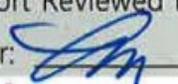


Agenda Report Reviewed by:  
City Manager: 

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM

**Meeting Date:** April 6, 2021  
**To:** Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers  
**From:** City Administration  
**Subject:** Consideration of Letters of Interest and Direction to the Mayor or Voting Delegate for Voting at the April 8, 2021 City Selection and Executive Board of Directors of the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Meetings  
**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 AK (verified by Administrative Services Department)

**INTRODUCTION:**

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and consider appointments to the Mayor's and Councilmembers Association to fill vacancies on regional bodies and the addition of the Measure O Oversight Committee.

**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.

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 Slayter

On April 8, 2021, the City Selection Committee and Mayors and Councilmembers Board of Directors will make appointments to upcoming vacancies on various committees. This meeting will be hosted by the City of Windsor (this will be a Zoom Platform Virtual Meeting). The City of Cloverdale will be sending out an agenda and packet prior to the April 8th meeting.

Letters of interest are circulated to all cities by those elected officials wishing to serve, followed by the cities voting on their recommendations at an upcoming meeting of the Association. The deadline for submitting letters

for the April 8, 2021 Mayors and Councilmembers Association Meeting was March 24, 2021, and was extended to Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

#### **DISCUSSION:**

The following letters of interest were received as of the publication of this agenda report on Thursday, April 1, 2021.

#### **CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE**

Appointments to Consider:

#### **Measure O Oversight Committee, two positions, to fill newly created positions. Three-year terms.**

*Two Letters Received:*

- *Kevin McDonnell (Petaluma)*
- *Ben Ford (Cotati)*

#### **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.**

*One letter received: • Patrick Slayter (Sebastopol)*

#### **Remote Access Network (RAN) Board, replace Tom Schwedhelm, Santa Rosa (there is no specific term, but it must be filled by a Mayor).**

*No letters were received for this specific opening.*

#### **Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee, one position (Alternate), to fill a vacated term of David Cook (Sonoma). Unspecified Term.**

*No letters were received for this specific opening.*

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Appointments to Consider:

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 be designated, depending on the letters of interest received.

*No letters were received for this specific opening.*

#### **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 April 8, 2021. 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 Meetings

**Attachment:**

Letters of Interest

McDonnell

Ford

Slayter



# 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*

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kmcdonnell@cityofpetaluma.org*

CC Irene Camacho-Werby, CMC



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  
575 Administration Drive, 100A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
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 tell 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 letters are cursive and fluid, with a large initial 'B' and 'F'.

Ben Ford  
Cotati City Council



**Patrick Slayter**  
City Councilmember

**City of Sebastopol**  
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Sebastopol, CA 95472  
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March 18, 2021

To: Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

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Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Copy To: Jason Turner  
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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](mailto: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,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "PAT SLAYTER". The letters are bold and slightly slanted, with a casual, personal feel.

Patrick Slayter  
Council Member  
City of Sebastopol