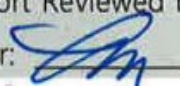


Agenda Report Reviewed by:  
City Manager: 

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL  
CITY COUNCIL  
AGENDA ITEM**

**Meeting Date:** February 2, 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 February 11, 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:**

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 February 11, 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 February 11, 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 Cloverdale. The City of Cloverdale will be sending out an agenda and packet prior to the February 11<sup>th</sup> 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:

### **Agenda Item Number 7**

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 to Consider:

- **Bay Area Air Quality Management District**, one position, to fill expired term (March 2021) of Teresa Barrett (Petaluma). Two-year term.  
[One letter received from Teresa Barrett \(Petaluma\)](#)
- **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.  
**Two letters received:**
  - [Dominic Foppoli \(Windsor\)](#)
  - [Gerard Giudice \(Rohnert Park\)](#)
- **Local Agency Formation Commission**, one position, to fill expired term (May 2021) of Teresa Barrett (Petaluma). Two-year term.  
[One letter received from Mark Landman \(Cotati\)](#)
- **Metropolitan Transportation Commission**, one position, to fill vacated term of Jake Mackenzie (Rohnert Park). Vacated term expires February 2023. Per Gov. Code 66503(b), The City Selection Committee submits 3 names, and the appointment is made by the Board of Supervisors).  
**Four letters received:**
  - [Brian Barnacle \(Petaluma\)](#)
  - [Victoria Fleming \(Santa Rosa\)](#)
  - [Mike Healy \(Petaluma\)](#)
  - [Neysa Hinton \(Sebastopol\)](#)
- **Remote Access Network (RAN) Board**, one position, to fill term of Tom Schwedhelm if his position changes as Mayor (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:

- **ABAG Executive Board**, two positions, to fill vacated terms of Jake Mackenzie (June 2021) (Rohnert Park) (**Member**) and Michael Carnacchi (June 2021) (Sebastopol)(**Alternate**). Term would expire June 2021.  
**Three letters received:**
  - [Susan Adams \(Rohnert Park\) \(Seeking Member position\)](#)
  - [Ariel Kelley \(Healdsburg\) \(Seeking Member position\)](#)
  - [Dennis Pocekay \(Petaluma\) \(Seeking Member or Alternate position\)](#)
- **North Bay Division, League of California Cities**, one position (Alternate), to fill expired term of John Sawyer (February 2021) (Santa Rosa). Term expires two years from appointment.  
[One letter received from John Sawyer \(Santa Rosa\)](#)
- **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee**, three positions, to fill the vacated terms of John Dell'Osso (June 2021) (Cotati) and Leah Gold (February 2021)

(Healdsburg); and the expired term of Neysa Hinton (February 2021) (Sebastopol). Terms expire two years from appointment. **Agenda Item Number 7**

**Four letters received:**

- Brian Barnacle (Petaluma)
  - Neysa Hinton (Sebastopol)
  - Ariel Kelley (Healdsburg)
  - Skylaer Palacios (Healdsburg)
- **Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit Commission (SMART)**, one position, to fill a vacated term of Joe Naujokas (February 2023) (Healdsburg).  
**One letter received from Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale)**
  - **SMART/non-SCTA member**, one position, to fill the expired term of Debora Fudge (January 2021) (Windsor). Four-year fixed term.  
**One letter received from Debora Fudge (Windsor)**

**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 11, 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



# CITY OF PETALUMA

POST OFFICE BOX 61  
PETALUMA, CA 94953-0061

Teresa Barrett  
Mayor

December 17, 2020

Dear Sonoma County Council Members,

I am writing to request your support for my reappointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board (BAAQMD).

For the past eight years I have represented the cities of Sonoma County as the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association's representative on the Air District Board. In that time, I have attended almost every bi-weekly Directors' Meeting, I am the Chair of the District's Climate Protection Committee, and a longtime member of the Community and Public Health Committee and the Personnel Committee. In my capacity as an Air District Director, I also sit on the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) which coordinates work between MTC, ABAG and BAAQMD to be sure we are all rowing together. It is my intention to apply for reappointment to this regional board, and I am seeking your support.

The effects of regional air quality on the life in Sonoma County continue to grow. The seemingly annual wildfires of the past years have reinforced just why the Air District's work is so important. Each year we continue to see a record number of Spare the Air Days, a record that was broken again in 2020 while we were already restricted to sheltering in place. I want to continue to make sure our County's voice is heard clearly and effectively. I believe I have been an effective voice for our needs and would like to continue in that capacity.

