

LETTERS OF INTEREST

Board of Director Appointments:

1. **ABAG Regional Planning Committee**, one position, to fill expired term of Julie Combs. Term expires two years from appointment.
 - Letter received from Julie Combs (Santa Rosa) requesting reappointment
2. **Child Care Planning Council**, one position, to fill expired term (Feb. 2017) of Susan Harvey (Cotati). Term expires three years from appointment.
 - Letter (email) received from Julie Combs (Santa Rosa) requesting appointment
3. **North Bay Division, League of California Cities**, one position (Alternate), to fill expired term (Feb. 2017) of Chris Albertson (Petaluma). Term expires two years from appointment.
 - Letter received from David Hagele (Healdsburg) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from John Sawyer (Santa Rosa) requesting appointment
4. **Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District Citizens Advisory Committee**, two positions, to fill the *vacated* terms of Gary Wysocky (Santa Rosa) and Laurie Gallian (Sonoma). Terms expire two years from appointment.
 - Letter received from David Cook (Sonoma) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from Amy Harrington (Sonoma) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from Melanie Bagby (Cloverdale) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from Dominic Foppoli (Windsor) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from Neysa Hinton (Sebastopol) requesting appointment
 - Letter received from Jack Tibbetts (Santa Rosa) requesting appointment
5. **SMART/non-SCTA member**, one position, to fill the expired term (Jan. 2017) of Debora Fudge (Windsor). Term is 4 year fixed term.
 - Letter received from Debora Fudge (Windsor) requesting reappointment
 - Letter received from Chris Coursey (Santa Rosa) requesting appointment



December 1, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association
City of Rohnert Park
JoAnne Buegler, City Clerk
130 Avram Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 04029

RE: Letter of Intent from Julie Combs
ABAG Regional Planning Committee

I am writing to ask your support of my appointment to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee. I am currently serving as Vice Chair of Regional Planning and as Chair of the Housing Subcommittee. In this role, we have been successful in increasing the responsiveness to the needs of our county and North Bay Region. The allocation of funds from the ABAG regional entities to our rural communities requires a passionate, local advocate for Sonoma County and Santa Rosa.

I believe I can continue to fairly represent the interests of our rural county and the City of Santa Rosa in the context of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Thank you for your consideration.

JULIE COMBS
Council Member

Crump, Katie

From: Combs, Julie <jcombs@srcity.org>
Sent: Thursday, December 29, 2016 2:05 PM
To: Crump, Katie
Subject: Re: Appointment Letters for Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association

Please consider this a letter of application to Mayors and Councilmembers for the Child Care Planning Council. I am very interested in working within our county to increase availability of affordable child care for our residents. We have lengthy wait lists of children with child care vouchers but no facilities available to take them. Our cities can work in partnership to improve our childcare resources to all our benefit. This is one of my top 4 priorities for the next 4 years.

Please consider me for this position.

Thank you

Julie Combs

Councilmember Santa Rosa

December 24, 2016

Board of Directors
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
c/o Katie Crump, Executive Assistant
Sent via e-mail: kcrump@ci.petaluma.ca.us

Re: Request for Appointment to North Bay Division of League of California Cities

Please accept this letter asking your support for my appointment to the North Bay Division of League of California Cities.

My background in commercial real estate finance, covering all of California, will be an asset as a voice for our region.

Please feel free to call me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D. Hagele', with a large, stylized initial 'D'.

David Hagele
Healdsburg City Council

JOHN J. SAWYER
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December 28, 2016

Board of Directors
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
c/o Ms. Katie Crump, Executive Assistant
Sent via Email: KCrump@ci.petaluma.ca.us

Re: Alternate Position, North Bay Division, League of California Cities

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request your support to fill the vacant position as your

Alternate Regional Representative / North Bay Division / L.O.C.C.

I believe my ten years of service on the Santa Rosa City Council, including the last two as Mayor, my established relationships with the region's elected officials and my supportive reputation with the League of California Cities, well prepares me for this roll.

Thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

John Sawyer

Councilmember

City of Santa Rosa

City of Sonoma

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Kaniv Ukraine
Patzcuaro Mexico
Penglai China
Tokaj Hungary

December 15, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers

I am writing to request your support for a four-year term on the Sonoma County Agriculture and Open Space District Board. I've served on the Sonoma City Council for the past four years and was Mayor of our great city in 2015. This November I was reelected for another four-year term on the council.

Being a fourth-generation farmer, I realize that it is important to protect our natural habitats and support the ongoing protections that Sonoma County has made.

My goals are the same as the mission statement for this district.

- Maintain the county's rich rural character and the unique qualities of each city and areas throughout the county that help provide our sense of community.
- Support the economic vitality of working farms to preserve the agricultural heritage and diversity of the county.
- Protect the ridgetops, coastal bluffs, hillsides, and waterways that create the county's striking natural beauty.
- Provide connections between urban areas, parks, and natural areas throughout the county for both people and wildlife.
- Preserve diverse natural areas that provide habitat for wildlife.
- Protect the waterways and natural lands that maintain water quality and supply.
- Partner with local agencies and organizations to leverage funding for land protection, foster stewardship, and provide opportunities for recreational and educational experiences.

