



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: Gary Wysocky  
Residence Address: [REDACTED] Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: [REDACTED]  
Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ 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: 29  
Resident of City Council District No: 4

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.

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**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:

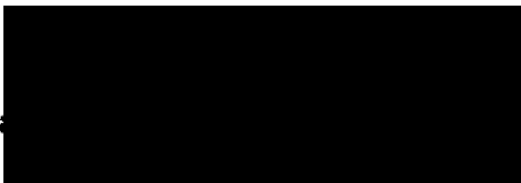
City Clerk's Office,  
City Hall, Room 10,  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue,  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

**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.**

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I Gary L Wysocky swear/affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Applicant's Sign



Date

12/18/19

Gary Wysocky

Application for Appointment to the Santa Rosa City Council

Part I:

I have been a resident of the city of Santa Rosa for almost 30 years. My wife and I have raised two daughters who have graduated from local high schools. I have previously served as a councilman, initially elected in 2008, and re-elected in 2012. I have been licensed as a certified public accountant for over 35 years. I have taught as an adjunct professor at Sonoma State University and Santa Rosa Junior College. I also served as a coach in Piner High School's basketball program. I served as a founding board member of the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and am a past President of the Santa Rosa Junior College Neighborhood.

The satisfaction of serving my community is my root desire to be appointed to the vacant seat. I wish to be appointed for this vacancy on the council as the remaining term is short, just under one year. I remember my initial learning curve as quite steep. As a former councilman, I will not need a significant amount of time to learn procedures, norms and establishment of relationships with other electeds.

Part II:

As a former councilman, I bring the experience of serving during eight of the previous eleven years. My professional skills and community engagement abilities would be helpful for a successful City Council. I have a record of achievements working together with council colleagues, other local electeds, and members of our community to make our city a better place. Among my achievements:

1. Chaired the downtown subcommittee that led the process that resulted in the reunification of Courthouse Square
2. Joined with the community to reform and extend the city's public safety and gang prevention sales tax (measure o).
3. Lead council representative for the negotiated extension of the city's waste hauling contract. This resulted in a royalty rate three times that of the county in addition to a multi-million dollar extension fee while the agreement was reached during the Great Recession".
4. Initial city representative to both Sonoma Clean Power and the joint city-county Solid Waste Advisory Group. I am a past representative for the city on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority. I was also a representative on the advisory board of the Sonoma County Open Space and Agricultural Protection District. I was able to achieve material results in my service on these boards which I can expand upon if desired.
5. Successfully worked with the local chamber of commerce for a self-assessed benefit district, in lieu of a ballot measure, to raise our TOT to generate resources for the city's economic development department and the local hospitality industry.
6. Appointed to the initial SMART budget shortfall committee to address the agency's initial planning during the Great Recession. I successfully added the north Santa Rosa station to the adopted initial operating segment.
7. Increased financial stability for the future while providing for current needs. Prudent reserve policies for the city's future needs were always a primary concern of mine.

The most pressing issues facing the city of Santa Rosa right now are homelessness and housing. The city should continue to work with the county to supply additional sites for temporary shelter. Additionally, I would be supportive of efforts to increase state resources to address mental health issues in our community. The expedited rebuild process for wildfire victims needs to be continued as we complete our recovery from the devastating Tubbs fire. Lastly, I support the "in-fill" policy and the encouragement of housing in our central core.

I have stayed current and informed on City issues via conversations with community leaders and staying abreast of media reports. Specifically, I assisted the Chanate neighborhood analyze the County development proposals for the old hospital site and its adjoining parcels and advised the Jennings neighborhood with its quest to re-establish the closed crossing of the rail line.

I am also proud that four of my previous city appointees have been successfully elected to the city council. It is imperative that the city continue to engage its residents to serve so that we reach our highest potential as a community.