

**CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE  
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL  
&  
SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE  
DISSOLVED SONOMA COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**



**Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West  
Sonoma CA 95476**

**Monday, April 1, 2013  
6:00 p.m.**

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**AGENDA**

City Council  
Ken Brown, Mayor  
Tom Rouse, Mayor Pro Tem  
Steve Barbose  
David Cook  
Laurie Gallian

Be Courteous - **TURN OFF** your cell phones and pagers while the meeting is in session.

**OPENING**

**CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**  
**ROLL CALL** (Gallian, Cook, Barbose, Rouse, Brown)  
**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

*At this time, members of the public may comment on any item not appearing on the agenda. It is recommended that you keep your comments to three minutes or less. Under State Law, matters presented under this item cannot be discussed or acted upon by the City Council at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public will be invited to make comments at the time the item comes up for Council consideration. Upon being acknowledged by the Mayor, please step to the podium and speak into the microphone. Begin by stating and spelling your name.*

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements**

**3. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUCCESSOR AGENCY STAFF**

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4A: Presentation of the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission's 2013 Student Creative Arts Award to Ms. Maya Smoot.**

**Item 4B: Recognition of Robert Wentworth's service on the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board.**

**Item 4C: National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation**

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL**

*All items listed on the Consent Calendar are considered to be routine and will be acted upon by a single motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless members of the Council, staff, or public request specific items to be removed for separate action. At this time Council may decide to change the order of the agenda.*

**Item 5A:** Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only. (Standard procedural action - no backup information provided)

**Item 5B:** Approval of the Minutes of the March 4 and March 18, 2013 Meetings.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

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**Item 6A:** Approval of the portions of the Minutes of the March 18, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.  
Staff Recommendation: Approve the minutes.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

*(Matters requiring discussion and/or action by the Council)*

**Item 8A:** Adoption of resolution authorizing a TDA Article 3 grant application for bicycle improvements (Depot Park bike path maintenance and Napa Road Class 2 bicycle lanes). (Associate Planner Atkins)  
Staff Recommendation: Adopt the resolution authorizing a TDA Article 3 grant application for bicycle improvements.

**Item 8B:** Discussion, Consideration and Possible on Proposed Changes to the League of California Cities Bylaws. (City Manager)  
Staff Recommendation: Approve amendments and authorize the City Manager to submit the ballot to the League Board of Directors.

**Item 8C:** Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Relating to Support for California Mayors United Against Proposition 8, Requested by Mayor Brown. (City Manager)  
Staff Recommendation: Council discretion.

**Item 8D:** Report on 2013 City Council Goal-Setting Work Session. (City Manager)  
Staff Recommendation: Receive report.

**9. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

*(Matters requiring discussion and/or action by the Council)*

**10. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND FINAL REMARKS**

**Item 10A:** Reports Regarding Committee Activities.

**Item 10B:** Final Councilmembers' Remarks.

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

I do hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing agenda was posted on the City Hall bulletin board on March 28, 2013. GAY JOHANN, CITY CLERK

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*City of Sonoma*  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**City Council Agenda Item: 4A**

**Meeting Date: 04/01/2013**

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Presentation of the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission's 2013 Student Creative Arts Award to Ms. Maya Smoot.

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**Summary**

The Cultural and Fine Arts Commission recently selected Maya Smoot, a senior at Sonoma Valley High School, as the winner of their 2013 Student Creative Arts Award. She was selected from a pool of twelve talented local students who submitted applications for the award. A representative of the Commission will present Maya an award certificate and a check in the amount of \$2,000.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Receive the presentation.

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**Alternative Actions**

N/A

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**Financial Impact**

The \$2,000 award is included in the Cultural and Fine Arts Commission 2012/13 budget.

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

Certificate

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**cc:**

Maya Smoot and Gerry Simmel, via email

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**CITY OF SONOMA  
CULTURAL AND FINE ARTS COMMISSION  
2013 CREATIVE ARTS AWARD**

*is hereby granted to:*

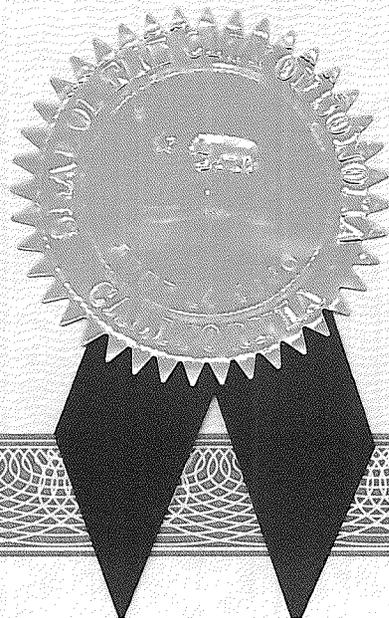
**Maya Smoot**

*for outstanding talent in the Performing Arts Category*

**April 1, 2013**

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**Gerry Simmel, CFAC Chair**





*City of Sonoma*  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 4B

Meeting Date: 04/01/2013

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Recognition of Robert Wentworth's service on the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board.

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**Summary**

The City Council desires to publicly recognize the volunteers who so selflessly serve on the various City commissions.

Robert Wentworth has served on the Mobilehome Park Rental Review Board since April 17, 1996.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Mayor Brown to present a certificate of appreciation to Robert Wentworth.

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**Alternative Actions**

N/A

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

Letter of Resignation  
Certificate of Appreciation

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**cc:**

Robert Wentworth  
152 Chiquita Camino  
Sonoma CA 95476

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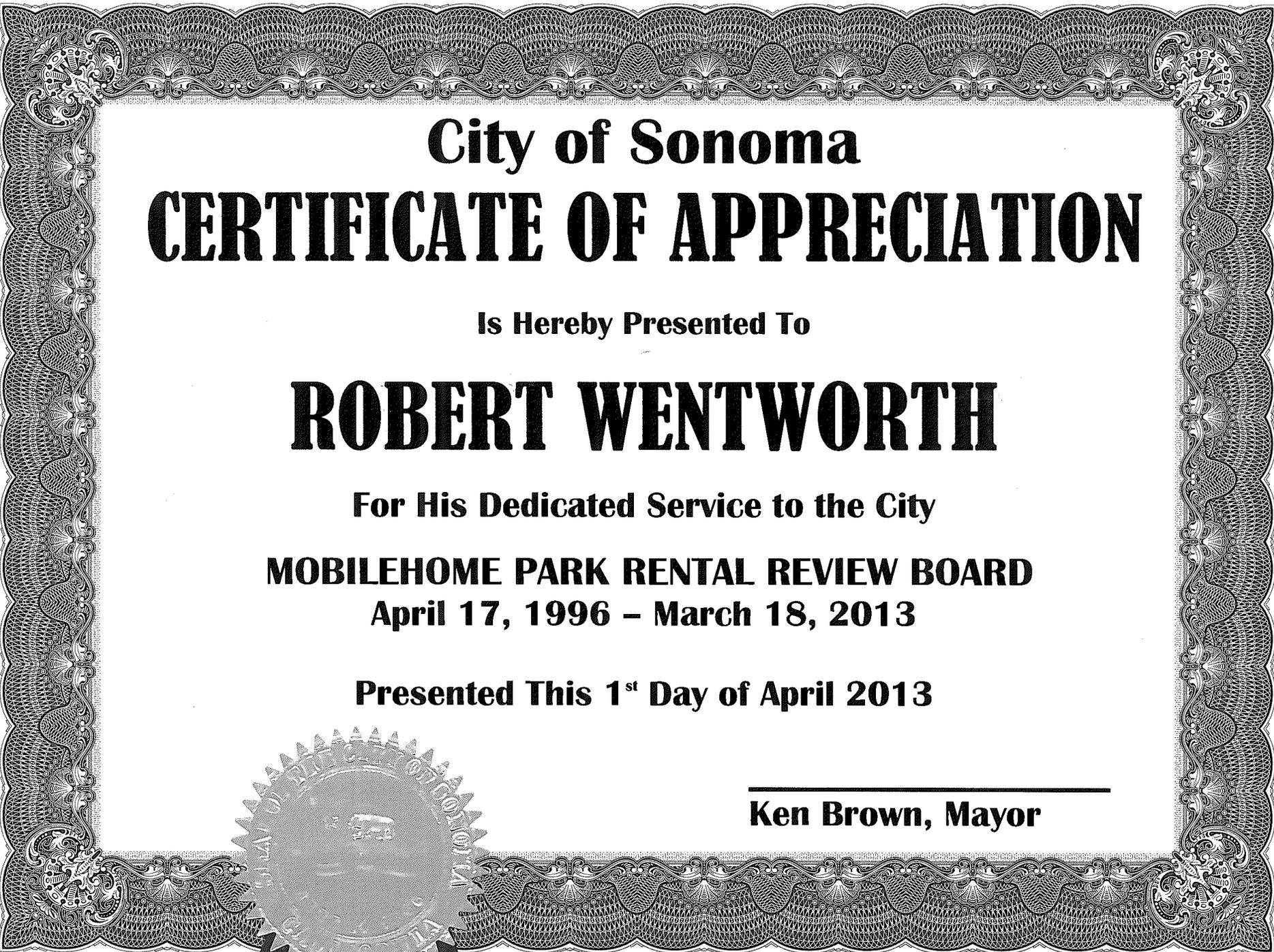


March 18, 2013

Gay Johann  
City Clerk, asst. to the City Manager.

Gay: I have been a resident advisor to the Mobile Home rent board for about 10 yrs. I have enjoyed the opportunity to serve but I feel its time to move on. Please accept this letter as my retirement papers which will start right away. Thank you very much.

Respectfully Submitted  
Robert A. Wentworth  
Resident Advisor  
De Anza Moon Valley Mobile Park.



**City of Sonoma**  
**CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION**

**Is Hereby Presented To**

**ROBERT WENTWORTH**

**For His Dedicated Service to the City**

**MOBILEHOME PARK RENTAL REVIEW BOARD**

**April 17, 1996 – March 18, 2013**

**Presented This 1<sup>st</sup> Day of April 2013**

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**Ken Brown, Mayor**





**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 4C

Meeting Date: 04/01/13

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

National Crime Victims' Rights Week Proclamation

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**Summary**

The Sonoma County District Attorney's office requested a proclamation declaring April 21-27, 2013 National Crime Victims' Rights Week. Chief Deputy District Attorney Alexander "Bud" McMahon will be present to accept the proclamation.

In keeping with City practice, the proclamation recipient has been asked to keep the total length of their follow-up comments and/or announcements to not more than 10 minutes.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Mayor Pro Tem Brown to present the proclamation.