Thank you,

David Cook
Councilmember
City of Sonoma

December 20, 2012

Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association

Re: Request for Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County
Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District

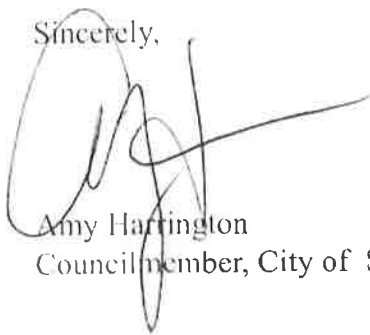
Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing you to ask for your support for a seat on the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District (District) Citizens Advisory Committee. I would be honored to have the opportunity to represent our cities. I think that my background of being a probate attorney and California Probate Referee appraising real estate for the California Superior Court gives me an excellent understanding of open space and land use issues in the Bay Area. I am very familiar with the laws relating to conservation easements, the Williamson Act and other techniques for maintaining family farms.

I am an avid outdoors person and it would be a great honor to contribute to the future of our County by protecting and preserving open space. I want to ensure that the physical beauty and natural resources of Sonoma are preserved for the generations to come.

I respectfully ask for your vote to appointment me to this committec. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions at 707-343-4711 or amyharringtonlaw@gmail.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Amy Harrington', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Amy Harrington
Councilmember, City of Sonoma



CLOVERDALE

December 21, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
City of Rohnert Park
JoAnne Buegler, City Clerk
130 Avram Avenue
Rohnert Park, CA 94928

Re: Request for Appointment to the Citizens Advisory Committee of the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

As a new councilmember, it would be an honor to represent our cities on the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District that preserves natural resources, shapes our built environment, and impacts our local economy.

Though new to elected office, my seven years on the Cloverdale Planning Commission and five years on the Sonoma County Economic Development Board have given me solid experience in land use, local economic issues, and the value of community partnerships. During my recent campaign, I was endorsed by organizations across the political spectrum including the Sierra Club, Sonoma County Conservation Action, and the Cloverdale Police Officers Association demonstrating my long history of activism and community involvement. I'm seeking this appointment because I believe that each land use decision impacts our economy and that this perspective is vital to our long-term sustainability and quality of life.

I first became involved with local land use issues when Cloverdale was developing its Urban Growth Boundary. It was this interest that led me to serve on the planning commission, lobby for Community Separators, and ultimately run for office. When I'm not working as a technology consultant, I can often be found at one of Cloverdale's few open spaces like the Porterfield Creek trail, the River Park, or the beautiful City Park. They are a handful of gems in the north county's sparse park and open space inventory. Having grown up in Larkfield-Wikiup and currently living in Cloverdale, I know what it's like to live in a community underserved by parks and open space and will bring this perspective to my work for the cities of Sonoma County. It is my hope that the Association will consider making this and all appointments geographically diverse to ensure representation from all districts.

Thank you for your consideration in supporting me for a seat on the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation & Open Space District.

Sincerely,



Melanie Bagby

Councilmember, City of Cloverdale



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December 22, 2016

Board of Directors
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
c/o Katie Crump, Executive Assistant
Sent via email: kcrump@ci.petaluma.ca.us

**RE: Request for Appointment to Sonoma County's Agricultural
Preservation and Open Space District**

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:


I am asking for your support for appointment to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District. I consider conserving Sonoma County's diverse agricultural land, natural resources, and scenic open spaces a vital mission. Therefore, I would like to have the opportunity to be more involved in addressing the importance of these areas and their significant impact on our quality of life.

My experience and involvement in the County community has given me a broad understanding of the various needs of the Cities here in Sonoma County. I grew up on a farm in Sonoma County and am still a farmer by profession. I sit on the Board of Directors of the Russian River Valley Wine Growers. Due to this, I have a unique perspective and passion to preserve the agricultural and open space of Sonoma County.

I would like to offer my experience, and would appreciate your support for the opportunity to serve. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (707) 484-3985 or via email at dfoppoli@townofwindsor.com.

Thank you for your consideration in appointing me to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

Sincerely,


Dominic Foppoli
Vice Mayor

cc: Town Council
Linda Kelly, Town Manager

Neysa Hinton



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December 23, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
c/o Katie Crump, Executive Assistant

Re: Request for Appointment to Sonoma County's Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

It would be my honor to serve in one of the open seats on the Sonoma County's Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Committee.

My background and past experiences qualify me for the role. Born in Petaluma and raised in the countryside outside of Sebastopol, I know the importance of having open land for public access and community dividers. Raised on a 100+ acre ranch purchased in 1945 that is still in our family today and protected the Williamson act, I come from a family of ranchers where agriculture and the preservation of land for the next generation was instilled in us since childhood.

