



City of
Santa Rosa



COMPLETED AND SIGNED APPLICATION MUST BE FILED WITH THE CITY CLERK BY:
DECEMBER 18, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M.

APPLICATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE SANTA ROSA CITY COUNCIL

This application is to fill a vacancy on the Santa Rosa City Council expiring in December 2020. This application is a public document. It may be reviewed by any member of the public upon request after the close of the application period. Only Santa Rosa registered voters who have submitted a complete application packet by the deadline will be considered for appointment.

Name: Judy Ann Kennedy

Residence Address: [REDACTED] Santa Rosa 95404

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED]

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Daytime Phone: [REDACTED]

Are you currently a registered voter and a resident of the City of Santa Rosa? yes

Years of Residence in the City: 35

Resident of City Council District No: 35

Please answer the following questions on a separate sheet(s) of paper as they relate to the Council seat you are seeking.

Part I:

1. Please describe your background as it relates to your application for appointment to the Council.
2. Please describe your qualifications for appointment to the Council.
3. Please state why you wish to be appointed to the Council.

Part II:

1. What particular skills do you bring to the Council?
2. Why do you think you should be appointed to the City Council?

3. How much time do you have available to serve?
4. In your opinion, what are the top two pressing issues facing the City of Santa Rosa and why?
5. How have you remained current and informed on City issues?
6. Please summarize your experiences in community activities or issues affecting the City of Santa Rosa. Give specific examples of your personal involvement.
7. Do you have any specialized training or other qualifications that would be important for the Council to consider?
8. Serving on the Council requires you to annually file a Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700), a public document in which you disclose your financial interests. Rules of law and ethics prohibit members from participating in and voting on matters in which they may have a direct/indirect financial interest. Are you aware of any potential conflicts of interest which may develop from your occupation or other financial interests in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the Council? If yes, please describe any potential conflicts.

To be appointed to the Council you must be a registered voter residing in the City of Santa Rosa at the time of submitting this application and must remain an elector of the City while serving on the Council.

To be considered for appointment you must submit in person:

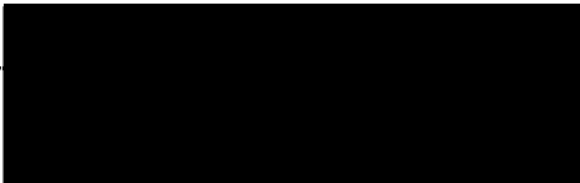
1. The application with any supplemental sheets attached;
2. The FPPC Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests); and
3. The Nomination Paper with no fewer than 20 signatures, with names and addresses of Santa Rosa registered voters to:

City Clerk's Office,
City Hall, Room 10,
100 Santa Rosa Avenue,
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

FILING DEADLINE: DECEMBER 18, 2019, AT 5:00 P.M. PLEASE NOTE THAT ROOM 10 IS CLOSED ON FRIDAYS. TO SUBMIT APPLICATION/NOMINATION PAPERS ON A FRIDAY, PLEASE CALL 707-543-3015 TO SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT.

I, Judy A. Kennedy swear/affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature



Date 12-16-2019

Judy Kennedy

Application for Santa Rosa City Council

December 14, 2019

Part I:

1. *Please describe your background as it relates to your application for appointment to the Council.*

I grew up Santa Rosa. After leaving for college and living in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and New York City, I moved back to Santa Rosa in 1985 to raise my son Quin. I have lived in the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood since 1986 and have been an involved citizen since that time. My involvement in neighborhood efforts such as Neighborhood Watch, historic preservation and public art led to my receiving the City of Santa Rosa Merit Award for Community Service in 2009.

I have been a stalwart at City Council and Planning Commission meetings for the past 15 years as well as a member of the Arts in Public Places Committee (2009-2011) and the Courthouse Square Advisory Committee (2007-2009).

2. *Please describe your qualifications for appointment to the Council.*

I am an engaged citizen. I attend Council meetings and am familiar with the projects on Council's front burner. I keep informed about commissions and committees by reading agendas each week. I have a positive relationship with council members as well as senior staff in the Planning Department, Economic Development, Recreation and Parks Department (including the Arts Coordinator), Transportation and Public Works, and Parking. I have also worked with city crews from Public Works, the Traffic division and Parking.

3. *Please state why you wish to be appointed to Council.*

I wish to be appointed to Council because I have the time to devote myself fully to Council and City matters. I am confident that I am qualified to "hold the fort" for the remainder of Ms Combs' tenure, participate in City Council meetings, attend and participate in any assigned committee meetings, and educate myself on subjects with which I am not familiar.

Part II:

1. *What particular skills to you bring to the Council?*

Being in the medical field for over 40 years as a hospital laboratory technologist and medical transcriptionist, I am detail oriented, able to read with speed and comprehension, and bring a medical perspective to personal and community wellbeing and health-related issues. With my math background, I feel comfortable working on next year's budget with fellow councilmembers.

As an artist and sculptor, I see the world from a visual 3D perspective, which will be helpful in any discussion around the General Plan, the Station Area Plan and land use issues.