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**Alternative Actions**

Council discretion

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**Financial Impact**

n/a

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

1. Proclamation

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cc: Terry Menshek - via email

# City of Sonoma



## Proclamation National Crime Victims' Rights Week

Whereas, 18.7 million Americans are directly harmed by crime each year, and each crime affects many more family members, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

Whereas, today, thousands of victim assistance programs provide help and support to child victims of violence and sexual abuse; stalking victims; surviving family members of homicide victims; victims of drunk-driving crashes; and victims of domestic, dating, and sexual violence and other crimes; and

Whereas, now is the time for "New Challenges/New Solution" through a comprehensive strategy for reaching and serving every victim of crime, especially traditionally underserved victims such as those with disabilities and victims from diverse cultures; and

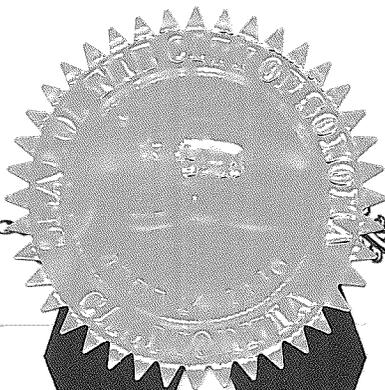
Whereas, the United States Department of Justice has launched the *Vision 21* initiative to renew our nation's commitment to serving all victims of crime in the 21st Century; and

Whereas, National Crime Victims' Rights Week, April 21–27, 2013, provides an opportunity to extend that vision to every victim of crime in the United States—to help ensure their access to the help they deserve and the rights they are promised.

Now, therefore I, Ken Brown, Mayor of the City of Sonoma, do hereby proclaim the week of April 21-27, 2013 as National Crime Victims' Rights Week in the City of Sonoma and reaffirm the commitment of the City of Sonoma to respect and enforce victims' rights and address their needs during Crime Victims' Rights Week and throughout the year. We extend our sincere appreciation to the victims and crime survivors who have turned personal tragedy into a motivating force towards improving our response to victims of crime and to build a more just community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and cause the Seal of the City of Sonoma to be affixed this 1<sup>st</sup> day of April 2013.

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KEN BROWN, MAYOR





**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 5B

Meeting Date: 04/01/2013

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Approval of the Minutes of the March 4 and March 18, 2013 Meetings.

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**Summary**

The minutes have been prepared for Council review and approval.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve the minutes.

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**Alternative Actions**

Correct or amend the minutes prior to approval.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

Minutes

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SPECIAL & REGULAR MEETINGS OF THE SONOMA CITY COUNCIL  
&  
CONCURRENT REGULAR MEETING OF SONOMA CITY COUNCIL AS THE  
SUCCESSOR AGENCY TO THE DISSOLVED SONOMA COMMUNITY  
DEVELOPMENT AGENCY



*Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West*  
**Monday, March 4, 2013**  
**5:30 p.m. Closed Session (Special Meeting)**  
**6:00 p.m. Regular Session**

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City Council  
Ken Brown, Mayor  
Tom Rouse, Mayor Pro Tem  
Steve Barbose  
David Cook  
Laurie Gallian

**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION**

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. City Attorney Walter requested that an additional Closed Session item be added to the agenda. He stated that the need to take action arose subsequent to the posting of the agenda and action needed to be taken prior to the next meeting of the City Council. The item would be a Conference with Legal Counsel, one case of Anticipated Litigation pertaining to the closure and remediation of the Central Landfill. It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to add the closed session. The motion carried unanimously.

No one from the public was present to provide public testimony on closed session items. The Council recessed into closed session with all members present. City Manager Giovanatto, City Attorney Walter, and Planning Director Goodison were also present.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

- Item 2A:** **CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS.** Pursuant to Government Code §54956.8. Property: Montini Property, AP# 018-021-006, 018-011-017, 018-031-003, 127-051-105 and 127-051-106, Sonoma. Agency Negotiators: Planning Director David Goodison, City Attorney Jeff Walter & City Manager Carol Giovanatto. Negotiating Parties: Sara Press, Misti Arias, & Lisa A. Pheatt. Under Negotiation: Terms and conditions of Transfer Agreement under which property is to be conveyed to the City.
- Item 2B:** **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.** Significant exposure to litigation, one potential case. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(e)(5).
- Item 2C:** **CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL – ANTICIPATED LITIGATION.** Significant exposure to litigation, one potential case. Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9(b).

**REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council reconvened in open session and Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Karen Collins led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Barbose, Rouse, Cook, and Gallian  
ABSENT: None

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk Johann, City Attorney Walter, Assistant City Attorney Nebb, and Planning Director Goodison.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** – Mayor Brown stated that no reportable action had been taken and that Council would continue the Closed Session at the end of the regular meeting.

**SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO NIELS CHEW**

Mayor Brown stated that because Niels Chew had been such a beloved member of the community, he felt it was appropriate to honor him. He read aloud a proclamation which had been presented to Mr. Chew prior to his death. Mayor Brown presented the proclamation and the framed official Alcalde photograph of Niels to Mrs. Susan Chew. First District representative Pat Gilardi read a resolution of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and Clm. Rouse read a resolution from Congressman Mike Thompson honoring Mr. Chew. Mrs. Chew thanked Mayor Brown for the recognition and stated that the entire family appreciated the tribute.

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Darryl Ponicsan spoke regarding the detrimental impact that leaf blowers have on him and his property. Martenell Greenman stated his agreement with Mr. Ponicsan.

Herb Golenpaul stated that Rancho De Sonoma Mobilehome Park was back under the rent control system and would not be condoizing. He questioned if the park was paying their required fees to the City.

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements**

Clm. Rouse dedicated the meeting in the memory of Gale Johnson.

Clm. Barbose dedicated the meeting in the memory of Don Geddes.

Clm. Gallian reported participation in the 2013 Sonoma Valley Cheesemaking Conference.

Clm. Cook announced he would hold office hours every other Wednesday at City Hall beginning April 3. He stated he discussed with staff placing a discussion regarding changing Plaza parking limit to three hours on a future Council agenda.

**3. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUCCESSOR AGENCY STAFF**

City Manager Giovanatto, in response to Mr. Golenpaul, stated that all three mobilehome parks had paid their annual fees to the City.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4A: Proclamation Declaring March 2013 as Big Read Sonoma County Month**

Mayor Brown read aloud the proclamation declaring March 2013 Big Read Month and presented it to Sonoma Branch Librarian Lisa Musgrove.

**Item 4B: Proclamation Declaring March 2013 Community Center Month**

Mayor Brown read aloud the proclamation and presented it to Community Center Board Member Brock Arner.

**Item 4C: Presentation by the Sonoma Community Center on Phase 2 of the ongoing Community Center renovation project.**

Toni Castrone presented a slide show presentation and reported on the progress of the Community Center renovation project.

**Item 4D: Presentation by the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District on the Montini Preserve** (requested by Councilmember Gallian)

Leslie Lew reported that the District acquired the 98-acre property for \$13.9 million in 2005. Funding was provided by the California State Coastal Conservancy (\$1.15 million), the City of Sonoma (\$1.25 million) and \$11.5 million by the District. Ms. Lew provided the history of and description of the process that had gone into development of the management plan and the proposed trail.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 5A: Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only.**

**Item 5B: Approval of the Minutes of the February 11, 2013 Meeting.**

**Item 5C: Approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Sonoma Community Center for provision of emergency volunteer coordination services and authorization for the City Manager to execute it on behalf of the City.**

**Item 5D: Approval and ratification of the reappointment of Robert McDonald to the Design Review Commission for a two-year term.**

**Item 5E: Approval and Ratification of the Reappointment of Matt Howarth to the Planning Commission for a two-year term.**

**Item 5F: Request by Prestwood PTO for City-subsidized use of the Sonoma Valley Veterans Memorial Building on March 8, 2013.** Approved subject to applicant's compliance with the City's standard insurance requirements.

**Item 5G: Approve the application of Sonoma Raceway for temporary use of city streets for the Speedway Children's Charities on Saturday, May 18, 2013 and Adopt Resolution approving and consenting to the use of city streets for the Speedway Children's Charities Parade.** (Res. No. 10-2013)

It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Cook, to move Item 8B up to be considered prior to 8A. The motion carried unanimously.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**Item 6A: Approval of the portions of the Minutes of the February 11, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.**

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Gallian, to approve the consent calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 8B: Discussion, consideration and possible action regarding a request to install a sign (10' tall x 50' wide) on the Plaza Horseshoe Lawn for the 2013 Sonoma International Film Festival.**

Planning Director Goodison reported that Sonoma International Film Festival had requested permission to install the S-O-N-O-M-A-W-O-O-D sign on the Plaza horseshoe during this year's festival. Clm. Barbose confirmed that it would be the same sign as the one approved last year.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Kevin McNeely asked the Council to consider approving the sign and to consider it as an art installation. He stated that the sign created a sense of pride among the high school students that developed it. Deirdre Sheerin, Christopher Oscar, and Jenny Irving added their support for placement of the sign. Herb Golenpaul cautioned that the City should not be held responsible if someone were to be injured as a result of the sign placement.

It was moved by Clm. Barbose, seconded by Clm. Cook, to approve the request and to waive the Plaza use fee associated with the sign. The motion carried unanimously.

**Item 8A: Discussion, consideration and possible action on the transfer of ownership of the Montini Preserve from the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to the City of Sonoma.**

Planning Director Goodison provided the staff report. Attorney Walter described one last minute revision to page one of the Transfer Agreement.

Clm. Barbose confirmed with staff the following: 1) Any possible development rights of the property were lost when the District acquired the property and that the property could only be used for recreational purposes. 2) The Management Plan was developed with the assumption that the State of California would acquire the property and thus the no dog requirement was included. 3) The Management Plan would need to be amended to allow leashed dogs on the trail.

Clm. Rouse stated that the vision statement included in the Management Plan included the preservation of a "high quality habitat". He stated that introduction of dogs would be harmful to the natural habitat.

Planning Director Goodison described the process for amending the Management Plan.

Mayor Brown invited Councilmembers to address questions to the Open Space representatives. Clm. Barbose confirmed with Bill Keene that the Conservation Easement would be the guide for use of the preserve and that the District did not have a problem with allowing leashed dogs on the trail. Mr. Keene reported that they would be going to the Board of Supervisors for authorization to begin trail construction. Clm. Barbose asked if the District would agree to amend the Management Plan and Mr. Keene responded that the City should take that on.

Clm. Rouse inquired if there was any historical data relating to allowing dogs on trails. Keene stated that dogs were allowed at the Healdsburg and Laguna Preserves and the key was keeping them on

leash. He said some reports indicated that dogs marking their territory did impact wildlife. Clm. Rouse pointed out that dogs were not allowed on the Overlook Trail or on the State property.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Bob Edwards, President of Sonoma Valley Dog Owners, stated this project had nothing to do with the Overlook Trail and the time to amend the Management Plan was now. He asked the City Council to reject the transfer, as it would preclude dogs in the preserve.

