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Mayor

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Dear Sonoma County Council Members,

I am writing to request your support for my reappointment to the Bay Area Air Quality Management District Board (BAAQMD).

For the past eight years I have represented the cities of Sonoma County as the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association's representative on the Air District Board. In that time, I have attended almost every bi-weekly Directors' Meeting, I am the Chair of the District's Climate Protection Committee, and a longtime member of the Community and Public Health Committee and the Personnel Committee. In my capacity as an Air District Director, I also sit on the Bay Area Regional Collaborative (BARC) which coordinates work between MTC, ABAG and BAAQMD to be sure we are all rowing together. It is my intention to apply for reappointment to this regional board, and I am seeking your support.

The effects of regional air quality on the life in Sonoma County continue to grow. The seemingly annual wildfires of the past years have reinforced just why the Air District's work is so important. Each year we continue to see a record number of Spare the Air Days, a record that was broken again in 2020 while we were already restricted to sheltering in place. I want to continue to make sure our County's voice is heard clearly and effectively. I believe I have been an effective voice for our needs and would like to continue in that capacity.

Given the exit of Supervisor Zane, who has been the senior member of the Bay Area Air Quality Management for Sonoma County, I think it is critical that we continue to be represented by someone whose leadership is already established at the Air District.

To this end, I seek your support for this appointment. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 707.953.0846, or email me at tbarrett@cityofpetaluma.org.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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