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December 16, 2020

Deputy Clerk of the Board
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Attn: Darin A. Bartow
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Re: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Letter of Interest

Dear Honored Members of the Mayors and Councilmembers Association and the City Selection Committee,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for the appointment to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District City Selection Committee.

I have a great appreciation for the continued work being done to keep traffic moving safely and efficiently along Highway 101, and I would like to be part of the process as you continue to look at various ways to increase optimization of bus routes, ferry routes, and passenger capacity.

As you know, Rohnert Park continues to grow on both sides of Highway 101 with both residential and commercial development, and it is imperative we continue to support our current commuter options.

For the last 10 years, I have served on the Rohnert Park Planning Commission, and I believe I can bring a unique perspective as member of the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation City Selection Committee.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation City Selection Committee. Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions at (707) 332-1162, or by email at ggiudice@rpcity.org. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Gerard Giudice
Mayor



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December 29, 2020

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RE: Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Letter of Interest

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District is a fundamental part of my family story and history. My family originally moved to San Francisco in the 1880s. My great-grandfather would use the early ferry system to get grapes from Sonoma County to bring to his small production facility in North Beach. I grew up listening to stories from my grandfather about his afternoons spent watching the bridge being built and his pride in crossing it on opening day. For him, the bridge opened up the possibility of a better, more affordable life in the North Bay. Golden Gate Transit busses made it feasible for both my mother and father's parents to move their families from San Francisco to Marin and Sonoma counties while still keeping their jobs in the city. My grandmother, who immigrated to the U.S. from Nicaragua in the 1940s, would ride a Golden Gate Transit bus every day from Cotati to her job cleaning rooms at the St. Francis Hotel in order to provide for her family in Sonoma County. My father and mother would also make daily trips on the bus for their education and jobs in the city.

The Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District has given so much to my family, and I feel that it is only fitting for me to give back in service to the district in its time of greatest economic need. Ferry ridership is down 90+ percent. Bus ridership and bridge crossings are down to their lowest levels in a generation.

Strong leadership, fiscal expertise, and creative planning will be necessary to preserve jobs and levels of service over the next few years. My extensive background in business, backed by a masters degree in Business Management, will pair perfectly with my experience in local government in tackling the challenges facing the District.

I have served on multiple Committees and Commissions while representing the Windsor community as Town Councilmember and Mayor. In my roles as a Planning Commissioner, Councilmember, and Mayor I have addressed transportation issues at all levels of government, including the review of development and capital projects at the local level, addressing the provision of transit service and the arrival of commuter rail to Windsor at the regional level, and advocating for funding and project commitments at the state level. I have also played an active role in developing transportation goals and policies as part of longer-term planning efforts. Transportation decisions and policy-making require careful consideration and experience to ensure the best investments are made in meeting our future transportation needs and to ensure the systems we invest in provide a viable alternative to the automobile to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

I believe that it is key for the success of our young SMART system to have a strong ferry connection that is functioning well. Golden gate busses have served our most economically vulnerable communities in Sonoma County for more than 50 years, and for many Sonoma County residents, they are just as important now as they were when they first began.

I humbly ask for your support to serve as the Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers representative to the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District's Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Dominic Foppoli". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Dominic Foppoli
At-large Mayor