


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting February 7, 2023
To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: City Administration
Subject: Consideration and Direction to Mayor or his/her Designated Representative for Voting for Various Boards and Committee Vacancies at the February 2023 City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting
Recommendation: That the Mayor and Council discuss and provide Direction to Voting Delegate or Alternate(s)
Funding: Currently Budgeted: _____ Yes _____ No _____xxx_____ N/A

Net General Fund Cost: \$
Amount: \$

Account Code/Costs authorized in City Approved Budget AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE:

This item is to request that the City Council Discuss and Provide Direction to Mayor or his/her Designated Representative for Voting for Various Boards and Committee Vacancies at the February 9, 2023 City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Association Meetings.

BACKGROUND:

The Sonoma County Mayors’ and Councilmembers’ Association Board of Directors and the City Selection Committee is a collaboration of all Sonoma County cities with a goal of creating a united front to represent the strongest voice possible in support of city interests. The City Selection Committee and the Board of Directors for the Sonoma County Mayors’ and Councilmembers’ Association and the General Membership conducts meetings bi-monthly. On February 10, 2022, the City Selection Committee and Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors will make appointments to upcoming vacancies on various committees.

The Board of Directors of the Association shall be comprised of the Mayors of the member cities and the officers of the Association. The officers of the Association shall have no vote unless they are Mayors. In the event a Mayor is unable to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors, he/she shall designate another member, who must be a regular member of the Association, to serve as the representative, by letter delivered to the Secretary of the Association at the time of such meeting or prior thereto. In lieu of a letter being provided prior to each meeting, cities may instead provide a letter to the Chair City at the beginning of each term designating the approved alternates for their city. By such a letter, a Mayor may designate another councilperson to serve as his/her representative on all occasions when the Mayor is absent, or only for a particular meeting or meetings. The representative shall enjoy the same voting privilege during the Board of Directors’ meeting as would the Mayor he/she represents. In the absence of such a letter, no one shall be entitled to act as the representative of a Mayor. If there are no letters of interest, the by-laws of the Sonoma County Mayors’ and Councilmembers’ Association allows for nominations from the floor at the meeting.

At the January 3, 2023, City Council meeting, the City Council approved the Designated Voting Delegate and Alternate(s) to Vote in the Mayor's Absence for the 2023 Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers City

1. Mayor Hinton
2. Vice Mayor Rich
3. Maurer
4. McLewis
5. Zollman

A letter was submitted to the Chair City indicating the Designated Voting Delegates in accordance with the by laws for the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association.

DISCUSSION:

The City Selection Committee and the Mayors and Councilmembers Association, which includes all the Sonoma County cities, fills vacancies on various local or regional Boards or Commissions when the terms of office expire or upon resignation. The Chair of the City Selection and Mayor and Councilmembers Association requested letters of interest for the openings listed below. Letter(s) of interest submitted are listed under each Opening.

Board of Directors

ABAG Executive Board: Alternate (to fill seat vacated by Dennis Pocekey, Petaluma, term expires June 2023.)

1 letter of interest received: Stephen Zollman – Sebastopol

1. **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee: 1 seat** (to fill seat vacated by former Council Member Osvaldo Jimenez, Healdsburg, term expires February 2024)

2 letters of interest received: Todd Lands – Cloverdale
Mark Stapp – Santa Rosa

2. **North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board: 1 seat** (to fill seat vacated by former Council Member John Sawyer, Santa Rosa, term expires two years from appointment)

1 letter of interest received: Jackie Elward, Rohnert Park

3. **Child Care Planning Council of Sonoma County: 1 seat** (currently held by Council Member Victoria Fleming, Santa Rosa, term expires three years from appointment)

1 letter of interest received: Stephen Zollman – Sebastopol

4. **Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Commission: 2 seats** (currently held by Council Member Melanie Bagby, Cloverdale, term expires February 2023 and Council Member Chris Rogers, Santa Rosa, term expires February 2023.