Given the exit of Supervisor Zane, who has been the senior member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management for Sonoma County, I think it is critical that we continue to be represented by someone whose leadership is already established at the Air District.

To this end, I seek your support for this appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707.953.0846, or email me at [tbarrett@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:tbarrett@cityofpetaluma.org).

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Teresa Barrett  
Mayor

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December 29, 2020

Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
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Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
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[Darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org](mailto:Darin.bartow@sonoma-county.org)

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

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District is a fundamental part of my family story and history. My family originally moved to San Francisco in the 1880s. My great-grandfather would use the early ferry system to get grapes from Sonoma County to bring to his small production facility in North Beach. I grew up listening to stories from my grandfather about his afternoons spent watching the bridge being built and his pride in crossing it on opening day. For him, the bridge opened up the possibility of a better, more affordable life in the North Bay. Golden Gate Transit busses made it feasible for both my mother and father's parents to move their families from San Francisco to Marin and Sonoma counties while still keeping their jobs in the city. My grandmother, who immigrated to the U.S. from Nicaragua in the 1940s, would ride a Golden Gate Transit bus every day from Cotati to her job cleaning rooms at the St. Francis Hotel in order to provide for her family in Sonoma County. My father and mother would also make daily trips on the bus for their education and jobs in the city.

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District has given so much to my family, and I feel that it is only fitting for me to give back in service to the district in its time of greatest economic need. Ferry ridership is down 90+ percent. Bus ridership and bridge crossings are down to their lowest levels in a generation.

Strong leadership, fiscal expertise, and creative planning will be necessary to preserve jobs and levels of service over the next few years. My extensive background in business, backed by a masters degree in Business Management, will pair perfectly with my experience in local government in tackling the challenges facing the District.

I have served on multiple Committees and Commissions while representing the Windsor community as Town Councilmember and Mayor. In my roles as a Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, and Mayor I have addressed transportation issues at all levels of government, including the review of development and capital projects at the local level, addressing the provision of transit service and the arrival of commuter rail to Windsor at the regional level, and advocating for funding and project commitments at the state level. I have also played an active role in developing transportation goals and policies as part of longer-term planning efforts. Transportation decisions and policy-making require careful consideration and experience to ensure the best investments are made in meeting our future transportation needs and to ensure the systems we invest in provide a viable alternative to the automobile to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.



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**Vice Mayor**  
Sam Salmon

**Councilmember District 3**  
Debora Fudge

**Councilmember**  
Esther Lemus

**Town Manager**  
Ken MacNab

**Agenda Item Number 7**

I believe that it is key for the success of our young SMART system to have a strong ferry connection that is functioning well. Golden gate busses have served our most economically vulnerable communities in Sonoma County for more than 50 years, and for many Sonoma County residents, they are just as important now as they were when they first began.

I humbly ask for your support to serve as the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers representative to the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District's Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Dominic Foppoli in black ink.

Dominic Foppoli  
At-large Mayor



**City Council**

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Mayor

Jackie Elward  
Vice Mayor

Susan Hollingsworth Adams  
Willy Linares  
Pam Stafford  
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Michelle Marchetta Kenyon  
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Mary Grace Pawson  
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Development Services

Victoria Perrault  
Human Resources Director

December 16, 2020

Deputy Clerk of the Board  
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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,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gerard Giudice", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Gerard Giudice  
Mayor

December 7, 2020

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

**Re: Request for Appointment to LAFCO**

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

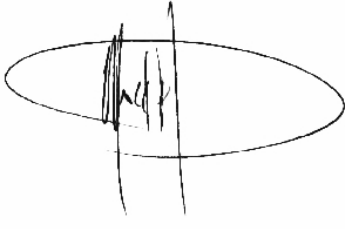
After serving as your Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' alternate representative on the Sonoma County Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO) since 2010, I would like to ask for your support in appointment to fill the full city representative position that will be vacated by my colleague, Mayor Teresa Barrett of Petaluma.

During my time on LAFCO as an alternate representing our cities, I've rarely missed a meeting. I've been an active participant and voice in many important decisions that have had great impact on our county. We have worked for equity in bringing Roseland out of county island status; to protect the interests of public in regard to the Palm Drive Heath Care District; and to begin the complex process of determining the future of the fire service in Sonoma County.