The following spoke in favor of allowing dogs on the Preserve: Ellen Bradley, Sandy Donohue, Katie Burn, Rich Lee, and Will Shonbrun. The following were not in favor of allowing dogs on the Preserve: Fred Allebach, Russ Bair, Rich Gibson, and Julie Manaker. Joanna Kemper, Chair of the Overlook Trail, stated their support for acquisition of the Preserve but did not want dogs on the Overlook.

Richard Dale, Sonoma Ecology Center, expressed support for acquisition of the Preserve and urged the Council to not lose out on the opportunity because of the dog issue. Lynn Clary stated that if dogs were allowed it would mean extra costs for insurance and patrol.

It was moved by Clm. Rouse, seconded by Clm. Cook, to adopt the Resolution entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonoma Conditionally Approving and Authorizing the Execution of Documents Implementing the Transfer of Ownership of the Montini Preserve From the Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District to the City of Sonoma and to approve the City Attorney's suggested modifications to the agreement. (Res. No. 12-2013) The motion carried three to two, Councilmembers Barbose and Gallian dissented.

**RECESS:** The meeting recessed 9:00 to 9:10 p.m.

**Item 8C: Discussion, consideration and possible action on Amendments to the FY 2013 Operating Budget.**

City Manager Giovanatto presented the mid-year budget report and suggested amendments to the FY 2013 Operating Budget. The report showed the City in the black as of December 31, 2012 with revenues exceeding expenditures by \$473,544. Giovanatto cautioned that the revenue sources were static and did not necessarily represent future revenue levels.

Clm. Rouse inquired if Special Project funds could be transferred to bring the Emergency Reserve up to 17%. Giovanatto stated that it could and that would have been her recommendation at yearend.

It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Rouse, to adopt the resolution entitled A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Sonoma Amending the FY 2012/13 Budget and to authorize the transfer of Special Project Funds to bring the Emergency Reserve fund to 17%. (Res. No. 11-2013) The motion carried unanimously.

**9. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**10. COUNCILMEMBERS' REPORTS AND FINAL REMARKS**

**Item 10A: Reports Regarding Committee Activities.**

Clm. Barbose reported on the meeting of the North Bay Watershed Association.

Clm. Cook encouraged all to visit the library and reported on the Legislative Committee meeting.

CIm. Gallian reported on the meetings of the LOCC North Bay Division, Sonoma County Ag and Open Space Advisory Committee, and Mayors and Councilmember Association.

Mayor Brown reported on the meetings of the Mayors and Councilmembers Association, Economic Development Steering Committee, and Disaster Council.

**Item 10B: Final Councilmembers' Remarks.**

Mayor Brown reported plans were being made to celebrate Earth Day.

CIm. Barbose reported that a delegation from Sister City Greve would be visiting in June.

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Bob Edwards thanked the City Council for the time they had invested in the Montini Preserve transfer and inquired when the City would be making a request for modification of the Management Plan. He also inquired if individuals would be allowed to request modification of the Management Plan.

**12. PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING CLOSED SESSION**

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received.

**13. CLOSED SESSION**

At 9:34 p.m., the City Council continued the Closed Session. All Councilmembers, City Manager Giovanatto, City Attorney Walter and Assistant City Attorney Nebb were present.

**14. RECONVENE IN OPEN SESSION & REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION**

At 10:17 p.m., the City Council convened in open session and Mayor Brown announced that direction had been given to staff.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 10:18 p.m. in the memory of Gale Johnson and Don Geddes.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the \_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2013.

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Gay Johann, MMC  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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DEVELOPMENT AGENCY**



**Community Meeting Room, 177 First Street West  
Monday, March 18, 2013  
5:30 p.m. Closed Session (Special Meeting)  
6:00 p.m. Regular Session**

City Council  
Ken Brown, Mayor  
Tom Rouse, Mayor Pro Tem  
Steve Barbose  
David Cook  
Laurie Gallian

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**MINUTES**

**SPECIAL MEETING - CLOSED SESSION**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

At 5:30 p.m., Mayor Brown called the meeting to order. No one from the public was present to provide public testimony on closed session items. The Council recessed into closed session with all members, except Councilmember Rouse, present. City Manager Giovanatto and City Attorney Walter were also present.

**2. CLOSED SESSION**

**Item 2A: CONFERENCE WITH LEGAL COUNSEL - ANTICIPATED LITIGATION, Initiation of Litigation, one case.** Pursuant to Government Code 54956.9(d)(4).

**REGULAR MEETING**

The City Council reconvened in open session and Mayor Brown called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Helen Marsh led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENT: Mayor Brown and Councilmembers Barbose, Gallian, and Cook  
ABSENT: Councilmember Rouse

ALSO PRESENT: City Manager Giovanatto, City Clerk Johann, City Attorney Walter, Police Chief Sackett, and Planning Director Goodison.

**REPORT ON CLOSED SESSION** – Mayor Brown stated that no reportable action had been taken.

**1. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Marilyn Goode expressed her disapproval of the City's use of the herbicide Round Up along bike paths. City Manager Giovanatto responded that the City had suspended its use of Round Up and were exploring other options.

Larry Barnett announced formation of a group called "Preserving Sonoma Committee" whose goal was to put forward a ballot initiative which would limit the approval of new large hotels within the City.

Armando Zimmerman stated he did not feel dogs were compatible with the Montini Preserve trails. He stated that many people did not pick up after their dogs and let them off their leashes and he questioned who would enforce the leash law if dogs were allowed.

Don Bandur requested City Council to place the issue of replacement of play equipment at Depot Park on a future agenda.

Howard Cohen, Transition Sonoma Valley, announced the celebration of Earth Day on the Plaza April 20, 2013.

**2. COUNCILMEMBERS' COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Item 2A: Councilmembers' Comments and Announcements**

CIm. Cook invited all to the March 21 Business Expo put on by the Chamber of Commerce.

CIm. Gallian announced her attendance at the annual Ahwahnee Conference in Yosemite.

Mayor Brown reported that he toured Marcy House and was very pleased with the work being done by the Sister Cities Association.

**3. CITY MANAGER COMMENTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS INCLUDING ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM SUCCESSOR AGENCY STAFF**

City Manager Giovanatto stated that Mayor Pro Tem Rouse expressed his apologies for not being in attendance, but he was out of town and had missed his flight. She reported the Council would hold a goal setting workshop on March 25 and that suggestions from the public could be sent to her via email.

**4. PRESENTATIONS**

**Item 4A: Child Abuse Prevention Month Proclamation**

Mayor Brown read aloud the proclamation declaring the month of April 2013 as Child Abuse Prevention Month and presented it to Police Chief Sackett. Chief Sackett thanked the Council for the proclamation and stated that child abuse was one of the most hideous crimes that went on behind closed doors.

**Item 4B: National Surveyor's Week Proclamation**

Mayor Brown read aloud the proclamation declaring the week of March 17-23, 2013 National Surveyors Week in Sonoma and presented it to Aaron Smith, a representative of the California Land Surveyor Association. Mr. Smith thanked the council and stated that the recognition began in Washington DC as a tribute to surveyors acknowledging their contributions towards the orderly establishment of communities. Patricia Wagner, Sonoma County Surveyors Office, was also present to accept the proclamation.

**4. PRESENTATIONS, Continued**

**Item 4C: Sonoma Tourism Improvement District Status Report**

City Manager Giovanatto reported that the Council approved the Sonoma Tourism Improvement District (TID) on June 18, 2012 for an initial three-year term. Although the agreement called for a report at the end of the first year, she felt it would be beneficial for all to hear about the progress they had made. Giovanatto stated that she credited the efforts of the TID for the recent increase in Sales Tax and Transient Occupancy Tax the City received. Bill Blum, TID Secretary, explained that several members of the Board were present. He reported they had a website up and running and were partnering with the Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau (SVVB) for development of a comprehensive marketing plan. Blum also reported that they had recently provided funding for the Sonoma International Film Festival and the Valley of the Moon Certified Farmers Market.

Wendy Peterson, SVVB Executive Director, provided Council with samples of the marketing material that had been produced and described their radio and online campaigns. Councilmembers expressed their pleasure with the program and thanked Ms. Peterson and the TID Board for their efforts.

**Item 4D: Presentation by Sonoma County Waste Management Agency Updating the Status of the Joint Powers Agency**

Henry Mikus, Executive Director Sonoma County Waste Management Agency (SCWMA), explained that SCWMA was a joint powers authority whose mission it was to implement waste diversion programs as required by State Law AB939. Its funding came from a disposal surcharge collected at all county refuse disposal sites. Mikus explained that the Agency wanted to begin discussion of the renewal or extension of the Joint Powers Agreement because they were running into problems trying to secure long-term contracts. He reported on the Agency's efforts towards composting, hazardous waste collection and education and stated that the new Recycling Guide would be available in both English and Spanish. He said the Agency would be interested in receiving input from each of the member Cities regarding renewal of the Joint Powers Agreement. Clm. Barbose inquired what was being proposed relating to a change in the voting requirement. Mikus stated that it had been proposed that a weighted vote (based on either population or contribution to the system) replace the existing majority vote requirement. Clm. Gallian inquired about the use of revenue derived from composting. Mikus explained that the funds were used to pay for education.

**5. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL**

- Item 5A: Waive Further reading and Authorize Introduction and/or Adoption of Ordinances by Title Only.**
- Item 5B: Approval of the Minutes of the March 4, 2013 Meeting.**
- Item 5C: Approval of Settlement Agreement between the County of Sonoma and the City of Sonoma as Settlement of Property Tax Administrative Fees.**
- Item 5D: Adopt resolution approving the ninth amendment to a tolling agreement pertinent to claims arising out of liabilities stemming from the various landfills located in the County of Sonoma.**

Clm. Gallian removed Item 5B and asked that it be carried over to the next meeting. The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Barbose, to approve the items remaining on the Consent Calendar. The motion carried unanimously, Clm. Rouse absent.

**6. CONSENT CALENDAR/AGENDA ORDER – CITY COUNCIL AS SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

- Item 6A: Approval of the portions of the Minutes of the March 4, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.**

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received. It was moved by Clm. Gallian, seconded by Clm. Cook, to approve the Consent Calendar as presented. The motion carried unanimously, Clm. Rouse absent.

**7. PUBLIC HEARING – None Scheduled**

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL**

**Item 8A: Discussion, consideration and possible action on the Sonoma County Water Agency’s proposed FY 13/14 budget.**

Planning Director Goodison reported that Mike Thompson, Assistant General Manager of the Sonoma County Water Agency (SCWA) would make a presentation and the Council was being asked to provide direction to Clm. Gallian, the City’s representative on the Water Advisory Committee (WAC) on how to vote on a proposed rate increase. Mr. Thompson explained the rate structure and the rate calculation factors. He said the historical annual increase had been 5.5%; however, this year they were proposing 3.84% for Sonoma, which would translate to an approximate 1.3% for City of Sonoma water customers.