The district works strategically acquiring important open space land that is near or adjacent to other protected land. When reviewing land already acquired, I noted that many land clusters are close to Sebastopol and/or in West County. I actively support continuing this work and would add any assistance I could to this effort.

My commitment to supporting local open space and agricultural lands as a 3rd generation Sonoma County resident has spanned my whole life. During my childhood, I was actively involved in 4-H. Later I helped start the Sebastopol Farm Market and served as the first chairperson. In addition, as an event coordinator and fundraiser for the Sonoma County Farmlands Group, I helped bring awareness to the need for open space prior to the establishment of the Sonoma County Open Space District.

Today we are lucky to reap the rewards of having protected farmland, as well as access to woodland and coastal trails in communities throughout Sonoma County. I feel deep appreciation for the wonderful times I have spent hiking with friends through the Willow Creek area in West County, and plan to hike the new LandPaths trail from Duncan Mills to Shell Beach this spring.

As a new councilmember in Sebastopol, I was recently appointed to the Laguna de Santa Rosa Stakeholders Committee as our council's liaison to the Laguna Foundation. The expertise I will gain from this committee will be one more way I can make a valuable contribution to the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District.

I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Neysa Hinton".

Neysa Hinton
Sebastopol City Councilmember
NeysaCouncil@gmail.com
(707) 495-9087

To the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association

I am writing to humbly request your consideration for appointment to the Sonoma County Agriculture Preservation and Open Space District's Citizen's Advisory Committee. I have been a resident of Sonoma County for 26 years, and I have a deep appreciation for the natural beauty of this county. Understanding the intrinsic and economic value our agricultural lands and open space provides us, I believe that we must continue to protect the beauty that defines this county.

Prior to being elected to the Santa Rosa City Council, I have served as a member of the City's Board of Public Utilities, where I was among seven board members tasked with managing the utility department's \$146 million enterprise fund budget. In addition, I currently serve on the advisory board for Parks Now, an advocacy group that seeks to expand access to California State Parks and meet the needs of an increasingly urban, diverse, and young California.

Taking these experiences and my passion for Sonoma County, I believe I would make a positive addition to the Citizen's Advisory Committee.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best wishes,

Jack Tibbetts

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December 1, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to request your support for another term on SMART as the non-SCTA member. My seat expires in March 2017, and the vote to fill this seat will be at the February 9, 2016 Mayors and Councilmembers' meeting.

I have served on SMART since March of 2005, when the member from Santa Rosa stepped down and supported me for the seat. I have worked very hard to get the train rolling, working as a Board member through two ballot measures, through two years of designing the rail cars, through a threatened recall, and so much more. I was Chair during our toughest year in 2010, the year we needed to shorten the initial operating segment and work toward hiring a new General Manager. Also that year we selected Nippon Sharyo's bid for construction of the rail cars. It is my signature on that \$58m contract.

In the past six years, we have worked diligently on construction and toward startup of the rail and pathway system. We were able to add two more stations to our plan: Santa Rosa North at Guerneville Road, and the Airport Road station. As well, we built the Rail Operation Center at the Airport Road location in Sonoma County.

I ask for reappointment for a few reasons. The first is that my hard work, passion and dedication to see this project through has no end. I have the background and historical knowledge that is called upon frequently by nine newer Board members and the General Manager. The second is that I think it's important that the unserved cities have voices – that being Windsor north to Cloverdale. As you may know, Windsor is the next planned station to be brought online. Third, it would mean the world to me to be a Board member when the trains roll later this spring. I had hoped we could meet our initial start date of December, but with the replacement of the engines in all 14 rail cars, our new start date is now late Spring 2017.

As always, I promise to be accessible to all of you, and to represent the interests of the entire 70-mile line. I would very much appreciate one last term as your non-SCTA SMART Board member.

Thank you,

Debora Fudge
Vice Mayor, Windsor



December 19, 2016

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers:

I respectfully request your appointment to the Board of Directors of the Sonoma-Marín Area Rail Transit District for a four-year term.

Santa Rosa, which is by far the largest city on the SMART rail line, has not had a representative on the Board for more than a decade. As SMART prepares to begin revenue service in 2017, the city with the largest projected ridership deserves a seat at the table and a voice on the 12-member Board.

I will bring a unique perspective to the position. I went to work for SMART in 2007 at a time when the agency had only five employees and was struggling for survival after a defeat at the polls of a 2006 sales tax measure. As Director of Public Information and Outreach, I helped frame a message that won the support of nearly 70 percent of Marin and Sonoma County voters in 2008.

As a senior staff member until 2011, I became intimately familiar with the SMART project. I have followed it closely ever since, and will bring that experience and knowledge to the Board.

My goals for SMART include a successful start-up in 2017, followed closely by an opening of the San Rafael-to-Larkspur segment. I will make it a priority to then fulfill our promise to the voters by pursuing funds to expand the line (and the multi-use pathway) north to Windsor, Healdsburg and Cloverdale.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Chris Coursey
Mayor
City of Santa Rosa

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