I know we all agree that having safe, efficient and dependable fire protection throughout Sonoma County will be crucial. I believe my thirty years of experience with the Novato Fire Protection District as a firefighter, paramedic and fire captain will be helpful in finding the best path forward. Along with my experience, I will continue to support the LAFCO values of encouraging the orderly formation of local government agencies, promoting the efficient provision of public services, preserving agricultural land and open-space resources, and promoting orderly growth and discouraging urban sprawl.

I would be honored to serve as one of your city representatives on LAFCO and respectfully ask for your vote. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707 364-5654 or by email at [MLandman@cotaticity.org](mailto:MLandman@cotaticity.org), I would be happy to meet virtually and further discuss my background as well as hear your thoughts.



A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mark Landman", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. The signature is somewhat stylized and slightly blurred.

Sincerely,  
Mark Landman  
Councilmember  
City of Cotati

Cc: City Council

December 29, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association  
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

Re: Appointment to Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Sonoma County Mayors and Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in appointing me to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). I am a fourth generation Sonoma County resident who has a background in land use planning and a career in advanced energy and transportation policy and market development.

Transportation is rapidly changing and the opportunities to be innovative are endless. Now is the time to reframe our thinking and create a transportation system that is equitable, economical, and emissions-free. If appointed, my focus would be fourfold:

**Zero Emission Vehicles** – The State has mandated light-, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles all must transition to be zero emissions. While this gives hope that we can achieve carbon neutrality and reduce harmful pollution in frontline communities, the impacts to our electrical grid and fleet management practices will be significant.

**Land Use** – The new RHNA targets, coupled with our beloved urban growth boundaries, will force Sonoma County cities to prioritize infill and transit-oriented development. This will add congestion to existing roadways, add pedestrians and cyclists to streets that have been designed for cars, and create new opportunities for high-quality public transit and sustainable economic development.

**Disruption** – Sea level rise and disruptive technologies like autonomous vehicles and e-bikes are coming fast. Evacuations from flooding and wildfires will be a concern for the foreseeable future. We must work with agencies across the Bay Area to mitigate threats, prioritize needs, and secure funding for critical initiatives.

**Transit & Equity** – Minorities and low-income residents spend more of their income on transportation, and are disproportionately subjected to unsafe street conditions, poor accessibility, and toxic air quality. Most of Sonoma County does not qualify for funding from the state programs that use SB 535 and AB 1550 designations, so we need our MTC representative to understand the programs, and advocate for changes to program rules and funding from MTC.

We are lucky to have the MTC as a venue to convene regional stakeholders, and collaboratively plan and resource the most pressing projects in Sonoma County, the North Bay, and throughout the Bay Area. My experience with land use, transportation and energy policy, and my commitment to progress through collaboration and courage qualify me to represent our community. If appointed, I will work hard to advocate for our community, keep all cities aware of the issues, and be a productive voice on the MTC as it finalizes and starts implementing Plan Bay Area 2050.

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](mailto:bbarnacle@cityofpetaluma.org) if you would like to speak about this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian Barnacle, Petaluma City Councilmember-elect



December 31, 2020

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest in representing Sonoma County at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). As you well know, strong representation at MTC is essential to bringing much needed transportation funding to the Northbay and to our communities in Sonoma County.

My interest in representing our region at MTC comes from a desire to support our communities through regionally informed transportation planning that is backed by the necessary funding. Over the next few years, MTC will be tackling a number of large issues that will have a direct impact on Sonoma County, including addressing climate change through the lens of responsible transportation planning, expansion of transportation networks while addressing equity and making important decisions on new regional housing allocations. A robust and diverse transit network and a strategic approach to housing and density is central to a thriving economy, a livable climate and a healthy future for all of our residents. As your representative to MCT, I intend to fight passionately for Sonoma County's share of funding and see that it is equitably distributed to cities, urban service areas and rural regions. Geography should not determine one's economic prospects and to this end, regionally sensitive transportation can be one factor to mitigate against economic disadvantage.