Clm. Barbose inquired how Capital Improvement Projects were allocated among the cities. Thompson responded that was spelled out in the Joint Powers Agreement. Clm. Gallian stated that the WAC had been exploring grants and other funding sources. Clm. Cook inquired if some of the projects could be put off to the future to eliminate the need for a rate increase. Thompson responded that they were required by the Biological Opinion to do the screening and some of the other projects. He pointed out that the cost of the other larger projects would not be felt until later on and that they were doing everything they could to keep from having double-digit increases.

The public comment period was opened and closed with none received.

Clm. Barbose stated he felt the rate increase was reasonable. Clm. Cook stated he would not go along with it because it would be a hardship for many, especially those on a fixed income. Clm. Gallian stated that members of the WAC had made it clear to the Agency that they did not want to see increases proposed year after year. She noted that in years past, she had voted against rate increases but she would support this one. Mayor Brown agreed with Barbose and Gallian.

**8. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL, Continued**

**Item 8B: Discussion, consideration and possible action on the recommendations of the Planning Commission concerning the possible regulation of wine tasting facilities.**

Planning Director Goodison reported that the Planning Commission had made note of the increasing number of wine tasting facilities in the downtown area and at their meeting of December 12, 2012 held a preliminary discussion of the issues raised by these facilities and possible options for increased regulation. The Planning Commission held a follow-up discussion on the matter at its March 14, 2013 meeting and identified the following the recommendations for consideration by the City Council:

1. Use Permit Requirement. A majority of the Planning Commission felt that use permit review should be required for any new wine tasting facility. One Commissioner felt that a two-tier system would be used (in which a use permit would only be required for facilities that wanted to go beyond specified operating standards) and one Commissioner felt that the use permit requirement should only be applied within the Plaza area.

2. Operating Standards. The Commission agreed that that operating standards should be developed and applied to wine tasting facilities, addressing such issues as limitations on pourings, limitations on food service, hours of operation, training requirements, and compliance with ABC regulations.

3. Applicability to Existing Business. With respect to wine tasting facilities already in operation, the Commission recommended that they be considered legal non-conforming, except that a use permit would be required in compliance with any new regulations under the following circumstances: 1) change/transfer in ABC license; 2) violation of ABC license (one Commissioner suggested that two violations should be the threshold); and 3) any expansion or intensification of the use.

Goodison also summarized a memo from Police Chief Sackett, which included a description of the process for obtaining liquor licenses.

CIm. Barbose inquired if the issue of how to deal with future businesses while the matter was under consideration came up. Goodison responded that one Planning Commissioner had mentioned a moratorium; however, it was not ultimately included in their recommendations.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Larry Barnett stated his general agreement with the Planning Commission's recommendations. He stated that wine tasting had completely morphed into something else and many establishments had evolved into bars and that most locals did not want to come to the downtown anymore. Barnett also stated his agreement with a moratorium.

Robert Ryan, Eric James Tasting Room, stated they produce and sell their wines locally and that they enjoy patronage of an equal mix of residents and tourists. He stated that a few years ago there were a lot more empty storefronts and with the new tasting rooms the City was strong competition for tourists with Healdsburg and Yountville.

Gina Cuclis spoke about the importance of education for both the consumers and servers.

Les Waller stated the town was founded on wine and questioned why the Council would be trying to control an industry that was bringing tax dollars into town. He stated the Council needed to also consider all the other businesses related to the wine tasting rooms that could be affected.

Danny Fay, Boardmember of the Vintners and Growers Association, stated that many wineries used downtown locations to grow their business. He said it was obvious that the tasting facilities had increased tourism, thus bringing in additional taxes. Fay added that action to control or limit tasting rooms would be a hit to those who could not afford large acreage locations.

CIm. Barbose stated he would like those in the industry to offer some solutions; ideas of what they want.

Scott Peterson, Rumpus Cellars, stated he was in negotiations for lease of a site on the Plaza and he planned on employing between five and nine people. He said he did not see a problem and pointed out that the industry was highly regulated by the Alcohol Beverage Control.

Fred Allebach stated that the Sonoma Valley Mediterranean climate was perfect for growing grapes and making wine. He pointed out that the Valley was also founded on mixed agriculture and suggested the Council look at generalizing the economy of the town to make it more sustainable.

Jenny Irving stated Sonoma was Wine Country and questioned why anyone would have a problem with tourists coming here rather than Napa.

Jeanette Sung, local retail owner, stated that sixty percent of her business was locals. She stated the loss of the mom & pop stores downtown had changed the character of the town and said there needed to be a balance.

CIm. Cook stated he did not see a problem and felt the business could regulate itself.

CIm. Barbose stated that his emails were twenty to one indicating that the City did have a problem and many felt the City was out of balance. He said the Council needed to do something. He would not propose a moratorium but felt the need for a measured and thorough approach to addressing the issue. CIm. Barbose stated he would like to see a definition, operating standards, a training requirement, exemption of all existing businesses, and a use permit requirement.

CIm. Gallian agreed. She added that the feedback she had received from constituents also indicated there was a need for some type of action. She would like to explore this and provide an opportunity for additional public input.

Mayor Brown stated he was sorry CIm. Rouse was not present as this was a topic that needed the attention of the full City Council. He stated that through the years, citizens had complained of too many banks, art galleries and real estate offices but the reality was that Sonoma was an ever-changing town and tourism had become a big part of that reality. He added that people also visit because of the eco agriculture, farmers' markets, history and organic foods. Mayor Brown noted that empty storefronts were pretty much a thing of the past.

City Manager Giovanatto suggested continuing the discussion to a subsequent meeting to allow CIm. Rouse and other members of the public opportunity to weigh in. CIm. Barbose stated his agreement with continuation of the discussion but that he wanted the level of dialog to engage people's critical thinking skills. He wanted to hear from the wine industry people how they would feel if there were twice as many tasting rooms and what they would do about it. The other Councilmembers agreed that they wanted to continue the discussion and desired more input from the public and wine industry people.

**Item 8C:      Discussion and Consideration to Increase Parking Limits on the Plaza from 2 hours to 3 hours.**

City Manager Giovanatto reported that CIm. Cook requested the discussion and was primarily looking to see if there was support among the Councilmembers to consider an increase to parking limits and to direct staff to provide background information on impacts to costs of replacing signage and potential impacts on local Plaza businesses. She said, if so directed, staff would recommend seeking input from Chamber and Economic Development Steering Committee.

CIm. Cook stated that he had been contacted about this issue by a few individuals. He stated he would only vote to move ahead with the idea if decals could be placed on the signs because he did not want to spend a lot of money to change signage.

CIm. Gallian confirmed with staff that the City's lease for the State-owned Casa Grande parking lot had expired. She stated that if the parking time limits were increased, the City would need to focus on alternative parking locations.

CIm. Barbose wondered if an increased time limit would encourage those who work on the Plaza to park on the street. He added he had no problem asking staff to look into the issue but he did have some concerns about unintended consequences; that it might not benefit the local businesses.

Mayor Brown invited comments from the public. Scott Webke stated that a three-hour parking limit might cause people to spend more money downtown and it made sense to try it out before making the change permanent.

Andrew Cramer stated the issue needed to be studied; it could create more traffic and Council should consider the effects on retail establishments.

Jenny Irving stated other towns had three hour parking and she would love to see the issue explored.

Danny Fay inquired if it would apply down First Street East. Clm. Cook responded that had not been decided yet.

Mayor Brown said he was in favor of allowing additional staff time devoted to the subject. He said he had received many emails from visitors upset because they received a parking ticket. He said it was an opportunity to dialog with the business owners, Chamber, and Visitors Bureau.

Councilmembers Barbose and Gallian also expressed interest in exploring the matter further and would like to hear what other cities had done and how much free parking was available. Clm. Barbose stated interest in exploring diagonal parking along Broadway.

**9. REGULAR CALENDAR – CITY COUNCIL AS THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY**

**10. COUNCILMEMBERS’ REPORTS AND FINAL REMARKS**

**Item 10A: Reports Regarding Committee Activities.**

Clm. Gallian reported on the Sonoma County Transportation meeting.

**Item 10B: Final Councilmembers’ Remarks.**

Clm. Cook encouraged everyone to visit the library.

Clm. Gallian stated she would be digesting the “new strategies for a new age” information garnered at the Ahwahnee Conference and encouraged the public to provide feedback for the Council goal setting workshop.

Mayor Brown encouraged all to participate in the Earth Day activities on April 20.

**11. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Jenny Irving announced Clm. Cook’s birthday on Thursday.

Hal Nichols requested that the approved water rate increase be applied the same to out of City water customers as in City customers.

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:03 p.m.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing minutes were duly and regularly adopted at a regular meeting of the Sonoma City Council on the \_\_\_day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2012.

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Gay Johann, MMC  
City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager



***CITY OF SONOMA***  
***City Council/Successor Agency***  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 6A

Meeting Date: 04/01/2013

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Approval of the portions of the Minutes of the March 18, 2013 City Council / Successor Agency Meeting pertaining to the Successor Agency.

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**Summary**

The minutes have been prepared for Council review and approval.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve the minutes.

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**Alternative Actions**

Correct or amend the minutes prior to approval.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

See Agenda Item 5B for the minutes

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City of Sonoma  
City Council  
Agenda Item Summary

City Council Agenda Item: 8A

Meeting Date: 04/01/13

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**Department**

Public Works

**Staff Contact**

Associate Planner, Atkins

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**Agenda Item Title**

Adoption of resolution authorizing a TDA Article 3 grant application for bicycle improvements (Depot Park bike path maintenance and Napa Road Class 2 bicycle lanes).

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**Summary**

The City of Sonoma is proposing to apply for \$70,000 in TDA3 funding to add bicycle improvement features to two Public Works projects: 1) the Napa Road Rehabilitation Project; and, 2) the Depot Park Maintenance Project. Construction for the Napa Road Rehabilitation Project is scheduled for 2014, while construction of the Depot Park Project is scheduled for summer 2013. With respect to the Napa Road rehabilitation project, this grant funding would enable the striping of Class 2 bike lanes along Napa Road from Broadway to city limits, east of Fifth Street East. The Depot Park component of the proposed grant funding would allow for the rehabilitation of the existing segment of Class 1 bike path that runs through Depot Park. (Detailed descriptions of the two projects are attached.)

The Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC) administers TDA3, which is distributed based on population. Sonoma County's incorporated cities/town and the County of Sonoma are eligible to apply. TDA3 funds may be used for bicycle lanes, bicycle and pedestrian paths, and related planning and marketing efforts. There are no matching requirements with this funding source. Projects are required to meet Caltrans safety design criteria and CEQA requirements; be completed within three years; be maintained; be consistent with adopted bicycle plans; and be authorized by a city/town council or county board.

