

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** June 1, 2021  
**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 June 10, 2021 City Selection Committee and Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting  
**Recommendation :** That the City Council Discuss and Consider the Letters of Interest and Provide Direction to the Mayor or Designated Representative  
**Funding:** Currently Budgeted: \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No XX N/A  
Net General Fund Cost:  
Amount: \$

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

**INTRODUCTION/PURPOSE**

This item is to request that the City Council Provide Direction to the Mayor or Voting Delegate for Voting at the City Selection Meeting of June 10, 2021.

**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 June 10, 2021, the City Selection Committee and Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors will make appointments to upcoming vacancies on various committees. The Chair City, City of Cloverdale, will be sending out an agenda and packet prior to the June 10, 2021 meeting.

At the December 1, 2020 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 Gurney  
Councilmember Hinton  
Councilmember Rich  
Councilmember Slayer

**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. Letters of interest submitted are listed under each Board/Commission.

### City Selection Committee Appointments:

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- City Selection Chair – To fill Mayor Jason Turner’s term (expires January 2022)
- Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District – (Appointment made by the Board of Supervisors) One position, to fill expired term (January 2021) of Gina Belforte, Rohnert Park. (Two-year term)
  - Letter of Interest Received from Gerald Giudice (Rohnert Park)
- Local Agency Formation Commission – One Alternate Position, to fill term (May 2022) of Mark Landman, Cotati (Mr. Landman has been made a full member therefore his Alternate Position has become open.) (Two-year term)
  - Letter of Interest Received from Patrick Slayter (Sebastopol)
- Measure O Oversight Committee - Two positions, to fill two newly created Committee positions (Three-year terms)
  - Letter of Interest Received from Ben Ford (Cotati)
  - Letter of Interest Received from Kevin McDonnell (Petaluma)
  - Letter of Interest Received from Sydney Smith (Santa Rosa City Schools)
- Remote Access Network (RAN) Board – Replace Tom Schwedhelm if position changes as Mayor (there is no specific term, but it must be filled by a Mayor.)
- Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee, one position (Alternate), to fill a vacated term of David Cook Sonoma. (Unspecified term.)

### Board of Directors Appointments:

**North Bay Division, League of California Cities**, one position (primary/alternate), currently being filled by alternate John Sawyer (February 2021) (Santa Rosa), due to resignation of Rachel Hundley, Sonoma. Term expires two years from appointment. Councilmember Sawyer (current alternate) could be officially designated the primary and an alternate would need to be designated, depending on letters of interest received. For letters of interest submitted, please indicate if you are interested in serving as a primary, alternate or either.

- Letter of Interest Received by John Sawyer (Santa Rosa) for the primary position.

### 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 June 10, 2021. It is also recommended that if late nominations are received or if the City Selection Committee recommends an alternate to the newly created position, 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 Meeting.

### Attachment:

Letters of Interest

COUNTY OF SONOMA  
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

575 ADMINISTRATION DRIVE, RM. 100A  
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95403

(707) 565-2241  
FAX (707) 565-3778

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD

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CHAIR

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VICE CHAIR

SUSAN GORIN

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JAMES GORE

May 19, 2021

Jason Turner  
124 N Cloverdale Boulevard  
Cloverdale, CA 95425  
Re: June 2021 City Selection Committee Meeting

Dear Mayor Turner:

The City Selection Committee will hold its June meeting. At that meeting, the Committee will consider making appointments and recommendations to the following:

**City Selection Chair** – To fill Mayor Jason Turner’s term (expires January 2022)

**Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District** – (Appointment made by the Board of Supervisors) One position, to fill expired term (January 2021) of Gina Belforte, Rohnert Park. (Two-year term)

**Local Agency Formation Commission** – One Alternate Position, to fill term (May 2022) of Mark Landman, Cotati (Mr. Landman has been made a full member therefore his Alternate Position has become open.) (Two-year term)

**Measure O Oversight Committee** - Two positions, to fill two newly created Committee positions (Three-year terms)

**Remote Access Network (RAN) Board** – Replace Tom Scwedhelm if position changes as Mayor (there is no specific term, but it must be filled by a Mayor.) **This has been agendized twice with no letters of interest.**

**Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee**, one position (Alternate), to fill a vacated term of David Cook Sonoma. (Unspecified term.) **This has been agendized twice with no letters of interest.**

