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February 3, 2025

Amy Wilson
Senate Rules Committee Appointments Deputy Director
State Capitol, Room 420
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Ms. Wilson:

The Sonoma County City Selection Committee reviewed four letters of interest during its Special Meeting, on February 3, 2025, for consideration of possible appointment to the California Coastal Commission seat, representing Sonoma, Marin and San Francisco Counties. Only one letter identified an appointee and an alternate. The other three identified a prospective appointee. The Board voted to nominate all letters received to the Senate Rules Committee.

The nominees are as follows:

Board of Supervisors:

Lynda Hopkins, Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, District 5 – representative
Dennis Rodoni, Marin County Board of Supervisors, District 4 – alternate

Mayors/Councilmembers:

Gerard Giudice, City of Rohnert Park Mayor – Representative
Ariel Kelley, City of Healdsburg Councilmember – Representative
Stephen Zollman, City of Sebastopol Mayor – Representative

Enclosed are letters of interest submitted by Supervisors Hopkins and Supervisor Rodoni, Gerard Giudice, City of Rohnert Park Mayor, Ariel Kelley, City of Healdsburg Councilmember, and Stephen Zollman, City of Sebastopol Mayor.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me at 707-565-4753 or email, Kyreen.jorgensen@sonoma-county.org.

Sincerely,



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December 31, 2024

Amy Wilson, Appointments Deputy Director
Senate Rules Committee
State Capitol, Room 400
Sacramento, CA 95614

RE: Nomination of Sonoma County, District 5 Supervisor Lynda Hopkins as California Coastal Commission North Central Coast Region Representative and Marin County, District 4 Supervisor Dennis Rodoni as her alternate

Dear Deputy Director Wilson:

This letter is a reply to correspondence from Senate President pro Tempore Mike McGuire requesting that nominations for the California Coastal Commission, from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, be sent to Senate Rules Committee Appointments Deputy Director Amy Wilson. Thank you for your outreach in soliciting a nomination, from the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, for the North Central Coast Region Representative on the California Coastal Commission pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 30301.2.

On behalf of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors, I nominate Sonoma County District 5 Supervisor Lynda Hopkins as the North Central Coast Region Representative to the California Coastal Commission. I also nominate Marin County District 4 Supervisor Dennis Rodoni as the alternate to the North Central Coast Region Representative.

Supervisor Hopkins and Supervisor Rodoni are uniquely positioned to represent this region on the Coastal Commission, as they serve as the elected representatives of the coastal districts of both Sonoma and Marin Counties. The shared background, relevant experience, and deep understanding of these coastal communities means they are strongly suited to represent the region's interest, and advance the Coastal Act's mission to protect and enhance California's coast and ocean for present and future generations.

Supervisor Hopkins was elected to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors in 2016. In addition to serving as the District 5 Representative, Supervisor Hopkins serves as the Chair of Sonoma Clean Power, Chair of the Regional Climate Protection Authority and Sonoma County Transportation Authority, Chair of the Northern Sonoma County Air Pollution Control District, and Vice Chair of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District. She earned her Bachelor of Science Degree through the Oceans Track of the Earth Systems Program at Stanford University, studying coastal land use and environmental sciences. She earned her graduate degree also from Stanford, focusing on mass transit, land use policy, and the communication of these topics to the public.

Supervisor Rodoni's district encompasses all of West Marin north of the Marin County headlands. He is a fourth-generation resident of coastal Marin County, and proud of the deep roots and connections to our coastal villages and agricultural communities in West Marin. He grew up attending Inverness School, West Marin School, and Tomales High School; all public schools in Marin's Coastal Zone. He graduated from Chico State University with

an honors degree in economics. His professional career in Marin included many years as a high school teacher before starting a small business as a licensed home building contractor. Even before being elected to the Marin County Board of Supervisors in 2016, he served on a number of community and municipal boards, including a 21-year tenure as a Director of the North Marin Water District and as a nonprofit board member of the Point Reyes National Park Association during the restoration of the Giacomini Wetlands in Tomales Bay.

Both Supervisor Hopkins and Supervisor Rodoni's tenure have been defined by unwavering commitment to protection of our coastal resources, natural habitats, and ensuring the coastline remains accessible and welcoming to all types of visitors who want to enjoy, recreate and appreciate coastal lands.