2 letters of interest received: Melanie Bagby – Cloverdale
Chris Rogers – Santa Rosa

City Selection Committee

Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO): 2 seats + alternate (to fill seat vacated by former Council Member Pam Stafford, Rohnert Park and Mark Landman, Cotati and the alternate seat vacated by former Council Member Patrick Slayter, Sebastopol term expires 4-years from appointment)

4 letters of interest received: Sandra Lowe – Sonoma
Susan Harvey – Cotati
Jeff Okrepkie – Santa Rosa
Stephen Zollman – Sebastopol

1. **Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee: alternate** (to fill seat vacated by former Councilmember Osvaldo Jimenez, Healdsburg, unspecified term)

2. **Remote Access Network (RAN) Board: 1 seat (must be a Mayor)** (to fill seat vacated by former Council Member Mark Landman, Cotati)

3. **Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board: 1 seat** (to fill seat vacated by former Council Member Teresa Barrett, Petaluma, 2-year term)

1 letter of interest received: Brian Barnacle - Petaluma

City Council / General Plan Goals:

This item reflects the City Council Goals and Values as listed below:

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The City of Sebastopol is committed to maintaining a high quality of life for current and future members of our community, through excellent public service and careful stewardship of its financial, human, and natural resources.

Goal 5 - Provide Open and Responsive Municipal Government Leadership

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW

The proposed action is exempt from the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) in accordance with CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(5), in that adopting a resolution making required findings and authorizing the City Manager to implement teleconferenced public meetings for the City Council and all City subordinate bodies pursuant to Assembly Bill 361 does not meet CEQA's definition of a "project," because the action does not have the potential for resulting in either a direct physical change in the environment or a reasonably foreseeable indirect physical change in the environment, and because the action constitutes organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment. and is exempt pursuant to Section 15269(c) of the CEQA Guidelines, as specific actions necessary to prevent or mitigate an emergency.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of this item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

This item was noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to the scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no cost associated with this item tonight.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council Provide Direction to the Mayor or Voting Representative for Voting at the City Selection Committee Meeting and the Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Meeting of February 9, 2023. It is also recommended that if late nominations are received, that the City Council direct the Mayor or Designated Voting Representative to:

1. Have the authority to vote on these late nominations or recommendations at the City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Association Meetings; or
2. Abstain from Vote; or
3. Direct that late nominations be returned to all Cities for review and recommendation to voting designate/alternates.

Attachment:

Letters of Interest



Stephen Zollman
City Councilmember

City of Sebastopol
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Sebastopol, CA 95472
www.cityofsebastopol.org

January 11, 2023

Chair
Mayors and Councilmembers Association
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448

Dear Chair,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am applying for the ABAG Executive Board Alternate position as well as the Child Care Planning Council seat. I am hoping that my many years as an attorney working with various agencies and my prior service on the Child Care Planning Council will be of service to these positions.

During my twelve years as a San Francisco Public Defender I interacted with many agencies in order to seek services for my clients. I have similarly interacted with many agencies in Sonoma County while trying to secure services for domestic violence survivors with children since I relocated in 2013. I was appointed to the Child Care Planning Council by Supervisor Carrillo in 2013 and served nearly two years, to include being public policy co-chair. Additionally I have served on a number of childcare related nonprofit boards to include River To Coast Children's Services and Child Parent Institute.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you and hopefully being of service to these positions. If you have questions, please find my e-mail below. Thank you very much for you consideration.

All Best,

signed
Stephen Zollman
Sebastopol Council Member
szollman@cityofsebastopol.org



January 12, 2023

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
ATTN: Raina Allan, City Clerk/Public Information Officer, CMC
Email: rallan@healdsburg.gov

Re: Letter of Interest for Appointment to the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District (Ag + Open Space) Citizens Advisory Committee

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I write to respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee.

As a member of the Cloverdale Unified School District Board of Directors, I was a tireless supporter of funding for new school facilities and amenities that benefited the community, including properties for cross-country running and hiking. I continuously pushed for programs that worked to preserve our environment, while enjoying what they offer. This experience would be valuable serving on the Ag + Open Space Board Citizens Advisory Committee. As the Mayor of Cloverdale, I have worked collaboratively with the Sonoma County Regional Parks Department on identifying opportunities to expand local parks and recreational opportunities in northern Sonoma County with a focus on expanding access to the Russian River, while repairing and preserving the area. In addition, I spearheaded a park vegetation management program in coordination with Sonoma County Regional Parks, Fish and Game, Ca. State Water Quality Control, Sonoma County Water Agency, Northern Sonoma County Fire District and County Probation Department that support public health and safety while continuing to promote public access for outdoor recreation and protection of our natural resources.

Thank you for your consideration of my appointment to the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Citizens Advisory Committee. Please feel free to call or email me at tlands@ci.cloverdale.ca.us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd Lands".

