



December 29, 2020

Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
Chair City: Town of Windsor  
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**RE: Appointment to the SMART Board of Directors SMART/SCTA**

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers,

As I begin my second term on the Cloverdale City Council, I am writing to ask for your support to represent you as the Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers appointee to the SMART Board of Directors SMART/SCTA seat.

For the past two years, I have served on Sonoma County Transit Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority giving me valuable understanding of how regional and local transportation projects are planned, funded, and completed; hearing from our constituents and community partners about their transportation priorities, frustrations, and vision for the future; and watching how an evolving economy, emerging technologies, and the current pandemic are changing how we work, live, commute and travel, and their implications for multi-modal transportation programs like SMART.

In addition to two years on SCTA/RCPA, my background and service make me uniquely prepared to represent you on the SMART Board of Directors—

- Sonoma Clean Power (Vice Chair), Russian River Watershed Association (Chair), Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District (Chair), 2017-Present; ZeroWaste Sonoma 2017-2018; Mayors & Councilmembers Legislative Committee 2019-Present
- League of California Cities Executive Board, 2018-2020; Mayors & Councilmembers Division President, 2018; Redwood Division President, 2019-2020; Governance, Transparency & Labor Relations Policy Committee, 2018-Present
- Cloverdale Mayor 2019, Vice Mayor 2018
- Cloverdale Planning Commission, 2008-2015
- Fellow, Leadership Institute for Just and Resilient Communities, 2009
- Sonoma County Economic Development Board, 2011-2015
- SMART campaign volunteer: Measure Q 2008, Measure R 2006

My broad policy experience along with strong relationships throughout the region and state have prepared me to be effective on the SMART Board. Success for SMART is not simply a train



from Cloverdale to Larkspur, but rather fulfilling its potential to be the backbone of a multi-modal, integrated transportation network that spurs transit-oriented development, fosters equity, dramatically reduces greenhouse gases, improves safety and quality of life, and connects all of us with jobs, educational opportunities, wellness services, and recreation. I am committed to making sure that the as-yet unfunded segments are served, the multi-use path is completed, broadband technology is extended, and that we respond to emerging challenges with enthusiasm and innovative solutions.

I have a proven track record of leading with common sense, effectively representing my constituents, and taking a systems-based approach to problem solving. It would be my honor to put my experience and my values to work for you on the SMART Board and I humbly ask for your support.

Feel free to call or email if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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**Councilmember District 3**  
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**Councilmember**  
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**Town Manager**  
Ken MacNab

December 15, 2020

Dear Mayors and Councilmembers:

I am writing to ask to be reappointed to the SMART Board of Directors for another term for the non-SCTA seat. As you may know, I've been on the SMART Board since 2005, and have been Chair of the Board two times. I was especially honored to be Chair and to preside over the inauguration ceremony in August of 2017 when train service began.

Serving on SMART has been a lot of work, but it's been very fulfilling to start up a new commuter train. At SMART we are making plans to increase the number of trains to our early 2020 levels as soon as we are vaccinated and can return to a more normal life.

As a result of feedback after Measure I failed, we've been holding Zoom listening tours with Board members and the public throughout both counties to get real time input on the needs and wants of existing and future riders. We've implemented some small changes already, and plan to do more once we've analyzed all the data in the Spring.

We will have at least three new Board members in January due to people not running for re-election. That leaves three of the twelve of us who have been with SMART longer term, which has been invaluable to the Board and staff.

As you may also know, SMART is due to arrive in Windsor at the end of 2021. I would love nothing more than to be the local Board member who welcomes the train to my town after all these years of hard work!

Sincerely,

Debora Fudge  
Windsor Town Councilmember  
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