Through my leadership as Chair of the Renewal Enterprise District, I have demonstrated the value and importance of thinking regionally and working closely with my colleagues across jurisdictions on critical issues such as housing, transportation, environment economic development and equity. I believe that I am uniquely positioned to represent the interests all of the residents and visitors to our county on MTC and will be committed to keeping an open line of communication with all of you as we take on these critical and important issues.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration for this position and if I do secure it, I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

Thank You,

Victoria Fleming  
Council Member  
City of Santa Rosa



# CITY OF PETALUMA

POST OFFICE BOX 61  
PETALUMA, CA 94953-0061

Mike Healy  
Councilmember

December 18, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
c/o Sommer Hageman  
Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Windsor

Re: Request for Support for Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I write to request your support to be one of the three names forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to fill the MTC term unfortunately being vacated by Jake Mackenzie. The controlling statute provides: "The city selection committee ... shall furnish to the board of supervisors the names of three nominees and the board of supervisors shall appoint one of the nominees to represent the county." Cal. Govt. Code § 66503(b).

It would be my intent to strongly support the longstanding tradition of the North Bay's MTC commissioners working together to bring critically needed transportation dollars to our region, including for:

- Highway 37
- Strengthening transportation infrastructure for climate change, including sea level rise, wildfire escape routes and expanded electric vehicle use
- SMART operations and expansion
- Regional and local bus and ferry service
- Making transit options more available to people of diverse income levels

I have a strong transportation background, having served in the past on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for six years and on the SMART board for two years.

MTC also plays a critical role in the RHNA process, and it would be my intent to work especially to promote affordable housing throughout the nine county region, while also working collaboratively with our cities and the County so that their interests and goals are represented in the RHNA process.

Being an effective MTC commissioner for Sonoma County requires a very substantial commitment of both time and energy, which I commit to do.

Sincerely,

Mike Healy  
(707)849-4663

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**Neysa Hinton**  
City Councilmember

**City of Sebastopol**  
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Sebastopol, CA 95472  
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December 15, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association  
c/o Mary Gourley

**Re: Request for Appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission**

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I seek your support for my appointment by the Mayors and Councilmembers of Sonoma County to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. It would be my honor to serve and represent our nine cities, Sonoma County, and our citizens on this commission that is the coordinating agency responsible for transportation, planning and financing and is vital to protect that will reduce greenhouse emissions, improve roads/ transportation systems, address equity and barriers to economic opportunity. As well, support essential housing projects in the nine Bay Area counties.

My background as a community advocate and my professional and elected experience make me uniquely qualified to represent our region and bring transportation funding and focus to Sonoma County as an equal partner among the nine counties. Because of the complexity of MTC's mission, board members typically devote 17-20 hours per month; I am both ready and able to meet the time commitment and navigate the landscape and challenges inherent in a nine-county board.

As a board and care manager in Marin County, I myself commute on SMART and manage staff that is dependent on public transportation from multiple counties into Marin. While I've always been an advocate for public transportation, working with my primarily migrant co-workers has, for me, underscored the need to prioritize social equity in transportation.

While Sales Manager at KGO Radio, I not only utilized transit of every kind throughout the nice Bay Area counties, that experience helped me understand challenges faced by our neighboring counties, appreciate the interdependence of our transportation network, and understand the political and economic dynamics throughout the region.

My collaborative work style, consistent preparation, and existing regional relationships will enable me to get up to speed quickly and advocate for our cities, our residents, and our future representing you at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

I would be honored to have your support for my appointment and respectfully ask for your vote. If you have further questions about my background or qualification, feel free to contact me to schedule a virtual meeting.

Sincerely,

Neysa Hinton  
Councilmember, City of Sebastopol  
[nhinton@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:nhinton@cityofsebastopol.org)  
(707) 495-9087



**City Council**

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Community Services

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Development Services

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Human Resources Director

November 24, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association  
City of Windsor  
Dominic Foppoli, Chair  
9291 Old Redwood Hwy, Building 400  
Windsor, CA 95492

Re: Request for Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government  
(ABAG) Executive Committee

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee.

For the past year and a half, I have served as the Mayors and Councilmembers appointee to:

- ABAG Regional Planning Committee
- ABAG General Assembly
- ABAG Housing Methodology Committee

The valuable experience I received has reinforced my commitment to supporting the work of the ABAG Executive Committee.

As a member of the ABAG Executive Committee, I would continue to uphold ABAG's mission to "strengthen cooperation and collaboration among local governments to provide innovative and cost-effective solutions to common problems that they face."

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee.

