

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Thursday, October 14, 2021

6:30 PM

In response to the coronavirus cases in the County and continuing concerns of the Governor of California and the County Public Health Officer about potential community spread of the virus resulting from prolonged indoor gatherings, the Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County has suspended conducting in-person meetings to minimize the spread of the COVID-19 virus pursuant to the provisions of the Brown Act as amended by AB 361 (2021).

The Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County will be conducting the meeting via Zoom.

Members of the public can participate in the meeting by visiting zoom.us or using the following link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87240510121?pwd=Y3RpNHZVcjJGcncrYW01RHFwMnBFZz09>

or by dialing +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 929 436 2866 or +1 301 715 8592 or +1 312 626 6799 and entering the **Webinar ID: 872 4051 0121** and **Passcode: 142436**

AGENDA

- 1. **Call to Order**
Chair Marta Cruz (City of Cloverdale)

- 2. **Roll Call**

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol	
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma	
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor	

- 3. **Introductions**

- 4. **Approval of Minutes:**
August 12, 2021

- 5. **Public Comment:**
If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Acting Host City, City of Cotati, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: lberges@cotaticity.org . Members of the public can also provide public comment by raising their hand or dialing *9 during the public comment period on the zoom platform.

- 7. **Program**
 - a. Presentation by Sonoma County Supervisor Lynda Hopkins: Ethics and Politics: Where do we as elected officials draw the lines?
 - b. Presentation by Rohnert Park Assistant City Manager Don Schwartz: Direction on Continuum of Care (CoC) Board Composition and Appointments

8. Reports

- a. Board of Directors Meeting and Appointments (Chair Cruz)
- b. City Manager’s Committee – City Manager Kelley (Cloverdale)
- c. Committee Reports (see attached list)
- d. City Mayor’s Report (Events/Items of Interest) (verbal – no written reports)

9. Announcement(s)

- a. SCMCA Meeting format changes with regard to AB 361

10. Adjournment

The next General Membership Meeting will be held on February 10, 2022.

Upcoming 2022 Meetings:

February 10, 2022	City of Petaluma
April 14, 2022	City of Rohnert Park
June 9, 2022	City of Santa Rosa
August 11, 2022	City of Sebastopol
October 13, 2022	City of Sonoma

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Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public review the Friday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on the City’s website at <https://www.cloverdale.net/453/Mayors-Councilmembers-Association> , or by email upon request at lberges@cotaticity.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. Contact number: (707) 665-3622. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Cotati City Clerk’s office at (707) 665-3622. 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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CLOVERDALE, COTATI, HEALDSBURG, PETALUMA, ROHNERT PARK, SANTA ROSA, SEBASTOPOL, SONOMA, WINDSOR

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MINUTES

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6:30 PM

THIS MEETING WAS NOT PHYSICALLY OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

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The Mayors' and Councilmembers' Association of Sonoma County participated in the meeting via Zoom.

1. Call to Order

Chair Cruz called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. Roll Call

Present:

City of Cloverdale
City of Cotati
City of Healdsburg
City of Petaluma
City of Rohnert Park
City of Santa Rosa
City of Sebastopol
Town of Windsor

Absent:

City of Sonoma

3. Approval of Minutes: June 10, 2021

City of Rohnert Park moved to approve the regular Mayors' and Councilmembers' General Membership Meeting Minutes of June 10, 2021. City of Sebastopol seconded the motion. The motion passed by the following roll call vote:

Ayes: Cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, and Town of Windsor

Noes: None

Absent: City of Sonoma

Abstain: None

4. **Public Comment:** - None.
5. **Correspondence:** - None.
6. **Program:**
 - a. **Housing and Homeless Services Assessment Presentation by KPMG**
Supervisor Chris Coursey introduces KPMG to present an assessment of housing and homeless services and programs.
 - b. **Update on Measure O by County Staff**
Update on Measure O presented by Tina Rivera, Interim Director Department of Health Services.
7. **Business Items** – None.
8. **Reports**
 - a. **City Manager’s Committee – City Manager Kelley (Cloverdale):** Cloverdale City Manager Kelley reported out on updates and topics discussed at city manager meetings.
 - b. **Committee Reports (verbal – no written reports):** None.
 - c. **City Mayor’s Report (Events/Items of Interest) (verbal/written report optional):**
Mayors and councilmembers report out on various programs, projects, and updates from their respective city or town.
9. **Announcement(s):** None.
10. **Adjournment**
Mayor Cruz adjourned the meeting at 7:48 p.m. The next General Membership Meeting is scheduled for October 14, 2021.

