

# City of Sonoma

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October 20, 2022

City Selection Committee  
Mayors & Council Members Association of Sonoma County  
Attn: Kevin Patterson  
Deputy City Clerk  
City of Cotati  
201 W Sierra Avenue  
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## RE: LETTER OF INTEREST – LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION (LAFCO)

Dear Mayors and Council Members:

I am writing to request your support for my appointment to the Local Agency Formation Commission as one of the two members to be appointed.

In 2021 I was elected, via special election, to fill a vacant seat on the Sonoma City Council and have already submitted my Candidate Intention statement for 2024. Previously, I served two terms on the Sonoma Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees. Currently, I am serving on multiple County committees, including Sonoma County Transportation & Regional Climate Protection Agency and Sonoma Clean Power.

The City of Sonoma has just received its first LAFCO approved MSR since 2006. The MSR made four recommendations about modifications to the City's SOI, one of which includes eliminating an "island". Further, there is continued discussion of annexation of the "Springs" area adjacent to the city limits. The City of Sonoma has not had membership on the commission and wishes to be more actively engaged at the regional level by filling a seat at LAFCO.

With the support of the Sonoma City Council, I would be happy to fulfill a four-year term and to assist in moving forward LAFCO's objectives: to **encourage** the orderly formation of local government agencies and promote the efficient provision of public services; to **preserve** agricultural land and open-space resources; and to **promote** orderly growth and discourage urban sprawl.

Thank you for your support.

Respectfully,

Sandra M. Lowe  
Council Member  
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January 11, 2023

Chair  
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
City of Cotati  
201 West Sierra Ave  
Cotati, CA 94931  
Attn: Kevin Patterson, MMC, Deputy City Clerk

Re: Request for Appointment to Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members,

I am submitting this letter to you to advance my candidacy for election to the above position by the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association Board of Directors.

I have been honored to serve as the representative of the Mayors and Council Members on various positions, most recently as your member to the North Bay Division LOCC Executive Board. I have represented our city on many regional JPA's and Committees that have given me a wealth of knowledge about the issues in our region. My knowledge and experience addressing issues of water, waste and legislative concerns for our region provides me with a perspective to hit the ground running on the projects facing LAFCO.

I am proud of the regional approach taken, in Sonoma County, by all of our JPA's and Committees. During my time on the Council, I have seen this grow stronger as the Cities continue to work towards solutions that work for all of our communities. I strongly believe that together we are able to provide the best and most efficient services when a regional approach is appropriate. We all live in a special place and love our rural character. I will continue to support our open space and agricultural areas by ensuring we advance efforts to preserve these valuable resources. Our region has worked hard to prevent urban sprawl and ensure that we have appropriate growth boundaries. I respect the choices made by our communities and would work to honor those boundaries.

I respectfully ask for your support of my request for appointment and will work hard to represent you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Susan Harvey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Susan Harvey  
Vice Mayor



1/11/2023

City Selection Committee Assignments  
Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Dr, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
ATTN: Noelle Francis

To Whom it May Concern,

Please consider this my official letter of interest for the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

Thank you,

Jeff Okrepkie  
Councilmember, District 6 | City of Santa Rosa

CC: City of Healdsburg  
Mayors and Councilmembers Association



**Stephen Zollman**  
City Councilmember

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January 11, 2023

Deputy Clerk of the Board  
County of Sonoma, Board of Supervisors  
575 Administration Dr, Room 100A  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403  
ATTN: Noelle Francis

Dear Ms. Francis,

I hope this letter finds you well. I am applying for the LAFCO and Sonoma County Oversight Board Committee Alternate positions. I am hoping that my many years as an attorney working with various agencies along with my MBA will be of service to these positions.

During my years of representing clients I have worked with various agencies to seek results that worked for both parties. During my time living in Guerneville, I followed the interests of involving LAFCO. My MBA will hopefully be helpful with the issues involved with the Oversight Board Committee's work.

I am looking forward to meeting and working with you and hopefully being of service to these positions. If you have questions, please find my e-mail below. Thank you very much for your consideration.

All Best,  
signed

Stephen Zollman  
Sebastopol Council Member  
[szollman@cityofsebastopol.org](mailto:szollman@cityofsebastopol.org)