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From: Karen Macken <karenlmack49@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 6:37 AM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Judy Kennedy for City Council

Dear Council,

I am writing to recommend Judy Kennedy for the open council seat. I have worked with her since 2005 on numerous events and activities. We share an interest in the rehabilitation of Santa Rosa Avenue and worked together for many years with Advance Planning and the Planning Department to build a walkable neighborhood between Juilliard Park neighborhood and the Burbank Gardens Historic District. That plan, with its road-diet and zoning changes, is now the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan and, hopefully, will be adopted in the near future. It took 14 years, but Judy never stopped working with staff to install a safe traffic signal and pedestrian crossing at the Santa Rosa Avenue and Sebastopol Avenue intersection and to monitor traffic speeds and volume with the hope of accomplishing our original mission of a safe and pleasant roadway.

Judy and I were on the committee to designate the SOFA district and Santa Rosa Avenue as part of the Arts District. We have worked together in numerous art projects that benefit our neighborhoods -- The Maple Avenue Mural, the painted crosswalks at the intersection of Santa Rosa Avenue and Sebastopol Avenue and public art in other neighborhoods as well.

Judy is the kind of person you want in every neighborhood. She sees a problem and immediately comes up with an idea to fix it. She can gather any number of people to neighborhood meetings and events as well as manage large-scale projects and gather volunteers.

I believe she will show the same determination and know-how on City Council. Judy is one person who I can see moving into a council seat with ease and knowledge.

Respectfully submitted,


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From: Flora Ganzler <flganzler@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, January 3, 2020 1:04 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] The current vacant City Council seat.

Dear City Council Members,

I am writing to recommend that you fill the current vacancy on the City Council with a strong neighborhood advocate, Judy Kennedy. She is a volunteer organizer whose impact has been felt beyond her own historic neighborhood of Burbank Gardens. Organizing & painting  murals on Maple Avenue & on other venues around Santa Rosa or helping to plan a bike lane that makes a neighborhood safer is all part of her desire to make Santa Rosa a more livable city.

Judy has also worked on the Santa Rosa Avenue Corridor Plan, Juilliard Park projects, & chaired her neighborhood Board. Through these leadership opportunities she has become familiar with city codes, ordinances & personnel. She would be ready on day one to take her place on the council.

Flora Lee Ganzler
Former member of Santa Rosa Cultural Heritage Board
& the Santa Rosa Art in Public Places Committee
(circa 2013 - 2016)

January 3, 2020

To: Honorable Members of the Santa Rosa City Council

From: Geoffrey D. Smith

Re: Judy Kennedy, Endorsement

I am writing in strong support of Judy Kennedy to fill the vacant seat so capably served by former council member Julie Combs.

I have known Judy for nearly 10 years. As a small business owner I have had many occasions to work directly with Judy on important projects that have benefited our community. Allow me to highlight several of these collaborations.

My small business is located in Historic Railroad Square, immediately next door to the Redwood Gospel Mission. As such, we have been and continue to be severely impacted by the transient issue. 5 years ago, I retained the services of Judy as a public artist to help eradicate an attractive nuisance that was presented by the shrubery in front of the RGM wall on Wilson Street next to our shop. Through crowd funding, she was able to create a beautiful public art work on that wall, called 'The Sunrise Mural'. The art is a symbol of hope and courage for a community that struggles. Judy capably garnered broad public support from local residents and businesses, and worked with the West End community to build goodwill for this symbolic gateway to our community. She recruited a crew of volunteers who painted the mural in two days on Thanksgiving weekend. The mural stands today, free of graffiti, a beacon of hope.

Examples of Judy's public art work abound throughout our city. Each of these represent the results of significant ability on Judy's part in community organizing and mobilization for common good. The art projects she has personally created and supported are an important reflection of the strength of our community. Judy knows that, and has the ability to harness it.

Judy's consensus organizing work in support of her vision for a community town square -- or 'Piazza' -- in Historic Railroad Square, may prove to be her greatest legacy. Through persistent advocacy and skill in coalition-building, she succeeded in having the town square concept included in the Station Area Plan preferred alternative, which will direct community design in the coming years. We all look forward to a more vibrant community, thanks in large part to Judy's vision.

We need a person of Judy's dedication and ability on our council, to complete the term of Ms. Combs.

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January 5, 2020

Mayor Tom Schwedhelm; Vice Mayor Victoria Fleming; and Council Members John Sawyer, Chris Rogers, Ernesto Olivares, and Jack Tibbetts
City of Santa Rosa

Re: City Council Vacancy

Subject: Endorsement

Mayor Schwedhelm; Vice Mayor Fleming; and Council Members Sawyer, Rogers, Olivares, and Tibbetts:

I am writing to endorse Mr. Mike Martini for the now-vacant City Council seat, given Mike's:

1. Lengthy experience on the Planning Commission, where he served five years, and the City Council, where he served 11 years, including two years as Mayor, allowing the Council to now bring on board someone with significant experience for a short-term appointment;
2. Experience with homelessness, arguably now the City's most-pressing problem, including hands-on knowledge, gained during the late 1990s and early 2000s with those living rough in several locations, including at Cemetery Hill;
3. Experience with the County – including recently with Supervisors Gore and Hopkins – certainly a key quality, given the County's untimely response at Dollar Tree and the Joe Rodota Trail;
4. Collegial demeanor, well-documented during his prior City Council tenure;
5. Business acumen, gained since 1982 running his winery; and
6. Experience with *Ambystoma californiense* critical habitat.


My partners and I respect Mike and hope the City Council gives him strong consideration for the now-open seat.



Mayor Schwedhelm; Vice Mayor Fleming; Council Members Sawyer, Rogers, Olivares, and Tibbetts
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As background, Santa Rosa Associates II (SRA II), together with its affiliated partnership, is fee title holder to approximately two hundred eighty (~280) acres, the single largest holding of contiguous, private property in the City of Santa Rosa. I'm the lead partner in SRA II.

Sincerely,
SANTA ROSA ASSOCIATES II

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Richard C. Ersted
Lead Partner

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From: Nicole Griffith Barbieri <NicoleGB@convergencelaboratories.com>
Sent: Monday, January 6, 2020 1:19 PM
To: _CityCouncilListPublic
Subject: [EXTERNAL] city council vacancy - Erin Carlstrom

Dear Mayor and Council Members,

I understand that you will soon be appointing a person to fill the council seat vacated by Julie Combs. I'd like to express my support for Erin Carlstrom as an applicant for the vacant position and believe that she is the best choice. Her enthusiasm, understanding of purpose, and dedication to public service is exemplary.

Gisele has already served as a council member and has experience working with constituents in the City of Santa Rosa in an official capacity give her an advantage and a head start on the job. She is an active member of the Santa Rosa business community and she has been involved in the community through various clubs and activities. As a mother and businessperson, she has life experiences that equate well to the challenges and aspirations of the people of our city. She has common sense and I admire how she has tackled issues that arisen. I can see that she works well with others and knows how to get things done. She's passionate about the community and creating a city that keeps families working, playing, learning and living in Santa Rosa. I believe that Erin would be a great addition to our city council and would work very hard for the entire city.

For all the reasons stated above, I enthusiastically endorse Erin Carlstrom and recommend her appointment to the open council seat.

Thank you for your consideration.

Nicole Griffith Barbieri, resident of Santa Rosa & CEO of Convergence Laboratories, Inc.

*Cheers,
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