2. *Why do you think you should be appointed to the City Council?*

I believe I should be appointed because I have been an involved citizen for over 20 years as a neighborhood advocate, a public arts advocate, and a consistent supporter of City efforts. I am knowledgeable of City Council and its goals as well as being very familiar with the day-to-day workings of City Hall. Present and past council members know me to be a dedicated committee member, which I can translate to my position on City Council. I am female. I have a sense of humor.

3. *How much time do you have available to serve?*

At present, I am retired and have no caregiving responsibilities for children or parents. I am available to serve full time.

4. *In your opinion, what are the top two pressing issues facing the City of Santa Rosa and why?*

1) The homeless crisis affects so many people and so many neighborhoods that I feel it is the most important local issue. Many people in the homeless population have mental health and physical health needs that need to be addressed. With the winter flu season coming, the homeless encampments are ripe for a serious medical emergency. Many of our homeless need to be in drug rehab programs. All need safe housing and access to mental health care. I support our mayor, City Council and County Supervisors as they try to negotiate compassionate treatment, healthy outcomes and safe housing for our homeless.

4. Pressing Issues (continued):

2) Climate change is a pressing global issue, but it is also a local issue of concern to me. With climate change at our front door, the City needs to continue to develop policies that can create more sustainable, self-reliant and resilient neighborhoods that can withstand the effects of global warming and climate change. These could include car-sharing and car-pooling opportunities and community gardens. The NeighborFest program tied to CAB grants can be a great way to enlist neighbors in local climate programs.

5. How have you remained current and informed on City issues?

I read the Press Democrat daily and often comment in Letters to the Editor and, on occasional, a Close to Home. I am on the list to receive agendas and updates from the City on a weekly basis, and I always read the agendas for City Council, the Zoning Administrator, Planning Commission, Art in Public Places Committee and the Downtown Subcommittee. I attend the Downtown Subcommittee and the Art in Public Places Committee meetings nearly every month and watch Council meetings on TV most weeks. I submit letters to appropriate committees/subcommittees/council when there are items of interest to me or my neighborhood. If I have questions, I know that I can call staff to help me understand the situation.

6. Please summarize your experiences in community activities or issues affecting the City of Santa Rosa. Give specific examples of your personal involvement.

Only voluntary activities are listed.

1990 – started a Neighborhood Watch on my block of Oak Street

2003 – worked with Dan Flock and others to achieve historic district status for the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood

2005 – elected to the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood Association board; re-elected in 2007 and served until 2009

2006 – founding member of the Neighborhood Alliance of Santa Rosa and former chair 2010-2012

2006 – convened an ad-hoc committee of interested neighbors to develop a vision plan for the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor; this vision plan was successfully added to the Downtown Station Area Plan in 2011

6. *Community activities (continued):*

2006 – member of the committee that formed the Arts District and brought the 1% for the Arts ordinance to City Council.

2007 – graduated from the Leadership Institute for Ecology and the Economy

2007 – applied for the council seat vacated by Mike Martini

2007 – CAB grant recipient and project manager for colorful banners identifying 11 neighborhoods surrounding the downtown

2007-09 – at-large member of the Courthouse Square Advisory Committee

2008 – candidate for Bob Blanchard's City Council seat

2009-11 at-large member of the Art in Public Places Committee; worked with Tara Thompson to fund and install Artist Billboards; member of the Arts Mural Subcommittee

2010 – CAB grant recipient and project manager for the Maple Avenue Mural Project

2012 – worked with a local developer and the Planning Department to research and write the Backyard Hen ordinance

2013-present – Captain of the Bomb Squad, bringing yarn-bomb beautification projects to neighborhoods, including stop signs and street signs, in addition to downtown parking meters and bike racks. I worked with the Arts Coordinator, Public Works, and Recreation and Parks to yarn-bomb the trees in Courthouse Square for International Yarn-Bomb Day, Sunday, June 9, 2013. Over 50 crocheters and knitters participated.

2014 – Arts Master Plan committee member

2015 – CAB grant recipient and project manager for two sets of beekeeping outfits and accessories for neighborhood beekeepers to borrow from Made Local Marketplace

2018 – CAB grant co-recipient, along with Karen Macken, and project manager for Colorful Crosswalks on Santa Rosa Avenue

2018 – project manager for the Rainbow Flag street mural at B Street and Healdsburg Avenue

6. *Community activities (continued):*

2019 – brought forth a proposal, along with Lois Fisher, to “put the square in Railroad Square” a concept that has been added to the Downtown Station Area Plan Update

In addition, I have crocheted dozens of blankets for local animal shelters and dozens of lap blankets and shawls for the Council on Aging. I have a long history of giving back to my community. I see a problem, I want to fix it, whether that’s drug houses in Burbank Gardens or the lack of bike lanes on Santa Rosa Avenue.

7. *Do you have any specialized training or other qualifications that would be important for the Council to consider?*

No.

8. *Are you aware of any conflicts of interest which may develop from your occupation or other financial interests in relation to your responsibilities as a member of the Council? If yes, please describe any potential conflicts.*

Since I live near the Santa Rosa Avenue section of the Station Area Plan, sadly, I may have to recuse myself from that discussion.