

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY
 Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma,
 Windsor

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Villa Chanticleer
 900 Chanticleer Way
 Healdsburg, CA 95448
 Thursday, April 9, 2026
 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Mark Stapp

2. ROLL CALL

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. General meeting minutes of February 12, 2026

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Association Clerk, Lauren Berges, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: lberges@sonomacountylocalleaders.org

5. PROGRAM

A. 2026 Political Outlook and Dynamics of Living and Governing in an Era of Hyper-Local, Polarized Politics

Guest Speaker: David McCuan, Ph.D., Professor of Political Science, Sonoma State University

6. REPORTS

- A. Board of Directors Meeting Report Out (Chair Stapp)
- B. Local and/or Regional Appointments Report Out
- C. Mayors' Report (report from Mayor of each city)

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members may share any updates or information not listed on the agenda

8. ADJOURNMENT

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on June 11, 2026 in the City of Petaluma

/s/ Lauren Berges, Association Clerk

Upcoming 2026 General Membership Meetings

June 11, 2026	City of Petaluma
August 13, 2026	City of Rohnert Park
October 8, 2026	City of Santa Rosa

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lberges@sonomacountylocalleaders.org. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the Association regarding any item on this agenda, after the agenda has been distributed, will be made available for review. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Santa Rosa City Clerk's Office at 707-543-3015. Notification 72-hours prior to the meeting will enable the Association to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

City of Cotati
Cotati Room
216 E. School Street
Cotati, CA 94931
Thursday, February 12, 2026
7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

- 1. CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Mark Stapp at 7:12 PM.

Mayor Sylvia Lemus of Cotati provided opening comments and welcomed all attendees.

- 2. ROLL CALL:** In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, and Windsor.

- 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

- A.** Special General Meeting Minutes of October 23, 2025

Chair Stapp introduced the item. City of Cotati motioned to approve, seconded by City of Cloverdale. There was unanimous consensus to approve the special meeting minutes of October 23, 2025.

- 4. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

- 5. PROGRAM:**

- A.** Guest Speaker: Caitlin Cornwall, Sonoma Ecology Center

Ms. Cornwall provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments from the members

- B.** Guest Speaker: Annie Barbour, United Policyholders – *What We Wish People Knew, Insurance 101*

Ms. Barbour provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments from

the members

C. Guest Speaker: Jeff DuVall, Director of the County of Sonoma's Department of Emergency Management

Director DuVall provided a presentation and responded to questions and comments from the members

6. REPORTS:

A. Board of Directors Meeting

Chair Stapp reported on the evening's Board of Directors Meeting

B. Local and/or Regional Appointments Report Out

None

C. Mayors Report

Mayors and/or delegates reported out on various programs, projects, and updates from their respective city/town.

D. Sonoma County Library News

Newsletter provided in packet

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Stapp adjourned the meeting at 8:58 PM

/s/ Lauren Berges, Executive Director



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DR. DAVID MCCUAN, Professor of Political Science (promotion to Full Professor effective Fall 2012), joined the faculty of Sonoma State University during the historic California Recall election period in Fall 2003. His scholarly expertise rests in two broad areas - American politics and International Relations. His doctorate was granted from the University of California – Riverside in 2002. He previously completed two terms as Department Chair, Political Science.

His teaching responsibilities include courses in both international and national politics, international security and terrorism, state and local politics, campaigns and elections, and political behavior. In the area of elections, Dr. McCuan's research focuses on the general impact of ballot measures - direct democracy - in the state of California and across the nation. He has served as an expert witness in cases concerning direct legislation in both California and the state of Washington where he has presented his research. Professor McCuan also focuses on terrorism and political violence, working and studying in this area from venues as diverse as California, Virginia, Washington, D.C., Israel, the West Bank, and Europe.

Currently, Dr. McCuan is an Affiliated Scholar with the [SSU Wine Business Institute](#). He previously held a position as a joint faculty member with the U.C. Davis-Sonoma State Joint Doctorate Capital Area North Doctorate in Educational Leadership, Ed.D Program (CANDEL). He has extensive overseas experience that includes teaching and research in Europe, Asia, and the Middle East. Dr. McCuan was a Fulbright Teaching Scholar for the 2009-2010 Year, working in the Department of International Relations and European Studies, Masaryk University, Czech Republic. He has also taught "Campaigns and Elections" at Jeju National University (Korea) in 2012. He also served as a Schusterman Fellow, 2014-2015, Summer Program in Israel Studies, Brandeis University / Schusterman Institute Israel Studies (SIIS) Center. In 2019, Dr. McCuan, was invited to give a series of lectures for the Deutsch-Amerikanisches Institute (DAI) throughout Germany and was one of only twelve CSU Faculty selected for a CSU Faculty Partnership Seminar Honors Fellowship in Tubingen, Germany (2020-2023). Professor McCuan also provided sponsored lectures in Germany on the aftermath of both the 2022 U.S. Midterm Elections and the 2024 U.S. presidential election. Most recently, Dr. McCuan taught in both the 2023 and 2024 Summer Seminar Series at Stanford University on the "Electoral Politics of the 2024 Elections."