The City Council adopted the Sonoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan in October 2008. The objectives of the plan are to improve safety for bicyclists, make bike routes more inviting to casual users, encourage bicycling as an everyday activity, and improve driver awareness. When the City Council conducted its final review of the plan, much of the discussion focused on the Class II lanes, as it was recognized that implementing them would result in the removal of on-street parking at several locations due to right-of-way constraints. Ultimately, the Council voted 4-1 (Councilmember Sebastiani dissenting) to adopt the Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan with the inclusion of Class II lanes on various street segments—including Napa Road—while directing staff to further evaluate potential parking impacts in the environmental review of specific projects. On January 19, 2011, the City Council adopted Resolution 04-2011 adopting a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Class II Bike Lane Project, which included the Napa Road Class 2 bicycle lanes. In the case of the Napa Road Class 2 bike lane project, the required striping would remove approximately four on-street parking spaces on the north side of the street, just east of Larkin Drive.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Adopt the resolution authorizing a TDA Article 3 grant application for bicycle improvements.

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**Alternative Actions**

N.A.

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**Financial Impact**

There are no matching requirements with this funding source.

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

1. Resolution
2. TDA Article 3 Project Application Form (Napa Road Class II Bike Lanes)
3. TDA Article 3 Project Application Form (Class I Bike Path Through Depot Park)
4. Map of project areas
5. Napa Road map indicating locations where on-street parking will be removed

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Resolution No. **INSERT NUMBER**

A resolution by the Sonoma City Council approving the request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of fiscal year 2013-2014 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle project funding for the City of Sonoma.

WHEREAS, Article 3 of the Transportation Development Act (TDA), Public Utilities Code (PUC) Section 99200 et seq., authorizes the submission of claims to a regional transportation planning agency for the funding of projects exclusively for the benefit and/or use of pedestrians and bicyclists; and

WHEREAS, the Metropolitan Transportation Commission (MTC), as the regional transportation planning agency for the San Francisco Bay region, has adopted MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised, entitled "Transportation Development Act, Article 3, Pedestrian/Bicycle Projects," which delineates procedures and criteria for submission of requests for the allocation of "TDA Article 3" funding; and

WHEREAS, MTC Resolution No. 875, Revised requires that requests for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funding be submitted as part of a single, countywide coordinated claim from each county in the San Francisco Bay region; and

WHEREAS, the City of Sonoma desires to submit a request to MTC for the allocation of TDA Article 3 funds to support the projects described in Attachments B1 and B2 to this resolution, which are for the exclusive benefit and/or use of pedestrians and/or bicyclists; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Sonoma declares it is eligible to request an allocation of TDA Article 3 funds pursuant to Section 99234 of the Public Utilities Code, and furthermore, be it

RESOLVED, that there is no pending or threatened litigation that might adversely affect the project or projects described in Attachments B1 and B2 to this resolution, or that might impair the ability of the City of Sonoma to carry out the project; and furthermore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Sonoma attests to the accuracy of and approves the statements in Attachment A to this resolution; and furthermore, be it

RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution and its attachments, and any accompanying supporting materials shall be forwarded to the congestion management agency, countywide transportation planning agency, or county association of governments, as the case may be, of **Sonoma County** for submission to MTC as part of the countywide coordinated TDA Article 3 claim.

The City of Sonoma adopted this resolution on **April 1, 2013**.

AYES:

NAYS:

Certified to by (signature): \_\_\_\_\_  
Ken Brown, Mayor

Resolution No. **INSERT NUMBER**  
Attachment A

Re: Request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the Allocation of Fiscal Year 2013-14 Transportation Development Act Article 3 Pedestrian/Bicycle Project Funding

**Findings**

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1. That the City of Sonoma is not legally impeded from submitting a request to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission for the allocation of Transportation Development Act (TDA) Article 3 funds, nor is the City of Sonoma legally impeded from undertaking the project(s) described in “Attachments B1 and B2” of this resolution.
2. That the City of Sonoma has committed adequate staffing resources to complete the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2.
3. A review of the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2 has resulted in the consideration of all pertinent matters, including those related to environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances, attendant to the successful completion of the project(s).
4. Issues attendant to securing environmental and right-of-way permits and clearances for the projects described in Attachments B1 and B2 have been reviewed and will be concluded in a manner and on a schedule that will not jeopardize the deadline for the use of the TDA funds being requested.
5. That the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2 comply with the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA, Public Resources Code Sections 21000 et seq.).
6. That as portrayed in the budgetary description(s) of the project(s) in Attachments B1 and B2, the sources of funding other than TDA are assured and adequate for completion of the project(s).
7. That the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2 are for capital construction and/or design engineering; and/or for the maintenance of a Class I bikeway which is closed to motorized traffic; and/or for the purposes of restriping Class II bicycle lanes; and/or for the development or support of a bicycle safety education program; and/or for the development of a comprehensive bicycle and/or pedestrian facilities plan, and an allocation of TDA Article 3 funding for such a plan has not been received by the City of Sonoma within the prior five fiscal years.
8. That the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2 which are bicycle projects have been included in a detailed bicycle circulation element included in an adopted general plan, or included in an adopted comprehensive bikeway plan (such as outlined in Section 2377 of the California Bikeways Act, Streets and Highways Code section 2370 et seq.).
9. That any project described in Attachments B1 and B2 that is a “Class I Bikeway,” meets the mandatory minimum safety design criteria published in Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual.
10. That the project(s) described in Attachments B1 and B2 are ready to commence implementation during the fiscal year of the requested allocation.

11. That the City of Sonoma agrees to maintain, or provide for the maintenance of, the project(s) and facilities described in Attachments B1 and B2, for the benefit of and use by the public.

**TDA Article 3 Project Application Form**

Fiscal Year of this Claim: 2013-2014

Applicant: City of Sonoma

Contact person: Wendy Atkins

Mailing Address: No. 1 The Plaza

E-Mail Address: watkins@sonomacity.org

Telephone: (707) 933-2204

Secondary Contact (in event primary not available) Wayne Wirick

E-Mail Address: wwirick@sonomacity.org

Telephone: (707) 938-3681

**Short Title Description of Project:** Napa Road Class II Bike Lanes

Amount of claim: \$ 5,000

**Functional Description of Project:**

Starting with a community forum held in May 2007, the City of Sonoma (City) sought public input on options for bicycle improvements throughout the City. In the initial community forum and subsequent bike-around, participants emphasized the need for additional Class II bike lanes. In both sessions, participants expressed the belief that Class II bike lanes improve safety, make bike routes more inviting to casual users, encourage bicycling as an everyday activity, and improve driver awareness (Fehr & Peers 2008). The 2008 Sonoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan (Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan) proposed several Class I, II, and III bikeways throughout the community as part of a larger collaborative planning process led by the Sonoma County Transportation Authority (SCTA). The bikeways proposed in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan would connect with existing bikeways in the City and the region with the goal of making the City a more bicycle safe and friendly community. Since the completion of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, the City has implemented several of these proposed projects.

The City of Sonoma 2020 General Plan provides descriptions of Class I, II, and III bikeways:

- Class I: A completely separated right-of-way designated for the exclusive use of bicycles and pedestrians, commonly called a "bike path." Cross-flows by pedestrians and motorists are minimized.
- Class II: A restricted right-of-way along a street designated for the exclusive or semi-exclusive use of bicycles, identified by pavement markings and signage and commonly referred to as a "bike lane." Through travel by pedestrians or motor vehicles is not allowed.
- Class III: A shared street right-of-way designated by signs placed on vertical posts or stenciled on the pavement. These bikeways, which share right-of-way with motor vehicles and are typically called "bike routes," offer the least protection from automobile traffic. They are typically used to indicate preferred routes.

The Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan prioritized each proposed bikeway in the City as either "low", "medium", or "high". Napa Road was included as a "high" priority Class II bike lane from Broadway to the west of Fifth Street East.

A Bike Options Workbook (Fehr & Peers 2008) was prepared to provide input for the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. The Bike Options Workbook provided details of proposed Class I, II, and III bikeways in the City including benefits, issues, design standards, photos, parking counts, neighborhood survey opinions, and photo simulations. Using both the Bike Options Workbook and Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan, draft conceptual design plans were prepared by Winzler & Kelly and reviewed by individual City staff and the Traffic Safety Subcommittee.

The following are the overall objectives of the project:

- Improve bicycle safety and friendliness throughout the City by providing striped Class II bike lanes along Napa Road;
- Close the gap between various Class I, II, and III City and provide connectivity to regional bikeways; and
- Reduce dependency from the automobile by improving alternative transportation modes by providing bike lane links to schools, employment centers, shopping centers, parks and recreational activities, transit stops, tourist destinations, and other community focal points thereby reducing the City's carbon footprint and affect on climate change.

The project would complete a proposed Class II bike lane identified in the 2008 Sonoma Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan. It would restripe Napa Road from Broadway to the eastern city limits (west of Fifth Street East) within the City of Sonoma to include Class II bike lanes. The project would occur entirely within City right-of-way in previously disturbed areas. Napa Road consists of two traffic lanes with intermittent left-turn pockets, and on-street parking provided only on the north side of the street (between Nathanson Creek and Jones

Street) in a 32-foot to 45-foot right-of-way. Napa Road would be restriped to include two Class II bike lanes (5-foot minimum), two traffic lanes (11-foot minimum), pockets of center left-turn lanes, and parking on the north side from Nathanson Creek to Jones Street. Due to the width of segment roadways and to accommodate the addition of the Class II bike lanes, lane configurations would shift and four parking spaces would be removed along the north side of the road to accommodate the left-turn pocket transition at the intersection of Larkin Drive. Based on the parking count studies, the preserved parking would be able to accommodate the existing total peak hour parking demand (existing parking demand for both sides of the street). A table summarizing the results of the parking count studies is provided in Section 16: Transportation and Traffic of the Approved CEQA MND.

To enforce the parking to be removed, as part of the project, City "No Parking" signs or red curbing would be installed in the City's right-of-way.

**Financial Plan:**

List the project elements for which TDA funding is being requested (e.g., planning, environmental, engineering, right-of-way, construction, inspection, contingency, audit). Use the table below to show the project budget. Include prior and proposed future funding of the project. If the project is a segment of a larger project, include prior and proposed funding sources for the other segments.

**Project Elements:** TDA funding is being requested for the following project elements: Planning, engineering, construction, and inspection.