Todd Lands
Mayor, City of Cloverdale

cc: Cloverdale City Council



Mark Stapp
Council Member
City of Santa Rosa
100 Santa Rosa Ave.
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

January 12, 2023

Board of Directors Appointments
Chair
Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
ATTN: Raina Allan, City Clerk/Public Information Officer, CMC

Dear Ms. Allan,

I am pleased to submit this Letter of Interest for the available seat on the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee. I was elected in November to the Santa Rosa City Council and hope to represent the City with Ag + Open Space. Protecting Sonoma County's agricultural areas and wildlands is critical to the future of our County. Our open spaces are the basis for healthy communities, vibrant ecosystems, fire resilience, and even ensuring our water supply.

I am already engaged with issues and projects adjacent to the work of Ag + Open Space, and believe my experience would be an asset to the Advisory Committee:

- In my role at Sonoma State University as Senior Director for Corporate and Foundation Relations, I partner with SSU's Center for Environmental Inquiry to secure funds to support SSU's 4,160 acres of wildland preserves, including the 450-acre Fairfield-Osborn Preserve on Sonoma Mountain and the 40-acre Los Guillicos Preserve near Mount Hood;
- I work closely with SSU's Wine Business Institute, which promotes education and research related to issues of land use and sustainability throughout California;
- I am currently Vice President for the Sonoma County Farm Bureau Foundation Board, which supports agricultural education and environmental resilience throughout the County.

On a personal note, my wife and I live adjacent to Trione-Annadel State Park and, in 2021, we both certified as Wildland Level 2 Firefighters with the intention of assisting with prescribed burns. In short, Ag + Open Space's commitment to our natural and agricultural spaces resonates with me deeply and I would be proud to serve the organization as an Advisory Committee Member. I thank the Association members for their consideration, and will be happy to provide additional information about my background and interest upon request.

Warmly,

Mark Stapp

Mark Stapp

Council Member

City of Santa Rosa

[707-328-7024/mstapp@srcity.org](mailto:mstapp@srcity.org)



October 12, 2022

City Council

Jackie Elward
Mayor

Samantha Rodriguez
Vice Mayor

Gerard Giudice
Susan Hollingsworth-Adams
Pam Stafford
Councilmembers

Darrin Jenkins
City Manager

Don Schwartz
Assistant City Manager

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon
City Attorney

Sergio Rudin
Assistant City Attorney

Cindy Bagley
Director of Community Services

Leo Tacata
Finance Director

Vanessa Garrett
Director of Public Works

Sylvia Lopez Cuevas
City Clerk

Tim Mattos
Public Safety Director

Mary Grace Pawson
*Director of
Development Services*

Jamie Cannon
Director of Human Resources

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association
City of Cotati
Mark Landman, Chair
201 W Sierra Avenue
Cotati, CA 94931

Re: Request for Appointment to the North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for my appointment to the North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board.

I've been an active member of the League of California Cities since elected to the Rohnert Park City Council in 2020. I would love the chance to expand my understanding of the challenges faced by all of the member cities and towns. I believe together we create a stronger voice and can successfully implement change.

I am excited at the opportunity to work collaboratively with the League of California Cities. I believe working together and sharing common experiences will help us come up with creative solutions to ongoing issues.

Thank you so much for your consideration of my request for appointment to the North Bay Division, LOCC, Executive Board.

Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at (707) 588-2223, or by email at jelward@rpcity.org.

Sincerely,


Jackie Elward
Mayor



January 10, 2023

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
ATTN: Raina Allan, City Clerk/Public Information Officer, CMC
Email: rallan@healdsburg.gov

Re: Reappointment to the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Board

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers:

I write to ask for your support to continue to represent you as one of two Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers appointees to the **Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Board (SMART)** board.

In the past two years as your representative on the SMART Board, I have made valuable contributions, forged strong regional relationships, and helped move SMART forward to realize its potential. I was instrumental in the hiring of the new SMART Executive Director, actively participated in SMART events and bike tours of the multi-modal trail, and worked with local jurisdictions to capitalize on SMART's potential to help each of our communities reach our climate and transportation goals. Integral to my work on SMART and Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA) is also serving on the Great Redwood Trail Agency (GRTA) Board. Early in the tenures of each executive director, I arranged for a tour of northern Sonoma County that included the leadership teams of each agency, city and county staff, and council members to begin to address the opportunities for partnership between SMART and GRTA. I have also been instrumental in helping SMART seek letters of support for SMART funding from diverse interest groups throughout our region. With your support, I will continue the important work to expand SMART north, improve ridership, develop collaborative relationships with and much more.