My cell phone number is at (707) 291-8450. Please feel free to call or email me at [sadams@rpcity.org](mailto:sadams@rpcity.org). I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Susan Adams  
Rohnert Park City Councilmember

Cc: City Council

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December 31, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association  
Town of Windsor - Dominic Foppoli, Mayor  
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Windsor, CA 95492

Re: Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee Letter of Interest

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I write to respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Committee. I firmly support ABAG's mission to strengthen cooperation and collaboration across local governments and to build healthier, stronger communities.

For the past three years, I have sat on the Sonoma County Planning Commission, examining plans and policies to strengthen our County's land use, end the housing crisis and build resiliency. As an attorney with experience in land use law and environmental policy, my knowledge and familiarity with CEQA will be helpful as the Executive Committee's work in 2021 will be focused on environmental mitigation measures and monitoring that may be required to adopt Plan Bay Area 2050.

My perspective as a parent raising a five and seven year-old in Sonoma County will also allow me to bring my personal experience of nurturing the next generation to this seat on ABAG's Executive Committee as it looks to fulfil the Plan Bay Area 2050 vision. When ABAG adopts the Bay Area's long-range plan to guide the growth of our nine-county region, it is important to have representation and advocacy by someone who is constantly thinking about the future because I am staring at them every morning when I wake up. ABAG's planning priorities, including Plan Bay Area, will ensure that our region is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all, including and especially the next generation.

The Executive Committee will be tasked with prioritizing strategies to help achieve a more resilient and equitable future for the Bay Area. These strategies include reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the production and preservation of affordable housing, investing in parks and open spaces, particularly in historically disinvested communities, increasing resilience against wildfires and sea level rise and supporting a thriving economy with a more balanced, regional pattern of jobs and housing. These are all of paramount importance to achieve long-range growth towards a more resilient future for our region.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Executive Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Sincerely,

*Ariel Kelley*  
Ariel Kelley  
Healdsburg City Councilmember

cc: Members of the Healdsburg City Council

December 31, 2020

Chair  
Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor  
Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400  
Windsor, CA 95492

Dear Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers,

**Request for Appointment to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (if position open)  
OR  
Request for Appointment to the ABAG Executive Board**

I am writing to request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Planning Committee or Executive Board.

I was elected to the Petaluma City Council just last month, but have served city government in a variety of roles over the past 10 years. I have served on the Youth Commission, was a Petaluma representative on the Stakeholders Advisory Committee of Sonoma County Climate Action 2020, and most recently was a member of the Petaluma Climate Action Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Climate Justice.

As a retired physician, I am experienced in making difficult decisions with incomplete information. I also have graduate degrees in engineering and public health. Since my retirement from medical practice 11 years ago, I have become increasingly involved in political work and campaigns, including advocating for workers rights, tenants rights, social equity and justice, and affordable housing in Sonoma County. I have attended meetings and presentations over the past 2 years related to CASA and Plan Bay Area 2050.

I collaborated with other physicians, nurses, and staff regularly during my career at Kaiser with the Permanente Medical Group, and served as Chief of the Department of Occupational Medicine at Kaiser San Rafael and as Regional Physician Lead for Occupational Health and Safety Services and Disability Management. Those who have worked with me say that I am punctual, prepared, and willing to take on extra work. As I am retired, I can make meetings throughout the day and have time for research. I am familiar with many aspects of our Bay Area, as I grew up in Richmond, California, did graduate work at Cal and Stanford, and have worked in San Francisco, Marin, and Sonoma counties.

I would be honored by your support for this appointment, and I respectfully request your vote. If you have questions about my qualifications, please do not hesitate to call me at 707-478-7466, email me at [dpocekay@cityofpetaluma.org](mailto:dpocekay@cityofpetaluma.org), or request a virtual meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dennis Pocekay, MD, MPH  
Petaluma City Councilmember elect



January 5, 2021

Chair  
Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association  
Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Hwy, Building 400  
Windsor, CA 95492  
Attn: Maria De La O, CMC, Town Clerk

RE: Request for Reappointment to the North Bay Division, League of California Cities

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request your support to continue in my role as your Alternate to the North Bay Division, League of California Cities.

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 continue in my present roll as your Alternate for the next two years.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a stylized 'J' and 'S' followed by the name 'Sawyer'.