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Due to Professor McCuan's adherence to a policy of strict bipartisanship focused on data and data analysis, his commentary and analysis are sought out by multiple media outlets. Professor McCuan's multiple media appearances providing analysis of campaign dynamics and election results include international, national, regional, and local media outlets. These outlets include television, print, and internet-based media such as *The New York Times*, *CNN*, *ABC News-New York*, *CNBC*, *Fox*, *MSNBC*, *Bloomberg News & TV*, *Time* magazine, the *Voice of America (VOA)*, *CGTN / CMG (Chinese State Media TV)*, *RTV (Russia) NTV (Russia)*, *TRT World (Turkish Radio & TV)*, *CTV (Canada)*, [Taggespiegel \(Germany\)](#), as well as *Huffington Post LIVE!*, *National Public Radio (NPR)*, *MSN*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *Associated Press*, *USA Today*, *Forbes*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *Boston Globe*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Seattle Times*, *Sacramento Bee*, *San Jose Mercury News*, *The Santa Rosa Press Democrat*, *The Marin Independent Journal*, *The Los Angeles Daily News*, *The Healdsburg Tribune*, *Stockton Record*, *Oakland Tribune*, *Contra Costa Times*, *The Bond Trader Daily*, *Sonoma Index Tribune*, *VEJA (the largest Brazilian weekly magazine)*, *La Croix (French national daily)*, *EFE (Spain)*, *Svenska Dagbladet*, *SvD (Swedish Daily News)*, *Pravda (The Truth, Republic of Slovakia)*, *Al-Ahram Weekly (the largest English daily paper in the Arabic world)*, *Public CEO.com*, *KPIX-TV*, *KQED-FM*, *KNX-AM*, *KCBS-AM*, *KSFO-AM/FM*; *KTLA-FM*, *KGO-AM*, *KCRW-NPR*; *KRCB-TV & radio/FM*, *KPFA-FM*, *KSRO-AM*, and *KFTY-TV50*. He also was the regular fill-in Guest Host and Political Analyst for *KCBS-AM 740* for their award-winning daily program, "[The State of California](#)." He continues to serve as a daily, regular guest on [KTVU2-TV each morning](#) to discuss happenings in [politics](#).

Professor McCuan served two and a half consecutive terms as Chair of the Department of Political Science and was as the Graduate Coordinator of the Master's in Public Administration (MPA) program for more than fifteen years. He also taught at the California Maritime Academy and was a Visiting Fellow (U.C. Berkeley) at both the Institute of Governmental Studies (IGS) and the Graduate School of Journalism. He previously was also a member of the Advisory Board of the *Initiative and Referendum Institute (IRI)*, Washington, D.C. and has used his expertise as an elections observer in the Horn of Africa. Currently, he serves on the [Board of Directors](#) of the [Sonoma Speaker Series](#). He is a first-generation college student, a native of Richmond in the East Bay, and is the proud parent of two great adults. He lives on a ranch in Tomales, CA.



Rohnert Park Mayor's Report

Sonoma County Mayors & Councilmembers Association

April 9, 2026

Emily Sanborn, Mayor, Council District 2

Rohnert Park - Q 1 2026 Highlights

- **Community-Driven Priorities**
 - 400+ residents shaping City investments through a new survey—top focus: safety, water, parks, fiscal health.
- **Infrastructure That Delivers**
 - New sewer inspection van boosting efficiency, safety, and system reliability.
 - Public Safety Building repairs completed—long-standing issues resolved.
 - Proactive water system flushing protecting quality and infrastructure.
 - Solar Canopy project at City Center Plaza.
- **Prepared & Protected**
 - Year-round flood readiness + free 24/7 sandbags for residents.
 - Expanded public safety team with new officer hires.
 - Holding two emergency preparedness workshops in partnership with Emergency Prep Help in July.
- **Parks & Quality of Life**
 - Upgraded ballfields and new Benicia Park scoreboard—youth sports back in full swing.
 - Arbor Day tree planting advancing urban forest and resilience.
- **Real Impact for Residents**
 - \$1.27M secured for homeless services and supportive housing.
 - 211 services: 13,000+ referrals helping residents access critical support.
 - 553 children served through Holiday Toy Drive.
- **Stronger Organization**
 - Unified Public Works + Engineering leadership improving service delivery.
 - Holding Community Coffee and Chats citywide.
- **Looking Ahead**
 - Downtown vision advancing through strong community turnout at town halls.

➔ More highlights in The Friendly City Spotlight: <https://issuu.com/rohnertparkcity>

