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Greetings!

Mayor Stapp, Vice Mayor Okrepkie, and members of the City Council. Thanks for the opportunity to share with you the reasons why I believe I would be an excellent addition to the City's Housing Authority Board. Forty years ago, I began my understanding of the operation of housing authorities as an applicant for its loans. My agency, Community Support Network, built the first low income mental health housing throughout Santa Rosa using Santa Rosa Housing Authority funding and surplus City properties. Working also as a Board member, staff, or contractor with CAPSonoma, Burbank Housing, and Social Advocates for Youth, I helped bring about the development of a continuum of care from shelters to transitional to permanent housing. You know those facilities by the names of Opportunity House, Grand Avenue, De Turk, Coffee House, Hendley Circle, Aston Ave, Earle Street, Giffen House, Sloan House, and the Rosenberg Building. Those facilities still exist, and have served as models for many which followed.

My career took me into roles in which I was asked to shape public policy at the local, state, and national levels as both staff and as a member of public governing boards. I know and love the process of civic engagement, and have worked hard to keep it functioning and productive. I've been retired for almost twenty years now, and currently serve on two multi-year Sonoma County advisory boards overseeing behavioral health, substance use, and homeless housing programs.

I would welcome the chance to include service on the Santa Rosa Housing Authority Board should you decide to approve my appointment.

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My job is to listen, read, think, write, and talk.
Be the best husband I can.
Try not to fall down.