John J. Sawyer  
Council Member  
City of Santa Rosa

December 29, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association  
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

Re: Appointment to Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee

Dear Sonoma County Mayors and Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in appointing me to Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

I am a fourth generation Petaluman who has roots in our agriculture and open space community. My grandfather and great grandfather were both dairy farmers, and my parents still raise livestock in rural Petaluma. I grew participating in 4-H and FFA, showing at the Sonoma Marin and Sonoma County fairs, and growing and hunting my food.

In 2008, while obtaining a degree in City and Regional Planning from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, I interned for Greenbelt Alliance. I worked on the SMART and Marin Clean Energy campaigns, and did GIS mapping and analysis to support the expansion of the Community Separators. This is where I cut my teeth on progressive open space policies and developed an appreciation the work of the Ag and Open Space District.

These days, I wake up and work to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and address our climate crisis. As an elected leader, my advocacy for density, active transportation and transit-oriented development is fueled by my love of Sonoma County's rolling hills, green fields and farms—so much so that I chose to make these features the design aesthetic for my yard signs.

At times, the ag and open space constituencies conflict. As a person who has experience in both domains, I believe I can help find common ground on important issues by drawing our attention back to a common love of the land, connection to where food comes from, and desire for future generations to have the opportunity to find a similar love for Sonoma County's ag and open space lands.

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](mailto:bbarnacle@cityofpetaluma.org) if you would like to speak about this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Brian Barnacle, Petaluma City Councilmember-elect



**Neysa Hinton**  
City Councilmember

**City of Sebastopol**  
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December 16, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association  
c/o Mary Gourley

Re: Request for Reappointment to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask for your support for reappointment as a Mayors and Councilmembers representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District. It would be my honor to serve and represent our cities once again.

I have been an active member on the committee and have worked to ensure that Sonoma County cities' best interests are represented. I currently serve on two funding sub-committees. The first is the Agricultural Support and Protection (ASAP) Emergency Matching Grant Program, focused on supporting our agricultural community and keeping lands productive during COVID. Additionally, I serve on the Matching Grant sub-committee, focused on providing funding to public agencies and nonprofits on a "match" basis, for the protection of open spaces for agriculture, community recreation, natural resource restoration, and public access.

I bring a unique prospective to the committee as a third generation Sonoma County resident, who was raised on a ranch that has been in our family since 1945. I come from a family where agriculture and the preservation of land for the next generation was instilled in us from childhood. With all three seats available for reappointment, I bring consistency and knowledge from having served on the board for the last four years.

Having raised my children in Sebastopol, I deeply appreciate having parks and recreation within our urban communities in order to create balance and joy in our lives. Sebastopol has many parks and natural areas within and on either side of our community. I understand how important it is for all urban areas to have outdoor spaces available for residents to easily access and enjoy.

I respectfully ask for your support for my reappointment.

Sincerely,

Neysa Hinton  
Councilmember, City of Sebastopol  
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December 31, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association  
Town of Windsor - Dominic Foppoli, Mayor  
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Re: Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee Letter of Interest

Dear Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I write to respectfully request your support for my appointment as a Mayors' and Councilmembers' representative to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

As an attorney with experience in land use law and environmental policy, my expertise in real estate transactions, conservation easements and preservation of natural resources will be a strong asset to the Citizens Advisory Committee. For the past three years, I have sat on the Sonoma County Planning Commission where we examine the delicate balance between agricultural preservation, economic diversity as well as regional housing and development needs. Many of the grant programs and real estate transactions before the Citizens Advisory Committee involve complex financial transactions where my MBA degree and experience as a non-profit executive will prove useful in advocating for our community.

Raising my young children in Healdsburg, I regularly utilize our parks and open spaces across the county. I formerly served on Healdsburg's Parks and Recreation Commission, where we oversaw a network of parks, playgrounds and open spaces in and around Healdsburg. I grew up in a family that was dedicated to preserving our agricultural lands and learned early on about the importance of public access for outdoor recreation while being steadfast in the protection of our natural resources for generations to come.

Thank you for your consideration of my appointment to the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District's Citizens Advisory Committee.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ariel Kelley".

Ariel Kelley  
Healdsburg City Councilmember

cc: Members of the Healdsburg City Council

December 31, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Council Members Association  
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor  
9291 Old Redwood Highway  
Windsor, CA 95492

Dear Mayors and Council Members,

I am writing to gain support for an appointment to the Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Advisory Committee. I am a Sonoma County native, born in Petaluma and Raised in Healdsburg. Growing up here I have garnered a profound appreciation of our land and the abundance it has provided us. My intent in joining the commission is not only to continue this important work, but to advocate for those that face inequities in gaining access to the land.

