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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: DUANE D. DE WITT

Residence Address: [REDACTED] SANTA ROSA, CA 95407

Mailing Address (if different): [REDACTED] SANTA ROSA, CA. 95402

E-mail: [REDACTED]

Home Phone: [REDACTED] Daytime Phone: _____

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

Years of Residence in the City: > 2

Resident of City Council District No: 1

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:

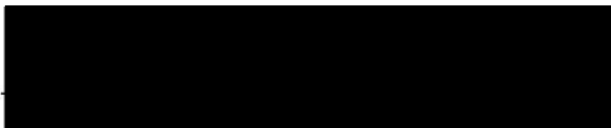
1. The application with any supplemental sheets attached;
2. The FPPC Form 700 (Statement of Economic Interests); and
3. The Nomination Paper with no fewer than 20 signatures, with names and addresses of Santa Rosa registered voters to:

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 DUANE D. DE WITT swear/affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature



Date 13 DEC 2019

Part I:

Ques. 1) As a person raised in the Santa Rosa area and attending Santa Rosa schools in Roseland as well as Santa Rosa High School and Santa Rosa Jr. College after an enlistment in the US Army I believe my background is a strong qualification to serve on the Santa Rosa City Council. Especially because I have spent at least 25 years attending various city and Sonoma County meetings of various boards, commissions and the city council specifically. I may have attended more meetings of various state and federal agencies also than many city council people ever have.

#2) Qualifications include serving on the Southwest Santa Rosa Redevelopment Project Area Committee from 2000 to 2004 in an elected capacity. First as Secretary, then Vice Chair and finally Chairperson. I have served on various Citizen advisory committees such as the Roseland Community Based Transportation Plan, The Bayer Farm and Park Steering Committee and most recently the Roseland Specific Plan Committee.

#3) The City Council needs a person willing to be inclusive to disadvantaged neighborhoods such as Roseland where I live. The city only recently annexed the portion of Roseland where I live. But my boyhood home on McMinn Ave. was annexed into the city decades ago. Because I am familiar with the inner workings of numerous city boards, committees and departments I can be the person who "hits the ground running" to enable the City Council advance the goals and work it is already engaged upon.

Part II:

Ques. 1) My skills in interpersonal communications as well as intercultural communications can be helpful to the City Council as well as the citizens in need of help in public policy decision making. I have extensive training in city planning, community development, environmental planning and land reuse. Please see the included educational resume for elaboration.

#2) An appointment to the City Council though only for less than a year will allow the City Council to flow forward well while having an new set of eyes on old problems facing the city. My can do attitude as well as good team working skills from previous assignments will benefit both residents and Santa Rosa. My appointment will allow the City Council to go full speed ahead on the projects already in the works without an extensive training period for me to be up to speed.

#3) If appointed I will make myself available to serve full time during the time on the City Council.

#4) Housing for residents of Santa Rosa is the most pressing issue while fiscal stability far into the future is the next pressing problem.

#5) I am very current and informed on city issues with an extensive reference library of city issued reports and documents to refer to for public policy decision making issues and matters in the future.

#6) Membership on Santa Rosa Committees has helped me to better understand the inner working of Santa Rosa public policy decision making far more than the average local resident. Current involvement in helping The Sonoma County Community Development Commission in obtaining a \$392,000 grant for assessment of possible sites for land reuse along the Roberts Ave. portion of Santa Rosa in Roseland is a way I am knowledgeable about that area of the Downtown Specific Plan underway now. Extensive

research by me will be helpful to the city in finding more funding to help with the city plans to go forward in permitting more housing in Santa Rosa and Roseland where I am a specialist. Because I have also been involved with the Sonoma County Housing Advocacy Group for over 20 years I am also knowledgeable about Regional Housing Needs Assessments by the Association of Bay Area Governments. I have the expertise to be helpful to the City Council on numerous issues and matters right from the beginning of any tenure on the body.

#7) Please see the attached Educational Resume. It does not include training in Energy Efficient Retrofitting, Auditing, and Assessment obtained at Laney College. This knowledge is helpful with the ongoing discussions these topics in Santa Rosa and Sonoma County.

#8) I will have NO Conflicts of Interest in relation to any responsibilities as a member of the Council.

Duane D. De Witt

Volunteer

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Santa Rosa, Ca. 95402
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- Experience:** Community Planner and Researcher working for West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, May 2011 to Present. Worked on West Oakland Specific Plan. Longtime Respiratory Care Practitioner and Respiratory Therapist 1974-Present.
- Education:** Swedish University of Agricultural Sciences. Masters Degree in Urban Forestry and Urban Greening. May 2015
University of California at Berkeley. Bachelors Degree & two Masters Degrees. Masters Degree in Department of City and Regional Planning May, 2008. Masters Degree in Department of Landscape Architecture- Environmental Planning, May, 2008. Thesis topic: Public Participation in Environmental Planning for Redevelopment and Neighborhood Revitalizations. **GPA: 3.5**. (At UC Berkeley Grade Point Avg. = GPA on 4.0 Scale. **3.3 is given for B+**)
- Bachelors:** Univ. of California at Berkeley, 2003. **GPA: 3.84 (Equals above A-)**. Interdisciplinary Studies Field, **Highest Honors Graduate**. Disciplines were City Planning, Journalism and Scandinavian Studies. Education Abroad at University of Copenhagen, Denmark, Fall 2001 and Summer 2002. Honors Thesis topic: Danish Housing Techniques for Use in California. **Graduation Speaker** for College of Letters & Sciences, ISF Division 2003.
- Awards & Honors:** Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Ukrainian-Harvard Univ. 2006. Foreign Language Area Studies Fellowship, Danish-Denmark, 2005-2006. Kevin Aaron Community Justice Fellowship, UC Berkeley, DCRP, 2005. **Highest Honors B.A.**, Univ. of California at Berkeley, 2003. **Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society 2003**. **Gold Key Honor Society 2002**.
- Volunteer:** 2011 Sonoma County Outstanding Grass Roots Environmentalist. 2010 Cox Communications Conservation Heroes Finalist San Francisco Area.
- Military:** U. S. Army, Rank E-5 at Honorable Discharge, Medic & Respiratory Specialist. Still maintain EMT Training and Respiratory Care Practitioner License in Cal.