

Attachment 2

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

This memorandum of understanding is entered into this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of October 2014, by and between the City of Santa Rosa (hereinafter “City”) and the County of Sonoma (hereinafter “County”).

**RECITALS**

WHEREAS, on May 21, 2013 the Santa Rosa City Council adopted a strategic objective to prepare a work plan and cost estimate for Roseland Annexation; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2014, the City Council adopted a work plan outlining nine tasks and committing \$1.17 million toward the annexation of the Roseland Area; and

WHEREAS, Sonoma County has formed a Southwest Santa Rosa Annexation Ad-Hoc Committee, and has committed significant staff time and funds to support annexation efforts and investments in the beauty, safety, and sustainability of the southwest Santa Rosa community; and

WHEREAS, the City and County have formed a Joint City/County Roseland Annexation Committee to negotiate a Pre-Annexation Agreement which encompasses cost sharing between the City and County with respect to the Roseland Annexation area, as shown on Exhibit A, to address significant issues including, but not limited to, cost of services, transition of public services from County to City and related costs, pending plans for public facilities and related costs, onetime costs of annexation, environmental liabilities, allocation of property taxes, other fees and assessments; and

WHEREAS, the City and County are interested and will work together in successful education and outreach regarding the annexation process as well as accurate measurement of community sentiment regarding annexation; and

WHEREAS, the City has identified conducting sentiment surveys in the adopted Roseland Annexation Work Plan and will work collaboratively with the County and the community to conduct surveys, and other tasks, consistent with this work plan; and

WHEREAS, the City and County find it desirable and necessary to also discuss the timing for future annexation of the additional southwest unincorporated lands within the Santa Rosa Urban Growth Boundary based upon available City resources and other resources that may

be contributed by the County upon conclusion of the work required for the Roseland Annexation unless mutually agreed by the City and County; and

WHEREAS, the County will budget for and implement service and infrastructure development in unincorporated southwest Santa Rosa.

THE PARTIES HEREBY AGREE AS FOLLOWS:

#### **APPLICATION**

In consideration of the time and funding committed by the City to process the annexation application for the Roseland Area Annexation, the County agrees that it will support the City's application to Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission and will not seek additional conditions that have not been agreed upon by the City and the County prior to submission of the application.

#### **JOINT CITY/COUNTY ROSELAND ANNEXATION COMMITTEE**

The County and the City have established a joint committee to discuss the financial aspects of the proposed annexation and make recommendations to their respective board and council for funding and other commitments necessary to successfully annex the Roseland area. The goal of this effort is to develop a Pre-Annexation Agreement addressing cost sharing. The parties agree that the focus of the committee will be on the Roseland Area Annexation as illustrated in Exhibit A and the transition of public services for this area.

The parties will also discuss in good faith, the timing of the future annexation of the additional County lands in southwest Santa Rosa within the Santa Rosa Urban Growth Boundary, taking into consideration the available resources of the City and County after the Committee has addressed and agreed upon resolution of the issues relating to the Roseland Area Annexation unless mutually agreed by the City and County.

Meetings of the Joint Committee shall be held at least quarterly as determined by the committee. Updates will be provided at these meetings from time to time regarding implementation of the Roseland Annexation Work Plan and the Roseland Area / Sebastopol Road Specific Plan.

CITY OF SANTA ROSA


By:   
Mayor

Date: 10/23/14

COUNTY OF SONOMA

By:   
County Supervisor, Roseland Annexation  
Committee Member

Date: 10/23/14

By:   
County Supervisor, Roseland Annexation  
Committee Member

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Approved as to form

  
City Attorney

Date: 10-23-14

# Exhibit A Roseland Annexation Area