If you have any questions please contact: **Darin A. Bartow, Clerk, City Selection Committee, 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403, or emailed to [darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org](mailto:darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org), or at 707-565-2241.**

Sincerely,



Darin A. Bartow, J.D.  
Clerk  
City Selection Committee



**City Council**

Gerard Giudice  
Mayor

Jackie Elward  
Vice Mayor

Susan Hollingsworth Adams  
Willy Linares  
Pam Stafford  
Councilmembers

Darrin Jenkins  
City Manager

Don Schwartz  
Assistant City Manager

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon  
City Attorney

Sergio Rudin  
Assistant City Attorney

Nishil Bali  
Finance Director

Sylvia Lopez Cuevas  
City Clerk

Tim Mattos  
Public Safety Director

John McArthur  
Director of Public Works and  
Community Services

Mary Grace Pawson  
Director of  
Development Services

Victoria Perrault  
Human Resources Director

April 15, 2021

Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Drive, 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Attn: Darin A. Bartow  
Email: [darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org](mailto:darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org)

Re: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Letter of Interest

Dear Honored Members of the Mayors and Councilmembers Association and the City Selection Committee,

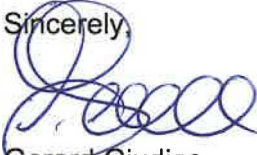
I am writing to respectfully request your support for the appointment to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District City Selection Committee.

I have a great appreciation for the continued work being done to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently along Highway 101, and I would like to be part of the process as you continue to look at various ways to increase optimization of bus routes, ferry routes, and passenger capacity.

As you know, Rohnert Park continues to grow on both sides of Highway 101 with both residential and commercial development, and it is imperative we continue to support our current commuter options.

For the last 10 years, I have served on the Rohnert Park Planning Commission, and I believe I can bring a unique perspective as member of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation City Selection Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation City Selection Committee. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at (707) 332-1162, or by email at [ggiudice@rpcity.org](mailto:ggiudice@rpcity.org). I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,  
  
Gerard Giudice  
Mayor

March 18, 2021

To: Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

In Care of: Darin A. Bartow, JD  
Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma  
575 Administration Dr., 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Copy To: Jason Turner  
Chair, Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association  
City of Cloverdale  
124 N. Cloverdale Blvd.  
Cloverdale, CA 95425

Irene Camacho-Werby, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Cloverdale

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers;

I am writing to ask for your city's support for appointment to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Mayors and Councilmembers Association alternate position.

LAFCO's mission is threefold: to encourage orderly formation of governmental agencies and promote efficient delivery of public services; to preserve open space and agricultural land use, and; to discourage urban sprawl through orderly growth.

The experience gained through my chosen profession as an architect, my time spent on the Sebastopol Planning Commission, and as a member of the Sebastopol City Council prepares me for service as a member of LAFCO. During my tenure with the City, Sebastopol has developed three Housing Elements, adopted a new General Plan along with the attendant major revision to the Zoning Ordinance, updated a voter-approved urban growth boundary and decided a myriad of land use and long-range planning questions.

As you are aware, land use, planning, preservation and developing productive relationships between governmental agencies are paramount to responsive government. The current discussions and actions surrounding the potential consolidation of fire and school districts impact the entire County, and is a particular focus in Sebastopol and the greater West County. My positive and constructive interagency relationships, developed over many years, as well as professional training and experience, positions me ideally for this appointment.

If you have any questions, or would like to discuss this further, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707-829-9090 or at ps.sebcc@gmail.com. I would be honored to serve as one of your city representatives to LAFCO and appreciate your support.

Thank you for your consideration,

Handwritten signature of Patrick Slayter in black ink.

Patrick Slayter  
Council Member  
City of Sebastopol

26 March 2021

To: City Selection Committee  
Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

In Care of: Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
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Attn: Darin A. Bartow  
[darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org](mailto:darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org)

Copy To: Irene Camacho-Werby, CMC  
City Clerk, City of Cloverdale  
[iwerby@ci.cloverdale.ca.us](mailto:iwerby@ci.cloverdale.ca.us)

Dear colleagues:

I am happy to submit my name for consideration as a Measure O Oversight Committee appointee.

The Oversight Committee is not a decision-making body, nor does it have authority to direct county staff. Its role is to annually review revenue and expenditures from the Measure O transaction and use tax, and report its findings to the Board of Supervisors. This important function helps ensure that Measure O's implementation matches the intent of the 68% of county voters who voted "yes."

