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Councilmember

December 18, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
c/o Sommer Hageman
Deputy Town Clerk, Town of Windsor

Re: Request for Support for Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I write to request your support to be one of the three names forwarded to the Board of Supervisors to fill the MTC term unfortunately being vacated by Jake Mackenzie. The controlling statute provides: "The city selection committee ... shall furnish to the board of supervisors the names of three nominees and the board of supervisors shall appoint one of the nominees to represent the county." Cal. Govt. Code § 66503(b).

It would be my intent to strongly support the longstanding tradition of the North Bay's MTC commissioners working together to bring critically needed transportation dollars to our region, including for:

- Highway 37
- Strengthening transportation infrastructure for climate change, including sea level rise, wildfire escape routes and expanded electric vehicle use
- SMART operations and expansion
- Regional and local bus and ferry service
- Making transit options more available to people of diverse income levels

I have a strong transportation background, having served in the past on the Sonoma County Transportation Authority for six years and on the SMART board for two years.

MTC also plays a critical role in the RHNA process, and it would be my intent to work especially to promote affordable housing throughout the nine county region, while also working collaboratively with our cities and the County so that their interests and goals are represented in the RHNA process.

Being an effective MTC commissioner for Sonoma County requires a very substantial commitment of both time and energy, which I commit to do.

Sincerely,

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December 15, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association
c/o Mary Gourley

Re: Request for Appointment to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I seek your support for my appointment by the Mayors and Councilmembers of Sonoma County to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission. It would be my honor to serve and represent our nine cities, Sonoma County, and our citizens on this commission that is the coordinating agency responsible for transportation, planning and financing and is vital to protect that will reduce greenhouse emissions, improve roads/ transportation systems, address equity and barriers to economic opportunity. As well, support essential housing projects in the nine Bay Area counties.

My background as a community advocate and my professional and elected experience make me uniquely qualified to represent our region and bring transportation funding and focus to Sonoma County as an equal partner among the nine counties. Because of the complexity of MTC's mission, board members typically devote 17-20 hours per month; I am both ready and able to meet the time commitment and navigate the landscape and challenges inherent in a nine-county board.

As a board and care manager in Marin County, I myself commute on SMART and manage staff that is dependent on public transportation from multiple counties into Marin. While I've always been an advocate for public transportation, working with my primarily migrant co-workers has, for me, underscored the need to prioritize social equity in transportation.

While Sales Manager at KGO Radio, I not only utilized transit of every kind throughout the nice Bay Area counties, that experience helped me understand challenges faced by our neighboring counties, appreciate the interdependence of our transportation network, and understand the political and economic dynamics throughout the region.

My collaborative work style, consistent preparation, and existing regional relationships will enable me to get up to speed quickly and advocate for our cities, our residents, and our future representing you at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

I would be honored to have your support for my appointment and respectfully ask for your vote. If you have further questions about my background or qualification, feel free to contact me to schedule a virtual meeting.

Sincerely,

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December 29, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers Association
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor
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Re: Appointment to Metropolitan Transportation Commission

Dear Sonoma County Mayors and Council Members,

I am writing to ask for your support in appointing me to Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). I am a fourth generation Sonoma County resident who has a background in land use planning and a career in advanced energy and transportation policy and market development.

Transportation is rapidly changing and the opportunities to be innovative are endless. Now is the time to reframe our thinking and create a transportation system that is equitable, economical, and emissions-free. If appointed, my focus would be fourfold:

Zero Emission Vehicles – The State has mandated light-, medium- and heavy-duty vehicles all must transition to be zero emissions. While this gives hope that we can achieve carbon neutrality and reduce harmful pollution in frontline communities, the impacts to our electrical grid and fleet management practices will be significant.

Land Use – The new RHNA targets, coupled with our beloved urban growth boundaries, will force Sonoma County cities to prioritize infill and transit-oriented development. This will add congestion to existing roadways, add pedestrians and cyclists to streets that have been designed for cars, and create new opportunities for high-quality public transit and sustainable economic development.

Disruption – Sea level rise and disruptive technologies like autonomous vehicles and e-bikes are coming fast. Evacuations from flooding and wildfires will be a concern for the foreseeable future. We must work with agencies across the Bay Area to mitigate threats, prioritize needs, and secure funding for critical initiatives.

Transit & Equity – Minorities and low-income residents spend more of their income on transportation, and are disproportionately subjected to unsafe street conditions, poor accessibility, and toxic air quality. Most of Sonoma County does not qualify for funding from the state programs that use SB 535 and AB 1550 designations, so we need our MTC representative to understand the programs, and advocate for changes to program rules and funding from MTC.

We are lucky to have the MTC as a venue to convene regional stakeholders, and collaboratively plan and resource the most pressing projects in Sonoma County, the North Bay, and throughout the Bay Area. My experience with land use, transportation and energy policy, and my commitment to progress through collaboration and courage qualify me to represent our community. If appointed, I will work hard to advocate for our community, keep all cities aware of the issues, and be a productive voice on the MTC as it finalizes and starts implementing Plan Bay Area 2050.

For these reasons, I ask for your support. Please do not hesitate to contact me by phone at (707) 373-6414 or by email at bbarnacle@cityofpetaluma.org if you would like to speak about this.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brian Barnacle". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each word being capitalized and prominent.

Brian Barnacle, Petaluma City Councilmember-elect



December 31, 2020

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

I am writing to express my interest in representing Sonoma County at the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC). As you well know, strong representation at MTC is essential to bringing much needed transportation funding to the Northbay and to our communities in Sonoma County.

My interest in representing our region at MTC comes from a desire to support our communities through regionally informed transportation planning that is backed by the necessary funding. Over the next few years, MTC will be tackling a number of large issues that will have a direct impact on Sonoma County, including addressing climate change through the lens of responsible transportation planning, expansion of transportation networks while addressing equity and making important decisions on new regional housing allocations. A robust and diverse transit network and a strategic approach to housing and density is central to a thriving economy, a livable climate and a healthy future for all of our residents. As your representative to MTC, I intend to fight passionately for Sonoma County's share of funding and see that it is equitably distributed to cities, urban service areas and rural regions. Geography should not determine one's economic prospects and to this end, regionally sensitive transportation can be one factor to mitigate against economic disadvantage.

Through my leadership as Chair of the Renewal Enterprise District, I have demonstrated the value and importance of thinking regionally and working closely with my colleagues across jurisdictions on critical issues such as housing, transportation, environment economic development and equity. I believe that I am uniquely positioned to represent the interests all of the residents and visitors to our county on MTC and will be committed to keeping an open line of communication with all of you as we take on these critical and important issues.

I sincerely appreciate your consideration for this position and if I do secure it, I will work tirelessly on your behalf.

Thank You,

Victoria Fleming
Council Member
City of Santa Rosa