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Attn: Michelle Norman, Michelle.Norman@sonomacounty.gov and
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RE: Appointment to the Airport Land Use Commission

Dear Honorable Mayors and Council Members,

As I continue my second term on the Healdsburg City Council, I respectfully request your support for my appointment to the Airport Land Use Commission as the Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' appointee.

Since joining the Council in 2020, I have had the privilege of serving Healdsburg while also contributing to a number of local and regional boards and commissions, including the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authority, the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District Board of Directors, SMART, and the California Coastal Commission.

Previously, as the Sonoma County Planning Commissioner representing District 4 from 2017 to 2020, I played a key role in developing the Airport Area Plan that guides us today. Through that work, I gained a strong understanding that airport land use issues extend well beyond aviation—they influence transportation systems, housing patterns, and economic development across the region.

My service on the Sonoma-Marin Area Rail Transit (SMART) Commission and the Sonoma County Transportation and Climate Authorities has further strengthened my ability to approach these issues through a comprehensive transportation and connectivity lens, ensuring alignment between airport planning and broader regional mobility goals.

In addition, as an attorney specializing in land use law and environmental policy, I bring extensive experience with CEQA, complex funding mechanisms, and real estate agreements. This background equips me to support local jurisdictions in achieving compatible and sustainable land use planning in areas surrounding airports.

Finally, representation from Northern Sonoma County is critical, given the unique impacts our communities experience related to airport noise and traffic. I would be honored to bring both my regional perspective and professional expertise to the Airport Land Use Commission.

Thank you for your consideration, and I respectfully ask for your support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ariel Kelley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "A" and "K".

Ariel Kelley,
Healdsburg City Councilmember