Upcoming 2021 Meetings:

October 14, 2021 City of Healdsburg

Respectfully Submitted by:

Lauren Berges
City Clerk, City of Cotati
Recording Clerk – 2021 Vice Chair City

Item No. 7.b

October 8, 2021

To: Sonoma County Mayors and Councilmembers

From: Don Schwartz, Rohnert Park Assistant City Manager

Re: Item on Mayors and Councilmembers Agenda re: Direction on Issues Related to Homelessness Governance

The Continuum of Care (CoC) is the Federally designated county-wide governing body with lead responsibility for homelessness. It distributes Federal and state funds and sets policy on matters such as priorities for access to shelter and permanent housing.

The CoC is governed by a 15-member Board. That Board is revising the CoC's governance, including its composition.

The CoC Board includes seats designated for two cities, Santa Rosa (represented by Tom Schwedhelm) and Petaluma (represented by Kevin McDonnell). The County holds three seats (one for a member of the Board of Supervisors {currently Chris Coursey} and two for staff). Staff from two cities (Stephen Sotomayor from Healdsburg and Don Schwartz from Rohnert Park) currently hold at-large seats. The remaining seats are distributed among service providers, individuals with lived experience of homelessness, and others.

The cities have established an ad hoc committee with one representative from each Council to provide guidance on governance matters over the last year. That committee met on October 7 to develop recommendations. The Mayors as the Executive Board of the Mayors and Councilmembers provided guidance at their last meeting and agreed that the priorities for the cities on a re-structured CoC Board would be, in the following order:

1. A maximum of two seats for the County
2. Regional seats to ensure all parts of the County are represented
3. Having appropriate representatives fill the regional seats

While the CoC governance discussions are underway and nothing is yet finalized, there is a good possibility that the new Board will include:

- a. Two seats for the County (one BOS and one senior staff from among Health/Human Services/Probation)
- b. One seat for Petaluma
- c. One seat for Santa Rosa
- d. Four 'regional' seats – one each for North County, West County, Sonoma Valley, and Rohnert Park/Cotati.
- e. Seven other seats (two for non-profit providers; two for individuals with lived experience; one for an advocate; two at large)

The questions for this Mayors and Councilmembers meeting is regarding the four regional seats.

First, who is the appointing authority? We believe that the CoC Board will allow cities to choose the representatives for each region. If that occurs, the cities within each region could make the appointment (Sebastopol for West County; Sonoma for the Sonoma Valley; Rohnert Park and Cotati would make a joint appointment for their region; Cloverdale, Healdsburg, and Windsor would make a joint appointment for the North County area). Alternatives are to have the

appointments made by the Board of the Mayors and Councilmembers Association, or selected from multiple appointees if the cities in a region are unable to decide on a single appointee. **The City ad hoc committee recommends having the cities within each region make the appointments.**

The second question is who is eligible for appointment. **The City ad hoc committee recommends that the cities be able to appoint representatives from either the city (Councilmembers or staff) or the community.** This provides cities with the authority to decide and the flexibility to appoint whomever they feel can best represent their area.

Since the ad hoc committee met, the County Administrator has requested that the cities consider two alternatives. The first is that the four regional appointments be forwarded to the Board of Supervisors for concurrence. If the Board rejected any of the appointees, the appointing entity would submit a new name. The city managers concur that this approach will not work.

The second option proposed by the County Administrator would restrict the four regional seats to a city elected, city staff or a county staff person until 2025. Her concern is that local government would give up control of the CoC Board if a non-city/county person was appointed during the initial years while the new CoC Board establishes long-term direction. The city managers support this so long as it does not undermine the possibility of the new structure getting enough votes to pass. The Committee of the CoC working on charter changes has since voted 5-2 against the County Administrator's proposal though that position could be reversed by the full CoC Board.

There may also be resistance from the County to limiting the County to two seats and to making the regional seats subject to city appointments, out of concern that the more rural areas of the County will be under-represented. However, the County would have two seats on the CoC Board, more than any other jurisdiction, and that some cities would not have a seat with the regional approach. The County's proportion of the homeless population is 14%, so there is no compelling reason for more County seats.