In Sonoma County, Supervisor Hopkins led the effort to bring the County's long-awaited Local Coastal Plan Update forward to the Coastal Commission, convening stakeholders to build consensus regarding key elements of the LCP. Through the process, she prioritized public access, affordable housing, climate resilience, marine ecosystem restoration, sea otter reintroduction, and managed retreat, ultimately securing unanimous approval at the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors.

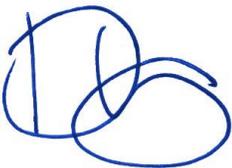
Supervisor Hopkins also formed the Sonoma Coast's first-ever Municipal Advisory Council comprised of nine representatives of the Sonoma Coast's varied unincorporated communities, including Tribal representation. She led the charge on multiple coastal land acquisitions for parks and partnered successfully with Caltrans and the Coastal Commission on the Gleason Beach Highway 1 realignment project, a first-of-its-kind example of managed retreat, resilient infrastructure, creek restoration and enhanced public access.

In Marin County, Supervisor Rodoni championed efforts to meet the need for affordable housing in West Marin: spearheading short-term rental regulations, supporting the conversion of a former Coast Guard property into affordable housing in Point Reyes Station in partnership with a local community land trust, and championing emergency measures to protect the health and safety of affordable agricultural worker housing.

Supervisors Hopkins and Supervisor Rodoni present a unique opportunity to bring professional and personal experience to the protection and enhancement of coastal resources while also ensuring emerging and pressing community needs are addressed, including affordable housing and expanding economic opportunities for the coastal zone. Both understand these are not mutually exclusive, and through balanced and thoughtful leadership and engagement, these goals can be realized and our Coastal natural resources, communities, and agricultural economies can be protected for generations to come. They would bring dedicated and effective representation of the North Coast Central Region to the Coastal Commission.

Thank you for your consideration of our Board's nomination.

Sincerely,



David Rabbitt, Chair

Sonoma County Board of Supervisors

CC: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors



Stephen Zollman
Mayor

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January 31, 2025

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Michelle Norman, Michelle.Norman@sonoma-county.org and
Kyreen Gonzalez, Kyreen.Gonzalez@sonoma-county.org

Re: Appointment to California Coastal Commission

Dear Chair Giudice and Mayors of the City Selection Committee,

I am grateful to be able to submit this letter of interest for the California Coastal Commission.

As an environmentalist for many years and a registered Green Party member I have worked hard to protect our environment from climate change. Serving on the Sonoma County Clean Power board for the last two years has only deepened my commitment.

While my legal work has not been directly related to environmental law, as a former San Francisco Public Defender and now a social justice attorney, I have represented many who have been the victims of climate change and the lack of preparation for it. Preparing our coast for its impact is imperative.

I have lived experience as I lived in Guerneville for many years prior to moving to Sebastopol. I have seen countless marginalized communities devastated by ongoing floods and other climate changes to include friends living in Bodega Bay.

As one of only two queer electeds in Sonoma County I bring an intersectional approach to all of my work. For those unfamiliar, taking an intersectional approach means being an advocate for all marginalized communities i.e. BIPOC, Queer, those with differing abilities, low income, etc. While some have been taken aback when this is referenced, with the change in our political climate, representation and the voices associated with that representation matters.

With a demonstrated commitment to the environment, legal back ground, lived experience and a diverse perspective, I believe I would contribute a lot to this position I also have the luxury to be able to contribute the time required of it. I would be honored to be appointed to this commission.

Sincerely,

Signed

Stephen Zollman

Sebastopol Mayor

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January 30, 2025

Sonoma County City Selection Committee

Re: Nomination to the Senate Rules Committee for the appointment to the North Central Coast Region Representative of California Coastal Commission

Dear Esteemed Mayors and Members of the City Selection Committee,

I write to express my strong interest in the appointment as the North Central Coast Region Representative to the California Coastal Commission from the Sonoma County City Selection Committee. I believe I am the strongest candidate for this position, as I bring a unique set of skills and wealth of relevant experience that is crucial for this role. Furthermore, I have the time and capacity necessary to dedicate to this critical position.

