never seen or heard Stew raise his voice. He works seamlessly with employees, colleagues, superiors, and the public. His demeanor is judicial in its restraint.

Stew does not need this position. He is now at that point in his life where service to the community is paramount. Service for him soothes the soul and completes life. This is precisely the kind of individual that would make a great County Clerk-Recorder-Registrar of Voters. He is an individual who is not invested with an agenda other than to serve and serve well. Institutional treasures are rare in our county. Stew is a detail-oriented San Luis Obispo institutional treasure when it comes to civil rights, elections, and the operations of the office he aspires to lead.

Selecting Stew would soothe our county's soul in an era where it needs soothing. It would be a wise choice.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for your service for our community.

Ilan Funke-Bilu

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**From:** [County of SLO HR Office](#)  
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I strongly support your consideration of Stew Jenkins for County Clerk/Recorder. He would be a fair and principled choice for this position. His knowledge of election law and his objectivity would make for an excellent County Clerk for a County that needs one.

**From:** [County of SLO HR Office](#)  
**To:** [Lacey Chagolla](#); [Miranda E. Wall](#)  
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**Subject:** [EXT]support for Stew Jenkins for County Clerk-Recorder

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To the Review Committee for interim County Clerk-Recorder:

I strongly support the application of Stew Jenkins for the position of County Clerk-Recorder. Even before I knew was applying, I told my wife that, of all the people whom I know personally, Stew Jenkins would be the perfect person: not only does he know the law, he has been a resident of SLO County all his life, and he is also a champion of the rights guaranteed by the Constitution.

Stew is a man of principle, regardless of party affiliation. He has been courageous in fighting for rights of people who may not have been in the current power structure. He has been a watchdog to make sure that government works for the people, a fundamental tenet of our founding fathers.

There is no more sacred right guaranteed by the Constitution than the right of the people to choose their government through free and fair elections. Stew has not only the knowledge but also the passion to make this work. He would be the ideal candidate for the position that demands wisdom without bias.

Jan William Simek