

**APPENDIX L
CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENT**

CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION CANDIDATE PLATFORM STATEMENT

CEHA OFFICE: CEHA Executive Treasurer

CANDIDATE'S NAME: Michelle Bilodeau

TELEPHONE NUMBER: (650) 863-2657

CEHA CHAPTER AFFILIATION: Superior Chapter

CURRENT EMPLOYER/AGENCY: Yolo County Environmental Health

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

Environmental Health Program Coordinator, Yolo County Environmental Health 2022-Present

Environmental Health Specialist III, Yolo County Environmental Health 2019-2022

Assistant to the President, Backflow Prevention Specialists, Inc. 2017-2019

Environmental Health Specialist II, Sacramento County Environmental Management Department 2016

Environmental Health Specialist IV/Cross-Connection Control Coordinator, San Mateo County Environmental Health 2012-2016

Environmental Health Specialist III, San Mateo County Environmental Health 2008-2012

Health & Environmental Investigator II, Seattle-King County Environmental Health 2006-2008

Environmental Health Specialist (Technician – Senior), Contra Costa Environmental Health 1999-2005

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Foothill Community College, Geographic Information Specialist Certification, 2012

Master of Arts, University of Washington, Seattle, 2009

Bachelor of Arts, University of California, Santa Cruz, 2000

CEHA and CHAPTER ACTIVITIES:

Superior Chapter Secretary 2021-2022

Superior Chapter President Elect, 2022-2023

Superior Chapter President, 2023-2024

NEHA Member 2021 to present

NEHA Environmental Health Leadership Academy Mentee Year 2 Cohort, 2022-2023

PLATFORM STATEMENT:

I am seeking the position of the CEHA Executive Board’s Treasurer. I bring 25 years of experience working in the environmental health field. If elected to this position, I will bring my passion and desire to preserve and promote our professional membership.

I believe my contributions to our profession make me an excellent candidate for this position. When I began my career 25 years ago as an Environmental Health Technician for Contra Costa Environmental Health, I felt inspired and a sense I was entering into a profession that I could make a difference in. Surrounded by mentors who were active CEHA members, I understood it was important to actively contribute to the profession early in my career.

Over the course of my career, I feel I have made valuable contributions to the environmental health profession. While working at Contra Costa Environmental Health, I taught ServSafe Food Safety Manager courses to numerous food operators. When I became a Senior EHS, I taught other staff on reviewing food construction plans and conducting construction inspections. I have had the opportunity to work in another state (Washington) as a Registered Sanitarian while also pursuing a Master’s in Health Geography. In this role, I mentored numerous undergraduate students seeking a Public and/or Environmental Health bachelor’s degree. Upon my return to California working as an EHS IV for San Mateo County, I took on the role of Cross-Connection Control Program Coordinator and led efforts to educate other environmental health professionals about backflow prevention and safeguarding drinking water supplies.

More recently, I have played a vital role in CEHA first as the Superior Chapter Secretary starting in 2021 and then moving on to become President Elect and now President. I along with other Superior Chapter members put on a successful 2023 Annual Educational Symposium in 2023 in Sacramento. I have been a speaker as well as a moderator for several AES’s and have also spoken at NEHA’s Annual Educational Conference. In 2022-2023 I was fortunate to also participate as a cohort member of NEHA’s Environmental Health Leadership Academy where I gained skills in effective leadership, budgeting, and environmental health ethics.

I currently work as an Environmental Health Program Coordinator for Yolo County Environmental Health. I supervise 5 EHS staff and oversee the implementation of several programs and budgets for the Consumer Protection Unit which includes retail food, recreational health, body art and substandard housing. I also administer several grants in this position including multiyear grant funding from NEHA-FDA Retail Flexible Funding Model (RFFM) through our jurisdiction’s participation in the FDA’s Voluntary National Retail Food Regulatory Program Standards.

If elected to the CEHA Executive Treasurer position, I hope to carry on the excellent work of our current Treasurer Matthew Weinburke and immediate Past President Linda Launer to ensure our professional membership is financially sound and solvent. I hope to also mentor future board members to carry on this role. Thank you for your consideration.

I certify that the above information is correct and, as an official candidate for CEHA elected office, hereby give my consent for its use on the CEHA ballot.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