Funding Source	All Prior FYs	Application FY13/14	Next FY	Following FYs	Totals
TDA Article 3		\$5,000			\$5,000
<b>list all other sources:</b>					
1. One Bay Area Grant			\$250,000		\$250,000
2. City General Fund			\$298,000		\$298,000
3.					
4.					
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$553,000</b>

Project Eligibility:	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated).	Yes, September 3, 2008.
B. Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page.	No.
C. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov">http://www.dot.ca.gov</a> ).	Yes.
D. Has the project been reviewed by a Bicycle Advisory Committee? (If "NO," provide an explanation).	No, the CBPAC will review the project on March 26, 2013.
E. Has the public availability of the environmental compliance documentation for the project (pursuant to CEQA) been evidenced by the dated stamping of the document by the county clerk or county recorder? (required only for projects that include construction).	Yes.
F. Will the project be completed before the allocation expires? Enter the anticipated completion date of project (month and year) _____	October 2014.
G. Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name: _____)	Yes.

**TDA Article 3 Project Application Form**

Fiscal Year of this Claim: 2013-2014

Applicant: City of Sonoma

Contact person: Wendy Atkins

Mailing Address: No. 1 The Plaza

E-Mail Address: watkins@sonomacity.org

Telephone: (707) 933-2204

Secondary Contact (in event primary not available) Wayne Wirick

E-Mail Address: wwirick@sonomacity.org

Telephone: (707) 938-3681

**Short Title Description of Project:** Class I Bike Path Through Depot Park

Amount of claim: \$ 65,000

**Functional Description of Project:**

This project includes maintenance of the Class I Bike Path through Depot Park. The bike path is closed to motorized vehicles. These maintenance improvements include the grinding of the existing hot mix asphalt (HMA) bike path and replacing it with 8-foot wide and 1.5-inch thick HMA overlay; removal of existing concrete sidewalk/ramps and construction of ADA ramps at each end of the bike path, removal and replacement of concrete curb and gutter, tree removal and replacement associated with maintenance of the bike path; and installation of warning signage, bollards, and striping/markings. The project scope is based on community input following a presentation of the project to the Community Services and Environmental Commission (CSEC) on July 13, 2011, a public community workshop on September 8, 2011, and another presentation to the CSEC on September 14, 2011.

**Financial Plan:**

List the project elements for which TDA funding is being requested (e.g., planning, environmental, engineering, right-of-way, construction, inspection, contingency, audit). Use the table below to show the project budget. Include prior and proposed future funding of the project. If the project is a segment of a larger project, include prior and proposed funding sources for the other segments.

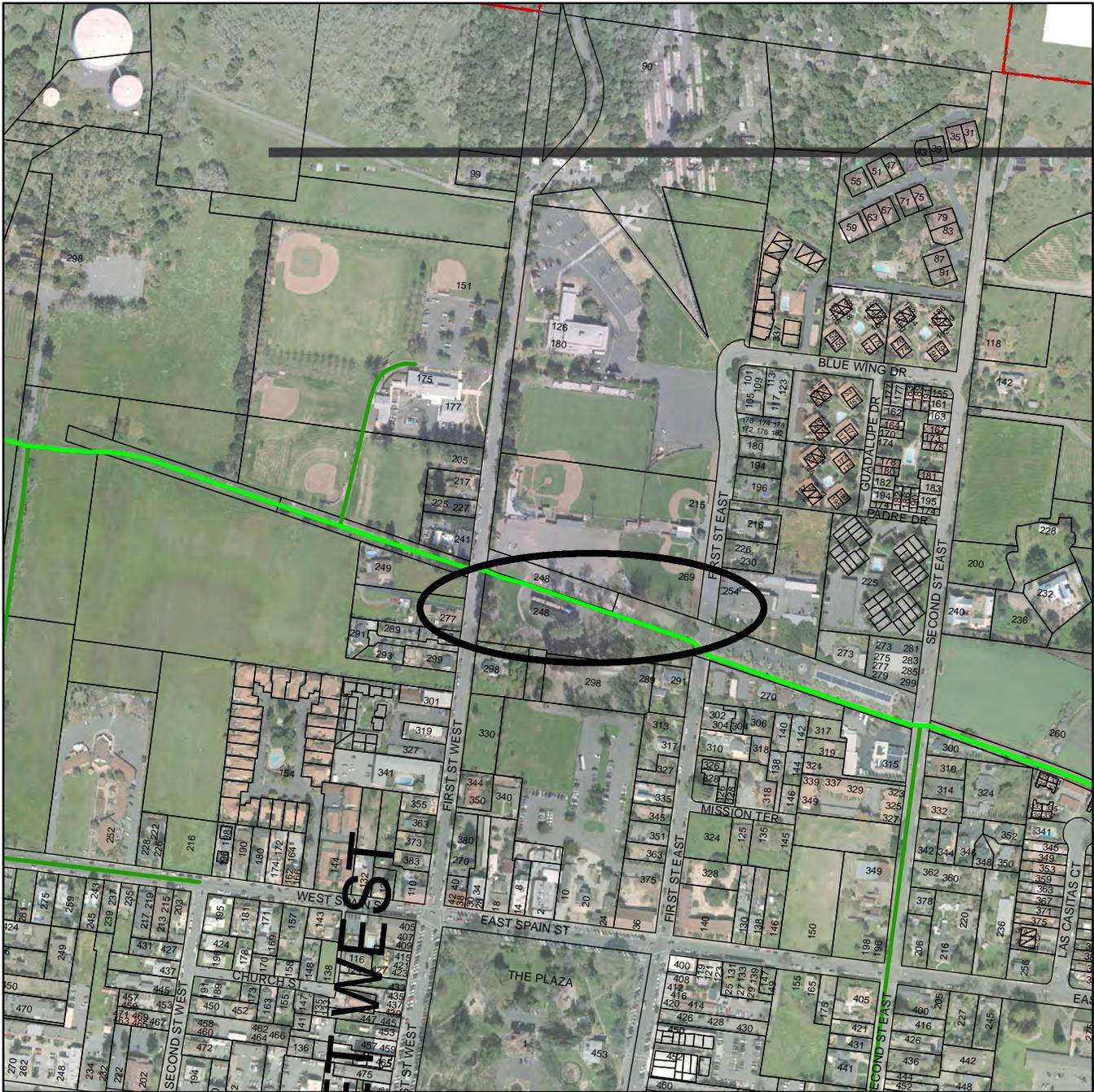
**Project Elements:** TDA funding is being requested for the following project elements: Planning, engineering, construction, and inspection.

Funding Source	All Prior FYs	Application FY13/14	Next FY	Following FYs	Totals
TDA Article 3		\$65,000			\$65,000
list all other sources:					
1. CDGB	\$70,000	\$68,000			\$138,000
2. City General Fund		\$2,000			\$2,000
3.					
4.					
<b>Totals</b>					<b>\$205,000</b>

Project Eligibility:	YES?/NO?
A. Has the project been approved by the claimant's governing body? (If "NO," provide the approximate date approval is anticipated).	No, approval anticipated on April 1, 2012.
B. Has this project previously received TDA Article 3 funding? If "YES," provide an explanation on a separate page.	No.
C. For "bikeways," does the project meet Caltrans minimum safety design criteria pursuant to Chapter 1000 of the California Highway Design Manual? (Available on the internet via: <a href="http://www.dot.ca.gov">http://www.dot.ca.gov</a> ).	Yes.
D. Has the project been reviewed by a Bicycle Advisory Committee? (If "NO," provide an explanation).	Yes, review by the CSEC on September 14, 2011.
E. Has the public availability of the environmental compliance documentation for the project (pursuant to CEQA) been evidenced by the dated stamping of the document by the county clerk or county recorder? (required only for projects that include construction).	Yes.

F. Will the project be completed before the allocation expires? Enter the anticipated completion date of project (month and year) _____	September 2013.
G. Have provisions been made by the claimant to maintain the project or facility, or has the claimant arranged for such maintenance by another agency? (If an agency other than the Claimant is to maintain the facility provide its name: _____ )	Yes.

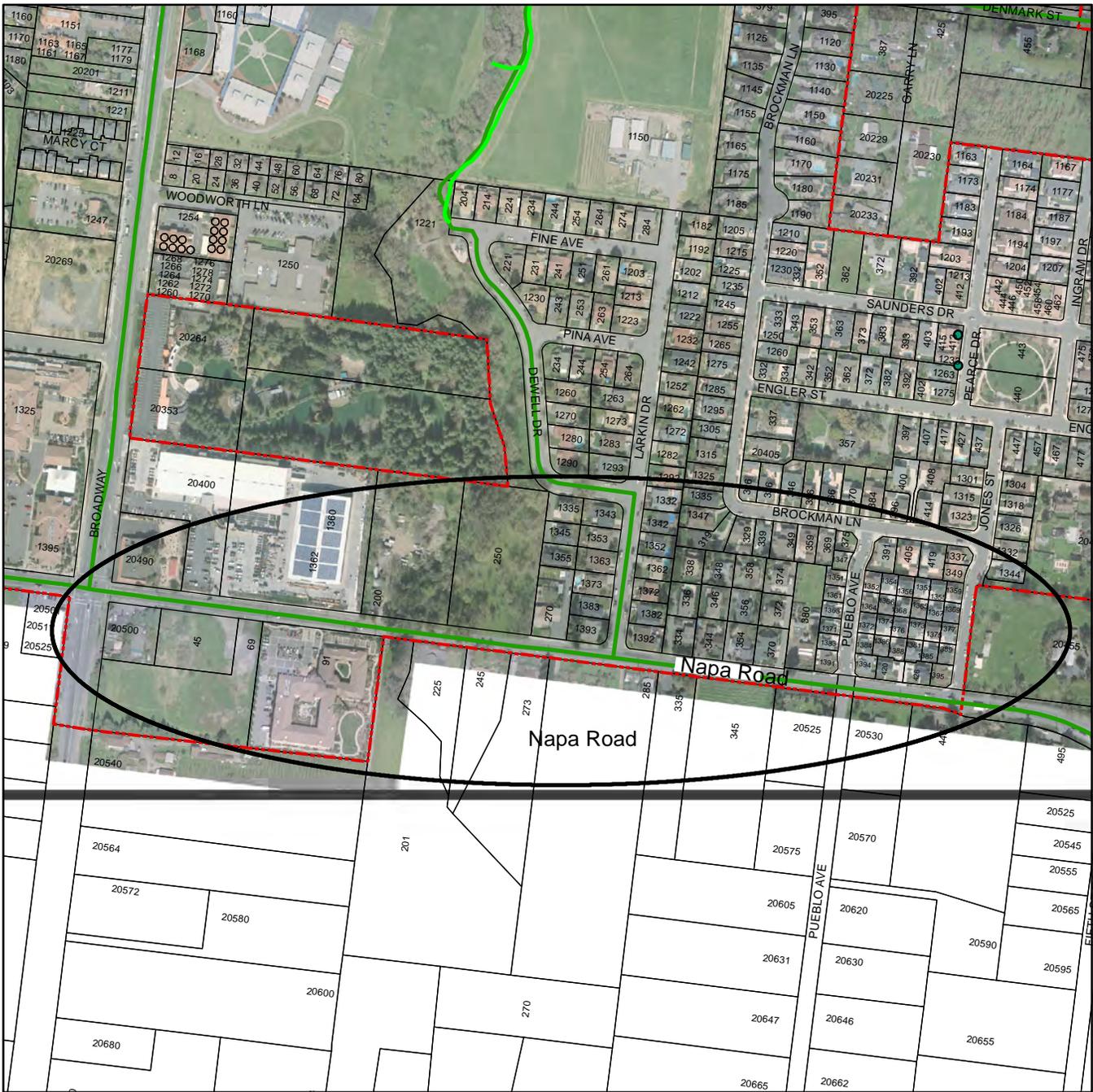
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City of Sonoma  
 TDA Article 3  
 Class I Bike Path  
 Through Depot Park



