


Agenda Report Reviewed by:
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL
CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Meeting February 1, 2022
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 10, 2022 City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors Association Meetings
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 10, 2022 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.

At the January 4, 2022 City Council meeting, the City Council approved the Mayor and following Designated Voting Representatives (in order of approval) in case of the Mayor’s absence.

- Vice Mayor Hinton
- Councilmember Glass
- Councilmember Rich
- Councilmember Gurney

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.

City Selection Committee Appointment to Consider:

- **Airport Land Use Commission**, one position, to fill vacated seat of Jack Tibbetts (Santa Rosa). Current term expires May 2023. (Letters due January 19th)
No letters received

Board of Directors Appointment to Consider:

- **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee**, one position, to fill the vacated seat of Ariel Kelley (Healdsburg). Term expire two years from appointment. (Letters due January 10th)
One letter received – Mayor Ozzy Jimenez (Healdsburg)

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 schedule meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal 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 10, 2022. It is also recommended that if late nominations are received, that the City Council authorize the Mayor or Designated Voting Representative 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.

Attachment:

Letters of Interest (Jimenez)

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Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
City of Cotati
Lauren Berges, City Clerk
201 W. Sierra Ave.
Cotati, CA 94931

**RE: Vacancy Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District
Advisory Committee Letter of Interest**

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members:

I write to you all to ask respectfully for the consideration to the appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

As a long time Latinx/e resident of Sonoma County I have firsthand experience in the important need for preservation of our natural resources and open spaces. With my business entrepreneurship background and as nonprofit consultant I believe I would be a strong asset to serve on this advisory committee.

As board member for more than five years at Healdsburg Forever an Affiliate of Community Foundation Sonoma County, I have experience in how grant programs and funding work together and how interconnected they are in achieving goals for betterment of our community.

As Vice Mayor of Healdsburg, I strongly advocated for affordable housing on two parcels at the Montage development site, a project that included extensive open space, trails, and public access. In doing so, I dove deeply into CEQA, easements, mixed housing product types, and a 10-year Development Agreement. I believe my firsthand experience in this would be vital for this Committee.

In my time on Healdsburg City Council, I have had to balance the delicate need between, housing development, open space preservation, equity, and economic diversity. My experience in business, the nonprofit sector, civic government, and public service would be well suited and would be meaningful for our broader community in Sonoma County.

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Lastly, as a longtime resident of Sonoma County for over 30 years there is no place more beautiful than here in our County. My family comes from a long line of agricultural workers, farmers, and cattle ranchers in Jalisco Mexico. Working with landowners, easements, and preserving the natural wonder of this place is what is calling me to serve on this committee. I would welcome an opportunity in helping to preserve public access for outdoor recreation for many generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at ojimenez@healdsburg.gov.

Respectfully,

Ozzy Jimenez, Mayor
City of Healdsburg