

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2021-153

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA WAIVING CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF COUNCIL POLICY NO. 000-06 (APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS/COMMISSIONS/COMMITTEES) FOR APPOINTMENTS TO THE 2022 CHARTER REVIEW COMMITTEE

WHEREAS, Santa Rosa City Charter Section 12 provides that the Charter shall be reviewed in the year 2002 and not less than every ten years thereafter by a committee appointed by the Council; and

WHEREAS, the review of the Charter includes the evaluation and potential revision of fundamental structures of City government; and

WHEREAS, on August 17, 2021, Council, by Resolution No. RES-2021-147, directed that a Charter Review Committee be established comprised of twenty-one residents of Santa Rosa, with each Council Member to appoint three members of the Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Council has strong interest in a Charter Review Committee membership that includes a variety of ages, races, ethnicity, gender, geography, interests and backgrounds; and

WHEREAS, Council Policy No. 000-06 (Appointments to Boards/Commissions/Committees) sets forth principles, procedures and requirements for appointments to City boards, commissions and committees; and

WHEREAS, Section B of Council Policy No. 000-06 sets forth four requirements for appointment to a City board, commission or committee including: (1) residency within the City of Santa Rosa; (2) registration to vote in the City of Santa Rosa; (3) completion of an application; and (4) appointee must not be a current City employee or currently appointed to another City board or commission; and

WHEREAS, with respect to the appointment of a Charter Review Committee, Section B of Council Policy No. 000-06 allows Council, by resolution, to waive one or more of the requirements set forth in that Section, if Council finds that such waiver is appropriate to enhance the diversity, inclusivity or expertise of that Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section B's requirement that appointees be registered to vote in the City of Santa Rosa would inappropriately exclude non-citizen residents and residents under the age of 18 from membership on the Charter Review Committee, including individuals with valuable experiences and perspectives; and

WHEREAS, Council therefore finds that, for purposes of appointments to the 2022 Charter Review Committee, it is appropriate to waive Section B's voter registration requirement so as to enhance the diversity, inclusivity and expertise of that Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section B's prohibition on appointment of current City employees and individuals who currently serve on another City board or commission inappropriately excludes individuals with significant interest, experience and expertise in local government and City operations; and

WHEREAS, Council therefore finds that, for purposes of appointments to the 2022 Charter Review Committee, it is appropriate to waive Section B's limitation on appointment of current City employees and individuals currently appointed to another City board or commission so as to enhance the diversity, inclusivity and expertise of that Committee; and

WHEREAS, Section G.1 of Council Policy No, 000-06 permits the Council to establish a Charter Review Committee comprised of more than seven members.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa waives the provisions of Section B.2 of Council Policy No. 000-06, which would otherwise require that appointees to the 2022 Charter Review Committee be registered to vote in the City of Santa Rosa.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council waives the provisions of Section B.4 of Council Policy No. 000-06, which would otherwise prevent appointees to the 2022 Charter Review Committee from simultaneous employment with the City or service on another City board or commission.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council confirms the establishment of a 2022 Charter Review Committee comprised of twenty-one residents of Santa Rosa, with each Council Member to appoint three members of the Committee, in accordance with Council Resolution No. RES-2021-147.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 31st day of August, 2021.

AYES: (6) Mayor C. Rogers, Vice Mayor N. Rogers, Council Members Alvarez, Fleming, Schwedhelm, Tibbetts

NOES:

ABSENT: (1) Council Member Sawyer

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: _____
City Attorney