



# SUSTAINABLE CITIES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH SONOMA STATE UNIVERSITY

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# Background

- “Sustainable Cities” is a national model for partnerships between cities and universities
- In 2015, City staff began meeting with Sonoma State to discuss the Sustainable Cities model and how both entities might work together
- In 2016, a draft Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) was developed
- In February 2017, Sonoma State University signed the MOU

# Benefits

- Sonoma State University:
  - Increased external and internal relationships
  - Platform for research and outreach
- Sonoma State students:
  - Real world experience, a sense of purpose, and civic engagement opportunities
- City of Santa Rosa:
  - Increased capacity to address environmental initiatives
  - Stronger connection to SSU

# Next Steps

- Execute the Memorandum of Understanding
- Finalize projects list
- Commence projects in Fall 2017

# Recommendation

It is recommended by the City Manager's Office that the Council, by resolution, approve the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma State University for the Sustainable Cities partnership

**QUESTIONS?**