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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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Copy To: Irene Camacho-Werby, CMC
City Clerk, City of Cloverdale
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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 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



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March 29, 2021

Kevin McDonnell
Councilmember

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Chair, Sonoma County Mayors and Councils Association
City of Cloverdale
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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

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Petaluma City Council

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