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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: Sandra Wandel

Residence Address: [REDACTED] Santa Rosa, CA 95405

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

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: 28 years

Resident of City Council District No: 4 years 2

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 Sandra Wandel swear/affirm that the foregoing information is true and correct.

Applicant's Signature



Date

December 17, 2019

Applicant: Sandra Wandel

### **Application for Appointment to the Santa Rosa City Council**

#### Part I:

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

*Living in Santa Rosa (Sonoma County) for the last 28 years is one of the best decisions I made. I have been able to raise my family and establish my roots here. Although it is an expensive place to live, I have sought high and low after several layoffs within the county to stay employed here so that I can remain a resident of Santa Rosa. Both my husband and I have many friendships with long time residents of Santa Rosa as well as with those serving our community. It is a personal passion of mine to serve the people and the community in which I live. With respect to serving, I have served as a school board member, a board member on the Board of Community Services, volunteered at various organizations throughout the years, and currently a board member of the Santa Rosa Police Foundation.*

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

*Outside of meeting the general requirements of a registered voter and reside in the City of Santa Rosa, I have vested interest in the financial well-being and stability of our city. I have been a resident since 1991 and take pride in calling Santa Rosa my home everywhere I go. My experience on a school board taught me how to read and understand a budget that is funded publicly. Additionally, my education through obtaining a Master's of Business Administration degree has given me the skill set to have a broad understanding of business and various aspects of operations.*

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

*Working together with the City Council, city employees, and committees to improve and change our city for the better is, what I believe, a civil duty that one should embrace and work hard to achieve.*

#### Part II:

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

*As previously mentioned, I served on a school board for 12 years where I learned and participated in union negotiations, budgets, and general business. School district budgets contain restricted and non-restricted funds which can be difficult to understand and explain to those that do not work within budget planning.*

2. Why do you think you should be appointed to the City Council?  
*Government has interested me most of my life. I see working in a role such as this and other community related board memberships have allowed me the opportunity to both give back to and learn about my community. In recent years our city has changed quite a bit and have thought about running for a seat on the City Council to try to make a difference where I live.*
  
3. How much time do you have available to serve?  
*I am a full-time employee at Medtronic in Santa Rosa and must maintain that employment status. As I have been an employee with Medtronic for nearly 15 years, I am fortunate to receive accrued Personal Time Off (PTO) that can be used for time away from the office for personal reasons. With respect for regularly scheduled council meetings on Tuesdays at 4:00pm, I have spoken to and made an agreement with management that this will not conflict with time needed at the office. If additional time is needed to attend to Council responsibilities, I will make necessary adjustments in my schedule where possible.*
  
4. In your opinion, what are the top two pressing issues facing the City of Santa Rosa and why?  
*In my opinion, the top two issues facing the City of Santa Rosa is homelessness and affordable housing. Both issues are challenging to resolve from a time, space, and financial perspective and will require creativity, patience, and more than one solution to improve.*
  
5. How have you remained current and informed on City issues?  
*My main sources of information are through social media outlets as well as reading the local newspaper, The Press Democrat. I have also had many discussions with friends and family about what is happening in and around our city. I have also perused the City Council minutes posted.*
  
6. Please summarize your experiences in community activities or issues affecting the City of Santa Rosa. Give specific examples of your personal involvement.  
*From 2002 through 2014, I was a board member on the Bennett Valley Union School District Board of Trustees. Through this experience, I learned a great deal about school budgets and the idiosyncrasies of how the school board, administration, and teacher/classified unions work together to achieve an environment that garners success for students.*  
  
*I have been serving as a board member on the Board of Community Services for the City of Santa Rosa appointed by Council Member Ernesto Olivares since April 2017. This appointment has offered me the experience to learn about the parks division of the city.*

*From January 2018 through present, I have served as the treasurer of the Santa Rosa Police Foundation non-profit organization. We recently gained 501(c)(3) status and are working to obtain donations in order to support our police department and programs as needed.*

*For a total of 8 years, I served as a coach with youth with Santa Rosa Youth Football and Cheer and Montgomery High School. In this capacity, I was able to teach and coach mostly girls and a few boys in cheerleading as well as mentor and be a support person in their lives when needed.*

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

*No other specialized training 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.

*There are no potential conflicts of interest.*