I come from a generation of farmers from Zihuatanejo, Mexico. My father, my grandfather, and his father were all farmers on family land that has since been sold. My parents instilled in me an immense awe and gratitude for nature. When I was younger, we were members of the Sierra Club and would frequent many state and regional parks, which have shaped some of my favorite childhood memories.

I am grateful for the opportunities to carry this love of our land into my leisure as a frequent hiker, and my work, first as an employee with Santa Rosa Parks and Recreation, and now as a youth advocate for TLC Child and Family Services. As a counselor for foster and disadvantaged youth, I often take our adolescents on outings to our beautiful open spaces and parks and have helped facilitate various ecological awareness activities such as gardening and beach clean ups at the Sonoma Coast.

I understand how necessary and healing it is for all, but especially our youth to adventure and care for our land. This board position would allow me the opportunity to ensure our land and natural resources are sustained and made available to all for generations to come. I thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Skylaer Palacios  
Healdsburg City Council Member

December 29, 2020

Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
Chair City: Town of Windsor  
ATTN: Maria De La O, CMC, Town Clerk  
Email: [townclerk@townofwindsor.com](mailto:townclerk@townofwindsor.com)

**RE: Appointment to the SMART Board of Directors SMART/SCTA**

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

As I begin my second term on the Cloverdale City Council, I am writing to ask for your support to represent you as the Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers appointee to the SMART Board of Directors SMART/SCTA seat.

For the past two years, I have served on Sonoma County Transit Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority giving me valuable understanding of how regional and local 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 current pandemic are changing how we work, live, commute and travel, and their implications for multi-modal transportation programs like SMART.

In addition to two years on SCTA/RCPA, my background and service make me uniquely prepared to represent you on the SMART Board of Directors—

- Sonoma Clean Power (Vice Chair), Russian River Watershed Association (Chair), Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (Chair), 2017-Present; ZeroWaste Sonoma 2017-2018; Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee 2019-Present
- League of California Cities Executive Board, 2018-2020; Mayors & Councilmembers Division President, 2018; Redwood Division President, 2019-2020; Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations Policy Committee, 2018-Present
- Cloverdale Mayor 2019, Vice Mayor 2018
- Cloverdale Planning Commission, 2008-2015
- Fellow, Leadership Institute for Just and Resilient Communities, 2009
- Sonoma County Economic Development Board, 2011-2015
- SMART campaign volunteer: Measure Q 2008, Measure R 2006

My broad policy experience along with strong relationships throughout the region and state have prepared me to be effective on the SMART Board. 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 greenhouse gases, improves safety and quality of life, and connects all of us with jobs, educational opportunities, wellness services, and recreation. I am committed to making sure that the as-yet unfunded segments are served, the multi-use path is completed, broadband technology is extended, and that we respond to emerging challenges with enthusiasm and innovative solutions.

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

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

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Melanie Bagby".

Melanie Bagby  
Councilmember, City of Cloverdale  
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December 15, 2020



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**Councilmember District 3**  
Debora Fudge

**Councilmember**  
Esther Lemus

**Town Manager**  
Ken MacNab

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask to be reappointed to the SMART Board of Directors for another term for the non-SCTA seat. As you may know, I've been on the SMART Board since 2005, and have been Chair of the Board two times. I was especially honored to be Chair and to preside over the inauguration ceremony in August of 2017 when train service began.

Serving on SMART has been a lot of work, but it's been very fulfilling to start up a new commuter train. At SMART we are making plans to increase the number of trains to our early 2020 levels as soon as we are vaccinated and can return to a more normal life.

As a result of feedback after Measure I failed, we've been holding Zoom listening tours with Board members and the public throughout both counties to get real time input on the needs and wants of existing and future riders. We've implemented some small changes already, and plan to do more once we've analyzed all the data in the Spring.

We will have at least three new Board members in January due to people not running for re-election. That leaves three of the twelve of us who have been with SMART longer term, which has been invaluable to the Board and staff.

As you may also know, SMART is due to arrive in Windsor at the end of 2021. I would love nothing more than to be the local Board member who welcomes the train to my town after all these years of hard work!

Sincerely,

Debora Fudge  
Windsor Town Councilmember  
707-318-7527