- BikePaths
- Parcels
- Project Area

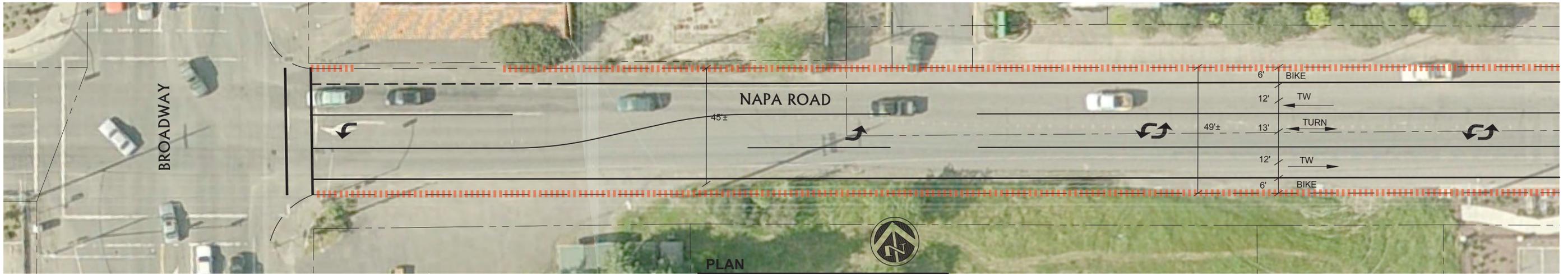


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 Napa Road Class II  
 Bike Lanes

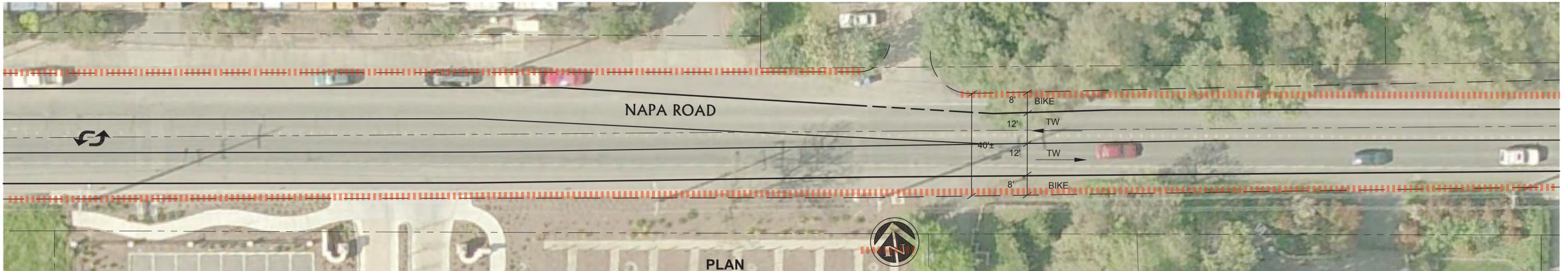


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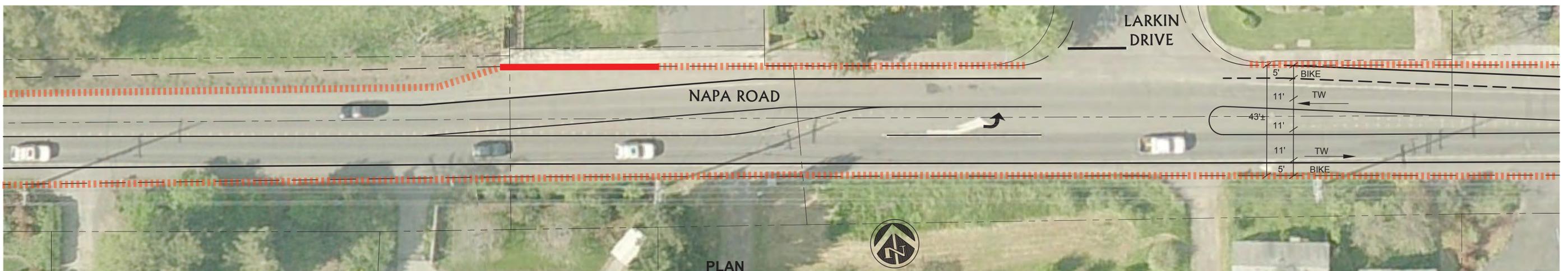
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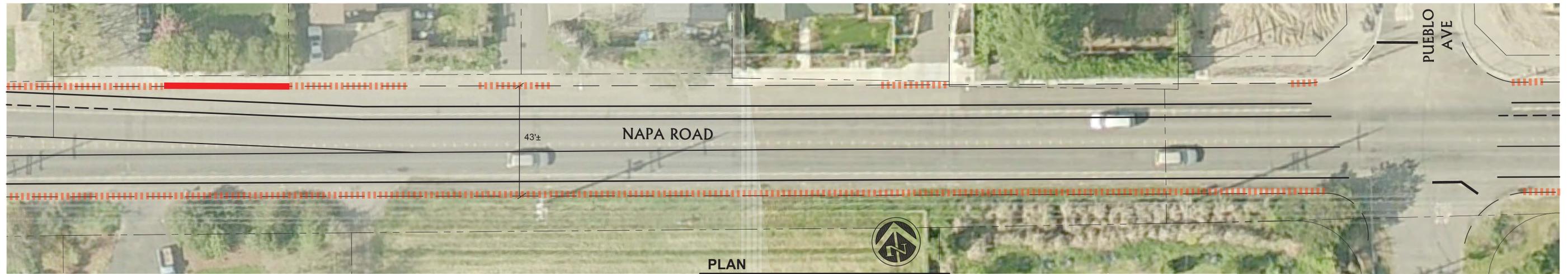
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 Proposed "No Parking" (Red Curb)



CITY OF SONOMA  
 CLASS II BIKE LANE CONCEPTUAL PLANS  
 NAPA ROAD  
 BROADWAY TO 5TH STREET EAST

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CITY OF SONOMA  
CLASS II BIKE LANE CONCEPTUAL PLANS  
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*City of Sonoma*  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**City Council Agenda Item: 8B**

**Meeting Date: 04/01/2013**

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Carol E. Giovanatto, City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Discussion, Consideration and Possible on Proposed Changes to the League of California Cities Bylaws

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**Summary**

At its February meeting, the League's Board of Directors approved submitting two amendments to the League's Bylaws to the membership. The proposed amendments would amend the Bylaws to provide that:

1. Resolutions submitted to the League for presentation to the General Assembly must be concurred in by at least five or more cities or by city officials from at least five or more cities.
2. The League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of those Directors present. Currently, the Board may take positions with a simple majority vote.

The Board's purpose in submitting the first proposed amendment is to encourage members to seek concurrence of other cities and city officials that the subject of a proposed resolution is a substantial one and of broad interest and importance to cities. The Board's purpose in submitting the second proposed amendment is to ensure that when the Board considers a position on possibly controversial statewide ballot measures, the Board's ultimate decision represents a broad consensus of the Directors.

The language of the proposed amendments is provided in the attached Resolution. To be approved, the Bylaws require each amendment must receive a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of those members voting. A voting ballot must be submitted signed by an authorized City official no later than April 19, 2013.

This amendment will have no direct impact on the City of Sonoma.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Approve amendments and authorize the City Manager to submit the ballot to the League Board of Directors.

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**Alternative Actions**

Deny approval of the League Bylaw amendments.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

League of California Cities Resolution

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**cc:**

## **PROPOSED RESOLUTION RELATING TO LEAGUE BYLAWS AMENDMENTS**

WHEREAS, the League of California Cities is a nonprofit mutual benefit corporation under California law and, as such, is governed by corporate bylaws; and

WHEREAS, the League's Board of Directors periodically reviews the League's bylaws for issues of clarity, practicality, compliance with current laws, and responsiveness to membership interests; and

WHEREAS, the League Board of Directors at its February 7-8, 2013 meeting approved submitting the following amendments to the League's bylaws to the League's membership by mailed ballot:

1. Article VI, section 2 of the League's bylaws is amended to read as follows:

“Resolutions may originate from city officials, city councils, regional divisions, functional departments, policy committees, or the League Board or by being included in a petition signed by designated voting delegates of ten percent of the number of Member Cities. Except for petitioned resolutions, all other resolutions must be submitted to the League with documentation that at least five or more cities, or city officials from at least five or more cities, have concurred in the resolution.”

2. A new Article VII, section 16 is added to the League's bylaws to read as follows:

“Section 16: Positions on Statewide Ballot Measures.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these bylaws, the League Board may take a position on a statewide ballot measure by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of those Directors present.”

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the League Board of Directors at its April 24-25, 2013 meeting in Sacramento, California, after a canvass of mailed ballots, has determined that the above amendments to the League bylaws have been approved by a 2/3<sup>rd</sup> vote of those Member Cities voting. These amendments shall take effect 60 days after the approval of this resolution.

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## Ballot on Bylaws Amendments

City of \_\_\_\_\_

Does your city vote to approve the amendment of article VI, section 2 of the League's bylaws relating to submission of resolutions to the League's General Assembly as set forth in the Proposed Resolution and incorporated by reference in this ballot?

- Yes
- No

Does your city vote to approve the addition of article VII, section 16 to the League's bylaws relating to the League Board vote threshold for taking positions on statewide ballot measures as set forth in the Proposed Resolution and incorporated by reference in this ballot?

- Yes
- No

Ballot returned by:

\_\_\_\_\_ City Official Name

\_\_\_\_\_ City Official Title

Please return this ballot by **April 19, 2013** to:

League of California Cities  
Attn: Ballots  
1400 K Street, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Sacramento, CA 95814

or by email to: [ballots@cacities.org](mailto:ballots@cacities.org)

or by fax to: (916) 658-8240

Thanks in advance for your participation in this important decision.