For the past six years, I have served on SCTA/Regional Climate Protection Authority (RCPA) giving me valuable understanding of how transportation projects are planned, funded, and completed; hearing from our constituents and community partners about their transportation priorities, frustrations, and vision for the future; and watching how an evolving economy, emerging technologies, and the pandemic irrevocably changed how we work, live, and travel, and their implications for multi-modal projects like SMART.

In addition to my previous two years serving you on SMART, my other service includes:

- Cloverdale City Council Member 2016-Present;
- Board member: Sonoma Clean Power 2016-present;
- Russian River Watershed Association 2016-2018;
- Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, 2017-2020;
- ZeroWaste Sonoma 2017-2018;
- Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee 2019-Present;

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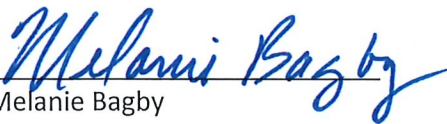
- League of California Cities: Executive Board, 2022-present, 2018-2020; Mayors & Councilmembers Division President, 2018; Redwood Division President, 2019-2020; Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations Policy Committee, 2017-Present; Environmental Quality 2020-present;
- Cloverdale Planning Commission, 2008-2015;
- Fellow, Leadership Institute for Just and Resilient Communities, 2009;
- Sonoma County Economic Development Board, District 4, 2010-2015; and
- SMART campaign volunteer: Measure Q 2008, Measure R 2006

Success for SMART is not simply a train from Cloverdale to Larkspur, but rather fulfilling its potential to be the backbone of a multi-modal, integrated transportation network that spurs transit-oriented development, fosters equity, dramatically reduces Sonoma County's GHG emissions, improves safety and quality of life, and connects all of us with jobs, educational opportunities, wellness services, and recreation. I am committed to securing funding for the incomplete segments, completing the multi-modal pathway, and responding to emerging challenges and changing travel patterns with enthusiasm and innovation.

I have a proven track record of leading with common sense, effectively representing my constituents, and taking a systems approach to problem solving. It would be my honor to continue to work for you and your cities on the SMART board and humbly ask for your support.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,


Melanie Bagby
Councilmember, City of Cloverdale

cc: Cloverdale City Council



1.11.23

Friends,

I respectfully request your support in continuing to serve on the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit Board, representing the Mayors and Councilmembers Association.

I currently serve as the Chair of the Sonoma County Transportation Authority and Regional Climate Protection Authority and have been working over the last few years to better integrate our major transit networks to meet the ambitious climate goals we all have supported.

In my time on the Board, we have appointed a new Executive Director, cut the ribbon on the Larkspur extension, supported new solutions to solving the “first and last mile” problem, and we are rapidly approaching the extension of the line to Windsor.

We are also trying to do new things to better serve our communities, including aligning the train schedule with major events (such as at the Green Music Center’s schedule and the Giants baseball games), kids-ride-free programs, and Rail and Sail passes to bring people from the City to the North Bay.

SMART is a gem, and we have seen our ridership bounce back from the COVID-19 pandemic faster and stronger than any other regional transit system. I would be proud to continue serving on the board for a second term and working to fulfill our mission of providing high quality and reliable public transit from Cloverdale to Larkspur. If you would like to discuss specific SMART issues in your community, please feel free to give me a call anytime.

Warmly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Rogers".

Chris Rogers
Councilmember
City of Santa Rosa
(707) 547-7685

City of Santa Rosa
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Santa Rosa, CA 95404

City of Sonoma

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Tokaj, Hungary

October 20, 2022

City Selection Committee
Mayors & Council Members Association of Sonoma County
Attn: Kevin Patterson
Deputy City Clerk
City of Cotati
201 W Sierra Avenue
Cotati CA 94931

RE: LETTER OF INTEREST – LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Dear Mayors and Council Members:

I am writing to request your support for my appointment to the Local Agency Formation Commission as one of the two members to be appointed.

In 2021 I was elected, via special election, to fill a vacant seat on the Sonoma City Council and have already submitted my Candidate Intention statement for 2024. Previously, I served two terms on the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. Currently, I am serving on multiple County committees, including Sonoma County Transportation & Regional Climate Protection Agency and Sonoma Clean Power.

The City of Sonoma has just received its first LAFCO approved MSR since 2006. The MSR made four recommendations about modifications to the City's SOI, one of which includes eliminating an "island". Further, there is continued discussion of annexation of the "Springs" area adjacent to the city limits. The City of Sonoma has not had membership on the commission and wishes to be more actively engaged at the regional level by filling a seat at LAFCO.