I am a new councilmember in Cotati, and am committed to working with other jurisdictions to improve the ways we support residents experiencing mental health challenges. As Cotati's council and staff work on our approaches, my membership on the Measure O Oversight Committee would ensure an engaged and critical review of the county's implementation of Measure O.

As a math professor and faculty leader at Sonoma State, I have been engaged with budget and expenditure reviews for years. Budgets, accounting ledgers, and audits are documents that the story of what we value, and I am confident in my ability to represent the needs of the cities in reviewing the story of Measure O's implementation.

I would be happy to answer any questions or to discuss further—feel free to contact me at [bford@cotaticity.org](mailto:bford@cotaticity.org) or 707-228-0685.

I appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ben Ford". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looped "B" and "F".

Ben Ford  
Cotati City Council





# CITY OF PETALUMA

POST OFFICE BOX 61  
PETALUMA, CA 94953-0061

March 29, 2021

**Kevin McDonnell**  
Councilmember

In care of

Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Drive, 100A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
Attn: Darin A. Bartow

Copy to

Jason Turner  
Chair, Sonoma County Mayors and Councils Association  
City of Cloverdale  
124 N. Cloverdale Blvd  
Cloverdale CA 95425

Subject: Measure O Oversight Committee

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I would be happy to serve as the Association's appointment to the newly forming County Measure O Oversight Committee. Mental Health services for our county-wide residents is a very important function of the County. The need for services is growing and the stewardship and effective use of the limited funding is a high priority.

I have been actively engaged in the Continuum of Care, the County's HUD mandated regional homelessness agency. As Petaluma representative to that Board, I have seen the efforts by so many non-profits and by the County's many involved departments. Despite all the focus in this past year to fund real life-changing solutions, the problems that arise from mental health issues are expanding at great harm to both the individual and to the community.

I would gladly serve as the cities' elected voice on the Oversight Committee. I would appreciate the Association's appointment to the Oversight Committee.

Regards

Kevin McDonnell  
Petaluma City Council

*Petaluma City Hall  
11 English Street  
Petaluma, CA 94952*

*Message Phone (707)778-4525  
Fax (707) 778-4419*

CC Irene Camacho-Werby, CMC

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4/23/21

**Agenda Item Number 12**  
**Student and Family Services**

Steve Mizera, Assistant Superintendent

Patricia Turner, Director  
Student and Family Engagement

Sydney Smith, Coordinator II  
Student and Family Engagement

Kaesa Enemark, Coordinator II  
Student and Family Services

Sonya Randrup, Coordinator  
Special Services

Virginia Cole, Administrative Secretary  
707-890-3800 x 80301

To Whom It May Concern:

The purpose of this letter is to express that Santa Rosa City Schools is interested in the Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee. If approved as one of the two city selection members, SRCS will provide a qualified representative from SRCS to attend any meetings and fulfill any responsibilities associated with the Measure O Citizen's Oversight Committee.

SRCS has a vested interest in the successful implementation of the Measure O funds. SRCS serves over 14,000 students and their families. Many of them will be positively impacted by the increased support for Behavioral Health Facilities, Emergency Psychiatric Services, Mental Health, and Substance Use Disorder Outpatient Services, Behavioral Health and Homelessness Care Coordination, and Transitional and Permanent Supportive Housing.

The SRCS Mental Health Clinical Supervisor, Eric Lofchie, who is well versed in the needs of our community and has direct, daily contact with our students and families, can bring invaluable insight and collaboration skills to the table. At SRCS, we deeply understand that our students and families need more access to behavioral health facilities, emergency psychiatric/crisis services, mental health, and substance use disorder outpatient services, behavioral health homeless/care coordination, and transitional and permanent supportive housing.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sydney Smith  
Coordinator II  
Student and Family Engagement

April 6, 2021

City Selection Committee  
Sonoma County Mayors' and Council Members' Association  
Deputy Clerk of the Board  
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Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request your support to elevate my role from our Alternate to the North Bay Division, League of California Cities, to your Primary Representative.

I believe my 14 years on the Santa Rosa City Council, my established relationships with our region's elected officials and my supportive reputation with the League well-prepares me to begin my role as your Primary Representative for the next two years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



John J. Sawyer  
Council Member