

December 31, 2020

Chair
Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association
Attn: Sommer Hageman, Town of Windsor
Town of Windsor
9291 Old Redwood Highway, Building 400
Windsor, CA 95492

Dear Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers,

Request for Appointment to the ABAG Regional Planning Committee (if position open)
OR
Request for Appointment to the ABAG Executive Board

I am writing to request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Regional Planning Committee or Executive Board.

I was elected to the Petaluma City Council just last month, but have served city government in a variety of roles over the past 10 years. I have served on the Youth Commission, was a Petaluma representative on the Stakeholders Advisory Committee of Sonoma County Climate Action 2020, and most recently was a member of the Petaluma Climate Action Commission Ad Hoc Committee on Equity and Climate Justice.

As a retired physician, I am experienced in making difficult decisions with incomplete information. I also have graduate degrees in engineering and public health. Since my retirement from medical practice 11 years ago, I have become increasingly involved in political work and campaigns, including advocating for workers rights, tenants rights, social equity and justice, and affordable housing in Sonoma County. I have attended meetings and presentations over the past 2 years related to CASA and Plan Bay Area 2050.

I collaborated with other physicians, nurses, and staff regularly during my career at Kaiser with the Permanente Medical Group, and served as Chief of the Department of Occupational Medicine at Kaiser San Rafael and as Regional Physician Lead for Occupational Health and Safety Services and Disability Management. Those who have worked with me say that I am punctual, prepared, and willing to take on extra work. As I am retired, I can make meetings throughout the day and have time for research. I am familiar with many aspects of our Bay Area, as I grew up in Richmond, California, did graduate work at Cal and Stanford, and have worked in San Francisco, Marin, and Sonoma counties.

I would be honored by your support for this appointment, and I respectfully request your vote. If you have questions about my qualifications, please do not hesitate to call me at 707-478-7466, email me at dpocekay@cityofpetaluma.org, or request a virtual meeting.

Thank you for your consideration,



Dennis Pocekay, MD, MPH
Petaluma City Councilmember elect



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November 24, 2020

Sonoma County Mayors' & Councilmembers' Association
City of Windsor
Dominic Foppoli, Chair
9291 Old Redwood Hwy, Building 400
Windsor, CA 95492

**Re: Request for Appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government
(ABAG) Executive Committee**

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee.

For the past year and a half, I have served as the Mayors and Councilmembers appointee to:

- ABAG Regional Planning Committee
- ABAG General Assembly
- ABAG Housing Methodology Committee

The valuable experience I received has reinforced my commitment to supporting the work of the ABAG Executive Committee.

As a member of the ABAG Executive Committee, I would continue to uphold ABAG's mission to "strengthen cooperation and collaboration among local governments to provide innovative and cost-effective solutions to common problems that they face."

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee.

My cell phone number is at (707) 291-8450. Please feel free to call or email me at sadams@rpcity.org. I appreciate your support.

Sincerely,

Susan Adams
Rohnert Park City Councilmember

Cc: City Council



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Town of Windsor - Dominic Foppoli, Mayor
9291 Old Redwood Hwy, Building 400
Windsor, CA 95492

Re: Association of Bay Area Government (ABAG) Executive Committee Letter of Interest

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

I write to respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG) Executive Committee. I firmly support ABAG's mission to strengthen cooperation and collaboration across local governments and to build healthier, stronger communities.

For the past three years, I have sat on the Sonoma County Planning Commission, examining plans and policies to strengthen our County's land use, end the housing crisis and build resiliency. As an attorney with experience in land use law and environmental policy, my knowledge and familiarity with CEQA will be helpful as the Executive Committee's work in 2021 will be focused on environmental mitigation measures and monitoring that may be required to adopt Plan Bay Area 2050.

My perspective as a parent raising a five and seven year-old in Sonoma County will also allow me to bring my personal experience of nurturing the next generation to this seat on ABAG's Executive Committee as it looks to fulfil the Plan Bay Area 2050 vision. When ABAG adopts the Bay Area's long-range plan to guide the growth of our nine-county region, it is important to have representation and advocacy by someone who is constantly thinking about the future because I am staring at them every morning when I wake up. ABAG's planning priorities, including Plan Bay Area, will ensure that our region is affordable, connected, diverse, healthy and vibrant for all, including and especially the next generation.

The Executive Committee will be tasked with prioritizing strategies to help achieve a more resilient and equitable future for the Bay Area. These strategies include reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, increasing the production and preservation of affordable housing, investing in parks and open spaces, particularly in historically disinvested communities, increasing resilience against wildfires and sea level rise and supporting a thriving economy with a more balanced, regional pattern of jobs and housing. These are all of paramount importance to achieve long-range growth towards a more resilient future for our region.

Thank you for your consideration of my request for appointment to the Executive Committee of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Sincerely,

Ariel Kelley
Ariel Kelley
Healdsburg City Councilmember

cc: Members of the Healdsburg City Council