With the support of the Sonoma City Council, I would be happy to fulfill a four-year term and to assist in moving forward LAFCO's objectives: to **encourage** the orderly formation of local government agencies and promote the efficient provision of public services; to **preserve** agricultural land and open-space resources; and to **promote** orderly growth and discourage urban sprawl.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Sandra M. Lowe
Council Member
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(707) 326-2461



January 11, 2023

Chair
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
City of Cotati
201 West Sierra Ave
Cotati, CA 94931
Attn: Kevin Patterson, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

Re: Request for Appointment to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members,

I am submitting this letter to you to advance my candidacy for election to the above position by the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Board of Directors.

I have been honored to serve as the representative of the Mayors and Council Members on various positions, most recently as your member to the North Bay Division LOCC Executive Board. I have represented our city on many regional JPA's and Committees that have given me a wealth of knowledge about the issues in our region. My knowledge and experience addressing issues of water, waste and legislative concerns for our region provides me with a perspective to hit the ground running on the projects facing LAFCO.

I am proud of the regional approach taken, in Sonoma County, by all of our JPA's and Committees. During my time on the Council, I have seen this grow stronger as the Cities continue to work towards solutions that work for all of our communities. I strongly believe that together we are able to provide the best and most efficient services when a regional approach is appropriate. We all live in a special place and love our rural character. I will continue to support our open space and agricultural areas by ensuring we advance efforts to preserve these valuable resources. Our region has worked hard to prevent urban sprawl and ensure that we have appropriate growth boundaries. I respect the choices made by our communities and would work to honor those boundaries.

I respectfully ask for your support of my request for appointment and will work hard to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Susan Harvey'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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Susan Harvey
Vice Mayor



1/11/2023

City Selection Committee Assignments
Deputy Clerk of the Board
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Dr, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
ATTN: Noelle Francis

To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider this my official letter of interest for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jeff Okrepkie", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

Jeff Okrepkie
Councilmember, District 6 | City of Santa Rosa

CC: City of Healdsburg
Mayors and Councilmembers Association



Stephen Zollman
City Councilmember

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January 11, 2023

Deputy Clerk of the Board
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors
575 Administration Dr, Room 100A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
ATTN: Noelle Francis

Dear Ms. Francis,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am applying for the LAFCO and Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee Alternate positions. I am hoping that my many years as an attorney working with various agencies along with my MBA will be of service to these positions.

During my years of representing clients I have worked with various agencies to seek results that worked for both parties. During my time living in Guerneville, I followed the interests of involving LAFCO. My MBA will hopefully be helpful with the issues involved with the Oversight Board Committee's work.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you and hopefully being of service to these positions. If you have questions, please find my e-mail below. Thank you very much for your consideration.

All Best,
signed

Stephen Zollman
Sebastopol Council Member
szollman@cityofsebastopol.org



CITY OF PETALUMA

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PETALUMA, CA 94953-0061

Brian Barnacle
Councilmember

January 6, 2023

Chair
Mayors and Councilmembers Association
City of Healdsburg
401 Grove Street
Healdsburg, CA 95448
ATTN: Raina Allan, City Clerk/Public Information Officer, CMC

Re: Appointment to Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board of Directors

Dear Sonoma County Mayors and Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in appointing me to serve on the Bay Area Air Quality Management District (BAAQMD) Board of Directors.

The last 13 years of my career have been focused on energy, transportation, and buildings policy and program development. My experience with air quality improvement measures includes building and appliance regulations, and electrification of light duty vehicles, first/last-mile delivery, and heavy-duty trucking. I have participated in regulatory processes at the California Public Utilities Commission, Air Resources Board, and Energy Commission, and helped advance climate and clean energy legislation in Sacramento.

In 2020, I ran for a seat on the Petaluma City Council because I truly love local government. Now, after two years of serving, I am seeking a seat on the BAAQMD Board because I want to help reduce emissions and local air pollution throughout Bay Area communities.

In many ways, BAAQMD's work is precedent-setting for our nation. Addressing intersectional issues like environmental, climate, and economic justice require BAAQMD board members to do what is best for the health of our climate and public, while mitigating concerns about equity, career displacement, the economy, and more. I am up for the challenge.

As the son of a union carpenter who was raised in a Sonoma County dairy family and today works in climate policy, my life experiences have forced me to see different sides of issues. My diverse background will help me understand and take principled positions on the many complex issues that BAAQMD takes on.

For these reasons, I ask for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (707) 373-6414 or by email at bbarnacle@cityofpetaluma.org if you would like to speak more about my interest in this position.

Thank you for your consideration and happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Brian Barnacle

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