

RESOLUTION NO. RES-2020-001

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA DECLARING A VACANCY IN THE OFFICE OF COUNCIL MEMBER AND APPOINTING RICHARD DOWD TO SERVE THE REMAINDER OF THE UNEXPIRED TERM

WHEREAS, on November 19, 2019, Council Member Julie Combs announced her resignation from the Council, effective November 25, 2019; and

WHEREAS, City Charter Section 31 provides that the City Council has the authority, within sixty (60) days from the commencement of the vacancy, to fill the vacancy by appointment; and

WHEREAS, to avoid the cost of a special election, and to ensure that the public is served with an individual for a reasonable amount of time before the next regularly scheduled municipal election, the City Council finds that it is in the best interests of the City of Santa Rosa to fill the vacancy for the unexpired term of former Council member Combs by appointing a successor; and

WHEREAS, the Council, acting through the City Clerk, noticed and solicited applications for appointment to fill the vacancy from qualified registered voters of the City of Santa Rosa; and

WHEREAS, the Council established the date of Wednesday, December 18, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. as the deadline for submission of said applications for appointment, and by said deadline received 19 applications from qualified applicants; and

WHEREAS, at a Special Meeting held on Tuesday, January 7, 2020, the Council interviewed all qualified applicants who submitted and did not withdraw applications; and

WHEREAS, the Council having considered and voted upon the appointment in accordance with the Council Policy No. 000-23, Procedure for Filling Council Vacancies, has come to a unanimous consensus in the matter.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa hereby appoints Richard Dowd, an elector and registered voter of the City of Santa Rosa, to serve as a member of the Santa Rosa City Council for the remainder of the unexpired term of former Council member, Julie Combs.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the person appointed shall take office effective immediately after taking the Oath of Office and shall serve exactly as if elected at a municipal election for the office for a term expiring December 2020.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 7th day of January, 2020.

AYES: (6) Mayor Schwedhelm, Vice Mayor Fleming, Council Members Olivares, Rogers, Sawyer, Tibbetts

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN: (0)

ATTEST: _____ APPROVED: _____
Acting City Clerk Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

City Attorney