As a former planning commissioner for Sonoma County, I played a key role in developing the Sonoma County Local Coastal Plan, demonstrating my commitment to preserving our coastal environment while balancing development needs. My extensive background as a land use attorney in the Bay Area equips me with expertise in environmental policy, the California Environmental Quality Act, planning and development, all competing interests that are regularly being balanced by the Coastal Commission. I have experience working under the Coastal Act, on both state and federal lands governed by NEPA and a strong ethos for protecting our coastal resources, habitats, and ensuring our pristine coastline is protected for future generations.

I have the educational and professional background necessary to navigate the complex legal and regulatory landscape of coastal resource oversight. My prior work experience with the Bay Conservation and Development Commission has provided me with invaluable insights into how application of preservation policies impacts project review.

My dedication to protecting California's coast, combined with my professional experience, makes me an ideal candidate for this important position representing Sonoma County and our region. I urge you to consider my appointment and lend your support to ensure that our coastal resources are managed responsibly for future generations and that Sonoma County is faithfully represented on the Coastal Commission.

Ariel Kelley

Ariel Kelley
Healdsburg City Councilmember

cc: Members of the Healdsburg City Council



Gerard Giudice
Mayor

Emily Sanborn
Vice Mayor

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Jackie Elward
Samantha Rodriguez
Councilmembers

Marcela Piedra
City Manager

Michelle Marchetta Kenyon
City Attorney

Lee Burdick
Assistant City Attorney

Cindy Bagley
Director of Community Services

Jamie Cannon
Director of Human Resources

Vanessa Garrett
Director of Public Works

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Director of
Development Services

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January 31, 2025

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Attn: Michelle Norman Michelle.Norman@sonoma-county.org
Karen Gonzalez Kyreen.Gonzalez@sonoma-county.org

Re: Letter of Interest to the California Coastal Commission

Dear City Selection Committee,

I am writing to respectfully request your support for my appointment to the California Coastal Commission. My dedication to proactive representation, transparency, and fiscal accountability makes me a strong advocate for our county, and I am committed to ensuring that these principles guide our work in protecting and enhancing California's coastal resources.

Since being elected in 2020, I have had the privilege of serving as Mayor, Vice Mayor, and Councilmember on the Rohnert Park City Council. In December of last year, my colleagues elected me to serve as Mayor for 2025. Beyond my role on the City Council, I also serve as a Director for the Sonoma County Transportation Authority/Regional Climate Protection Authority and, since 2022, as a Director for the Golden Gate Bridge, Highway & Transportation District Board. Throughout my tenure, I have actively contributed to key committees, including:

- Governmental Affairs and Public Information Committee
- Building and Operating Committee
- Finance-Auditing Committee (including the OPEB Retirement Investment Trust Board)
- Suicide Deterrent System Advisory Committee
- Nomination of Officers of the Board of Directors Advisory Committee

These roles have given me valuable experience in regional policy, infrastructure, and environmental stewardship, as well as the ability to advocate for our community on critical issues. I am confident that my continued service on the California Coastal Commission will allow me to further these efforts while ensuring responsible governance and environmental protection.

In 2014 I had the honor to cater the celebration of life for Bill Kortum. I sat in the back and listened and watched as his magnificent legacy unfolded in front of me. I had my ah ha moment and knew what direction I wanted to go. As a first time Mayor and Councilmember in 2021 we pioneered two new elements in our

General Plan; Climate Change and Racial, Social and Environmental Justice. Honestly you can't separate them. I've been fortunate to count among my mentors Sara Aminzadeh, Chuck Striplin and Claudia Luke. If selected I will safeguard and advocate for our Coastal Zone, a delicate and precious natural resource that needs to be protected

I would be honored to have your support in this appointment and welcome the opportunity to discuss how we can work together to strengthen our region.

Should you have any questions or wish to discuss my qualifications further, I can be reached at (707) 899-3087 or via email at ggiudice@rpcity.org. I appreciate your attention to this matter and look forward to your favorable consideration.

Kind Regards,



Gerard Giudice
Mayor, City of Rohnert Park

Cc: Rohnert Park City Council and City Manager
Cc: Lauren Berges, scmcaclerk@gmail.com