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2026 Chair City, City of Santa Rosa  
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers Association  
100 Santa Rosa Ave., Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
Attn: Ms. Lauren Berges, MCA Clerk

**Re: Letter of Interest - Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Aviation Commission**

Honorable Mayors and Councilmembers,

Please accept this as my Letter of Interest and humble request for appointment to one of the open seats on the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Aviation Commission.

I have served Healdsburg as a Councilmember since 2016 and during that time, have had the privilege to serve on numerous local and regional boards and commissions, including serving as Chair of the Northern California Power Agency, The Great Redwood Trail Agency and the North Coast Railroad Authority.

The Aviation Commission is focused on airport operational policy, safety, noise and community issues, capital planning, along with broader aviation matters affecting Sonoma County. With a decade of experience as an elected official advocating on behalf of our residents at the State and Federal level and professional background in commercial real estate, I will bring a valuable perspective and voice to the Aviation Commission on behalf of the community members we all represent.

I appreciate your consideration of my request for appointment to the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Aviation Commission. If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at (707) 578-7800.

Thank you,

David Hagele,  
Councilmember  
City of Healdsburg

Tanya Potter  
Vice Mayor, Town of Windsor  
tpotter@townofwindsor.org

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2026 Chair City, City of Santa Rosa  
Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue, Santa Rosa, CA 95404RE: Letter of Interest for Appointment to the Sonoma County Aviation Commission

Attn: Lauren Berges, MCA Clerk [lberges@sonomacountylocalleaders.org](mailto:lberges@sonomacountylocalleaders.org)

Dear Sonoma County Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association,

I am writing to formally express my interest in serving as a member of the Sonoma County Aviation Commission. As vice mayor of the Town of Windsor, it is with a deep interest in the role of aviation in our regional economy and infrastructure, I am eager to contribute to the oversight and strategic development of our county's aviation facilities, including the Charles M. Schulz–Sonoma County Airport (STS), which is in close proximity to the Town of Windsor.

My background in public safety and regional knowledge has provided me with a solid foundation for understanding the complex balance between airport operations, environmental stewardship, and community relations. I am particularly interested in supporting the Commission's goals regarding:

- **Economic Development:** Ensuring the airport remains a vital hub for tourism and local commerce.
- **Infrastructure Sustainability:** Advising on long-term capital improvement projects and modernizing facilities for 2026 and beyond.
- **Community Engagement:** Serving as a bridge between the airport's operational needs and the interests of neighboring residents.

I have closely followed the progress of the Charles M. Schultz Sonoma County Airport and believe my experience would be an asset to the Commission. I am prepared to attend all regularly scheduled meetings and dedicate the necessary time to review staff reports and participate in subcommittee assignments.

Thank you for your time and for considering my application to serve the people of Sonoma County. I look forward to the possibility of discussing how my qualifications align with the Commission's current needs.

Sincerely,

Tanya Potter



Mark Stapp  
Mayor  
City of Santa Rosa  
100 Santa Rosa Ave.  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

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Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers' Association  
100 Santa Rosa Avenue  
Santa Rosa, CA 95404  
Attn: Lauren Berges, MCA Clerk

Dear Ms. Berges,

I am pleased to submit this Letter of Interest for one of the available seats on the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Aviation Commission. I am currently Mayor for the City of Santa Rosa, and I am beginning my fourth year as a Council Member. Airport development issues are central to the long-term success of Santa Rosa, and critical to Sonoma County economic development. Recent Airport improvements including runway extension, terminal expansion, and the arrival of Southwest Airlines highlight the Airport's immense economic value to our County, and the importance of developing a true long-term aviation industry strategy for our City and County. We need a thoughtful approach to air traffic growth at the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport (and elsewhere in the County) that will bring economic growth while still preserving the character of Santa Rosa and our County.

I am already engaged with issues and projects adjacent to the work of the Sonoma County Airport, and I believe my experience would be an asset to the Aviation Commission:

- In my role at Sonoma State University (SSU) as Senior Director for Corporate and Foundation Relations, I am working with faculty members and donors to evaluate the possibility of SSU beginning an aviation program in partnership with the Airport and regional aviation firms.
- I began my career at Logistics.com (now Manhattan Associates), and worked on issues of transportation and distribution at firms across the U.S. and Canada;

It is important to note that, given its size and proximity to the airport, Santa Rosa is disproportionately impacted by Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport issues, including neighborhood overflights, traffic, and development around the Airport. Furthermore, the population center along the Highway 101 corridor, including Santa Rosa, has been the catalyst for some of the recent airport expansion projects, including the terminal expansion and the arrival of Southwest Airlines. For these reasons, the City of Santa Rosa is very interested in being an active participant in discussions related to County aviation issues, especially those pertaining to the Charles M. Schulz Sonoma County Airport.

On a personal note, my wife and I are regular users of the Sonoma County airport, and are engaged with Airport issues as local travelers. I would be proud to serve the Sonoma County Aviation Commission as an Member. I thank the Association members for their consideration, and will be happy to provide additional information about my background and interest upon request.

Warmly,

Mark Stapp

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