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

City Council Agenda Item: 8C

Meeting Date: 04/01/2013

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Carol E. Giovanatto, City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Discussion, Consideration and Possible Action Relating to Support for California Mayors United Against Proposition 8, Requested by Mayor Brown.

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**Summary**

Mayor Brown has requested Council consideration of a request for support to join the California Mayors United Against Proposition 8. With Council concurrence, Mayor Brown's name would be added to a list of California Mayors urging the Supreme Court to end Proposition 8.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Council discretion

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**Alternative Actions**

n/a

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**Financial Impact**

n/a

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
- No Action Required
- Action Requested

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**Attachments:**

Email from Marisa Nelson

Statement of California Mayors United Against Proposition 8

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**cc:** none

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**From:** "Marisa Nelson" <[mjcnelson1@gmail.com](mailto:mjcnelson1@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** March 25, 2013 3:29:19 PM PDT  
**To:** [ken@bearflagsocialclub.com](mailto:ken@bearflagsocialclub.com)  
**Subject:** Will you speak out on Prop 8? The Supreme Court is watching

Dear California's Mayors,

I join over 750,000 Courage Campaign members and dozens of other Mayors across California to ask for your leadership in once again securing the freedom to marry for the tens of thousands of California same-sex couples.

On March 26, the Supreme Court of the United States will take up *Hollingsworth v. Perry* considering the constitutionality of California's Proposition 8. Legal advocates agree: the Supreme Court takes note of voices and events outside the courthouse. Your voice will help create the kind of climate we need to secure victory.

We therefore ask you to:

- 1) Set the tone with other Mayors across California in a joint statement urging the Supreme Court to end Proposition 8. Text of this statement and a list of Mayors speaking out can be found here: (<http://act.couragecampaign.org/letter/Prop8Mayors/>). Showing your support will help demonstrate to the justices that history is on the side of equality. It will be a terrific opportunity to showcase your leadership on this issue.
- 2) Fly the LGBT "pride" flag over City Hall on March 26 and 27. The Prop. 8 case will be heard on March 26, followed the next day by *USA v. Windsor* (concerning the constitutionality of the Defense of Marriage Act). Your leadership of other California mayors will generate considerable public attention and help show the Supreme Court, and the public, that the time has come to support full equality.

Thank you again for your leadership and support. I look forward to your prompt reply.

**To sign and add your name to the list of California Mayors speaking out against Prop 8 as the Supreme Court prepares to hear the case** (<http://act.couragecampaign.org/letter/Prop8Mayors/>), you can contact Courage Campaign staff member Aidan Crawford or Jacob Waters via 323-969-0160 or [jacob.waters@couragecampaign.org](mailto:jacob.waters@couragecampaign.org). If you have any questions, we are happy to answer. Thank you for your consideration.

Marisa Nelson, Courage Campaign member against Prop 8

*Statement of California Mayors United Against Proposition 8  
Concerning Hollingsworth v. Perry*

*As the Supreme Court of the United States considers the fate of Proposition 8, we call upon the justices to consider carefully our special role in leading the people of California's cities.*

*As Mayors, we have a responsibility to unite our cities, not divide them. Key to that is building family integrity, including ensuring all loving, committed couples in our cities have the same freedoms and rights. Proposition 8 created separate and unequal status for same-sex couples throughout California, and denies equality to same-sex couples, violating the Constitutional guarantee of due process and equal protection. In the words of Judge Stephen Reinhardt of the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, "(it) has no effect other than to lessen the status and dignity of gays and lesbians in California, and to officially reclassify their relationships and families as inferior to those of opposite-sex couples."*

*As Mayors, we have a special view of the separate class system created by Proposition 8. Individuals who are public servants and work to improve our cities do not receive important benefits for their loved ones as other couples do, because they are denied the recognition of marriage. Residents of our cities who work in the private sector must hope that their private employer confers such benefits upon same-sex couples, while their heterosexual co-workers do not face such obstacles. Proposition 8 has only served to divide our city into groups, one with more rights and dignity than the other.*

*We encourage the Supreme Court to find Proposition 8 unconstitutional and restore the freedom to marry to all of California's loving, committed couples.*

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*Mayor Bates, Berkeley  
Mayor Brinton, Arcata  
Mayor Boardman, Huntington Beach  
Mayor Cabaldon, West Sacramento  
Mayor Cassidy, San Leandro  
Mayor Curtis, Monte Sereno  
Mayor Filner, San Diego  
Mayor Foster, Long Beach  
Mayor Gin, Redondo Beach  
Mayor Glass, Petaluma  
Mayor Golonski, Brubank  
Mayor Harrison, Fremont  
Mayor Hines, Rancho Mirage  
Mayor Johnson, Sacramento  
Mayor Jones, Healdsburg  
Mayor Krovoza, Davis  
Mayor Lim, San Mateo  
Mayor Low, Campbell  
Mayor Matthews, Santa Clara  
Mayor McLaughlin, Richmond  
Mayor Pougnet, Palm Springs  
Mayor Prang, West Hollywood  
Mayor Quan, Oakland  
Mayor Schneider, Santa Barbara  
Mayor Spitaleri, Sunnyvale  
Mayor Villaraigosa, Los Angeles*



*City of Sonoma*  
**City Council**  
**Agenda Item Summary**

**City Council Agenda Item: 8D**

**Meeting Date: 04/01/2013**

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**Department**

Administration

**Staff Contact**

Carol E. Giovanatto, City Manager

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**Agenda Item Title**

Report on 2013 City Council Goal-Setting Work Session

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**Summary**

On March 25<sup>th</sup> the City Council held a goal-setting work study session facilitated by the City Manager. Each Councilmember submitted 5 proposed goals to the City Manager; goals were also solicited from City staff and the Public. The work session resulted in 5 Goals established for 2013 with direction given to the City Manager to proceed with preparation of a final report. A summary of the Goal-Setting results has been prepared and is attached.

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**Recommended Council Action**

Receive report.

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**Alternative Actions**

Direct changes to summary.

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**Financial Impact**

N/A

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**Environmental Review**

- Environmental Impact Report
- Negative Declaration
- Exempt
- Not Applicable

**Status**

- Approved/Certified
  - No Action Required
  - Action Requested
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**Attachments:**

2013 Council Goal-Setting Summary Report

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**cc:**

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## 2013 COUNCIL GOAL-SETTING

*"CREATE AN ENVIRONMENT OF FOCUSING ON THE POSITIVES AND THE OPPORTUNITIES AS WE SET A COURSE FOR THE FUTURE OF SONOMA"*

During the Goal-Setting Work Session held on March 25<sup>th</sup>, the City Council met in a 'roll up your sleeves' environment and determined the following Goals and Budget/Work Priorities for 2013:

### 2013 Goals [Summarized]

- ***Balance Budget without eroding infrastructure and preserving essential services***
- ***Water – Develop long-term strategies***
- ***Master plan Parks & Recreation opportunities***  
***+ Support Community Swimming Pool facility***
- ***Seek efficiencies with a focus on increasing customer services***
- ***Explore Economic Development Drivers to ensure long-term viability of Community Assets***  
***+ Sebastiani Theater***
- ***Clarify Mission and Vision Statement for the City***

### Staff Direction/Work & Budget Priorities

- Establish methodology for tracking of Measure J
- Review Reserve Policy
- Council & Planning Commission discussion on large-scale projects; City processes  
***+ Joint meeting with Planning Commission***
- Unfunded PERS pension liability  
***+ Create Reserve Fund***
- Inclusion of K-9 program to Sheriff's Contract [Budget 13-14]
- Policy on Alarm Ordinance
- Policy on Sidewalk Repair
- Funding Policy for Street Maintenance
- Update City website
- Update Fee Schedule

### Next Steps – Direction to City Manager [projected timeline]

Review & evaluate goals and work priorities; discuss with Department Managers [March 26, 2013]

+ Identify any issues related to implementation/ completion

+ Identify projected timeline for implementation/ completion

Prepare draft report on Goals; distribute to Council for final review [April 15, 2013]

Prepare Final Report [May 1, 2013]

Agendize 2013 Goals & Objectives for public discussion [May 6, 2013]

Adopt 2013 Goals [May 6; alt date June3]



**CITY OF SONOMA**  
 City Council  
 Agenda Item Summary

**Agenda Item: 10A**  
**Meeting Date: 04/01/2013**

<b>Department</b> Administration	<b>Staff Contact</b> Gay Johann, City Clerk/Assistant to the City Manager
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**Agenda Item Title**

Councilmembers' Reports on Committee Activities.

**Summary**

Council members will report on activities, if any, of the various committees to which they are assigned.

MAYOR BROWN	MPT. ROUSE	CLM. BARBOSE	CLM. COOK	CLM. GALLIAN
AB939 Local Task Force	ABAG Alternate	Cittaslow Sonoma Valley Advisory Council, Alt.	Cemetery Subcommittee	ABAG Delegate
Oversight Board to the Dissolved CDA	City Audit Committee	North Bay Watershed Association	City Facilities Committee	Cemetery Subcommittee
Sonoma Community Center Subcommittee	City Facilities Committee	Sonoma Community Center Subcommittee	LOCC North Bay Division Liaison	Cittaslow Sonoma Valley Advisory Council
Sonoma County Health Action, Alternate	Sonoma County Mayors & Clm. Assoc. BOD	Sonoma County Transportation Authority & Regional Climate Protection Authority, Alternate	Oversight Board to the Dissolved CDA, Alt.	City Audit Committee
Sonoma County Mayors & Clm. Assoc. BOD	Sonoma County M & C Assoc. Legislative Committee, Alt.	Sonoma County Waste Management Agency	Sonoma County M & C Assoc. Legislative Committee	LOCC North Bay Division Liaison, Alternate
Sonoma Disaster Council	Sonoma Disaster Council, Alternate	Sonoma County/City Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG)	S. V. Library Advisory Committee	Sonoma County Transportation Authority & Regional Climate Protection Authority
Sonoma Housing Corporation	Sonoma Housing Corporation	VOM Water District Ad Hoc Committee, Alternate		Sonoma County/City Solid Waste Advisory Group (SWAG), Alt.
S. V. Citizens Advisory Commission	Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Comm. Alt.	Water Advisory Committee, Alternate		LOCC North Bay Division, LOCC E-Board, Alternate (M & C Appointment)
S.V.C. Sanitation District BOD	S.V.C. Sanitation District BOD, Alt.			Sonoma County Ag Preservation and Open Space Advisory Committee (M & C Appointment)
S.V. Economic Development Steering Committee	S.V. Economic Development Steering Committee, Alt.			VOM Water District Ad Hoc Committee
S.V. Fire & Rescue Authority Oversight Committee	S.V. Fire & Rescue Authority Oversight Committee			Water Advisory Committee
S. V. Library Advisory Committee, Alternate				
Substance Abuse Prevention Coalition				

**Recommended Council Action** – Receive Reports

**Attachments:** None