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From: Lois Gause <beachgirl052@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, January 2, 2020 2:28 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Letter of Recommendation
Attachments: Judy Kennedy Recommendation Ltr 1.2.20 Word.docx

Attached is a letter of recommendation for Judy Kennedy. I know that Judy has applied for the temporary City Council seat and I would like for the Board to receive my letter of recommendation for Judy.

Thank you,
Lois

January 2, 2020

Dear Santa Rosa City Council Members,

I recently learned that you have a temporary seat open on the City Council and that my neighbor, Judy Kennedy, has applied for that opening. Judy and I have been neighbors for 26 years in the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood. As a long time neighbor and friend I feel compelled to share with you a little about Judy.

First of all, Judy is a dedicated and very active member of our neighborhood community. She served on the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood Board for several years. During that time she was voted by the Board to be “liaison to the City”. Judy’s passion for the neighborhood is demonstrated by her commitment to keeping the neighborhood beautiful, safe, and working with the City on various plans involving the Burbank Gardens Neighborhood. One of many projects that Judy worked on was the Maple Avenue Mural Project. No matter what the project Judy is involved in she is committed to seeing that project through to the end. She is a team player and always solicits the help of other community members to get the job done.

Judy is also politically motivated to make sure that the City hears the needs of the neighborhood. You often see her at City Council meetings and involved in City Development meetings, such as the Santa Rosa Station Area Plan, and the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor plan.

I believe that Judy would be the perfect candidate to fill the vacancy of Council Person because of her passion, dedication and commitment to getting the job done.

Sincerely yours,

Lois Gause

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From: Patricia Cisco <pacisco@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, December 24, 2019 11:14 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Karen Weeks

Dear Councilmembers:

I am writing in support of Karen Weeks and her application to fill the current Council vacancy.

When Karen joined the Planning Commission in 2017 she was immediately effective. The Planning Commission, like the City Council, generally presents a steep learning curve for new members. However, because Karen had watched our meetings (as well as Council and other Board meetings) regularly for years, she came to the Commission well acquainted with the process and familiar with the City's planning documents and policies. In fact, it was joked that now that Karen was on the Commission we were losing our lone viewer! Karen has served as Vice Chair since 2018, and this past year has served on the Subdivision Committee, chairing those meetings. She is always well prepared, thoughtful and respectful of staff, the public, and fellow Commissioners.

Due to Karen's past experience with the City as an employee, she brings a knowledge base specific to the most pressing issues we currently face as a City: homelessness and housing. She will be able to add to the Council her land use education from the Planning Commission as well. At such a critical time, Karen will be able to immediately carry her share of the Council load. She is committed and passionate about service to Santa Rosa.

I hope that Karen Weeks will be your choice to fill this vacancy.

Happy Holidays and thank you so much for all your hard work.

Patti Cisco

Sent from my iPad

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From: Cindy Craig <cindyvale@yahoo.com>
Sent: Friday, December 20, 2019 4:46 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] City Council Candidate: Jacqueline Ocana

To Santa Rosa City Council members,

I'm writing in support of Jacqueline Ocana as an excellent individual to fill Julie Combs vacated council seat for the duration of Julie's term.

I know Jacqueline through our mutual involvement on the Board of Legal Aid of Sonoma County. She joined the board earlier this year and has brought with her dynamic enthusiasm, creative ideas, and diligent follow-through. I'm impressed by her skill set and her focus on working in support of our elderly population, a vulnerable segment that is often pushed aside. Her bilingual skills allow her to communicate effectively with a diverse population, and her deep roots in the county reflect her historic connection to her community.

I encourage you to meet with her and give serious consideration to her application for the position. I think she'd be an excellent addition to the board.

With warm regards,

Cindy Craig
Legal Aid Board Member and Past President