



City of Sonoma

COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-17-6

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Application Type: Planning Commission

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LENGTH OF RESIDENCY: 16 years
EMPLOYER: n/a
EMPLOYMENT STATUS: Retired
REASON FOR APPLYING: My concern for the welfare of our residents, and to provide for the orderly growth and development of Sonoma.

REGISTERED VOTER: Yes

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Attended Northwestern University from 1963 - 1964. M.S.C.E. Degree in Structural Engineering, August 1964
Attended Marquette University from 1958 - 1963. B.S.C.E. Degree in Civil Engineering, June 1963

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: Annual Planning Commissioners Conference at Sonoma State University each year during my term on the Planning Commission.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:	Vintage House	Board of Directors	2017 - present
	City of Sonoma Planning Commission	Member/Chair	2009 - 2017
	Sonoma Valley Visitors Bureau	Volunteer/Staff	2008 - 2015
	Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission	Member/Secretary	2006 - 2008
	Valley of the Moon Vintage Festival	Board of Directors	2003 - 2006

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

Have you ever attended a meeting of the Commission to which you are applying? If so, how many?

Yes. Attended more than 100 meetings.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibility of this Commission?

To administer the General Plan for the development of Sonoma and to make decisions concerning land use.

What would be your goal(s) as a Commissioner?

To provide responsible consideration of the projects being reviewed to insure that the General Plan and Development Code are properly applied.

What do you feel you could contribute to see these goals realized?

By the application of my Structural Engineering background together with my experience in community service, and my active participation in the determination of land use for improving the quality of life in Sonoma.

Have you previously served, or do you currently serve, on a Sonoma Commission or Committee? If yes, which one(s) and for what period of time?

Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission for 2 years and Planning Commission for 8 years.

SUPPLEMENTAL QUESTIONS:

If appointed, you will be required to fill out a disclosure statement, which identifies certain details of your financial interests beginning with the immediate twelve-month period prior to your appointment and annually on or before April 1 of each year thereafter. Please confirm that you have read Fair Political Practices Commission (FPPC) Form 700 Reference Pamphlet and the City's Conflict of Interest Code agree to file the required FPPC Form 700 Statements of Economic Interest, as required by the Political Reform Act and/or the City's Conflict of Interest Code.

I AGREE ☒

Do you own property in the City of Sonoma? Yes

If yes, please list the address(es):

1025 Fifth Street East, Sonoma, CA 95476

Do you rent property in the City of Sonoma? No

If no, please list the address(es):

n/a

Please identify any organizations, associations, corporations, or entities by which you are employed or with which you are associated that might be affected by decisions of one or more of the Commissions, and the positions you hold in these entities.

None

Do you have a defined idea about, or have you taken a public stance on, any current or pending projects in the City? If yes, please explain (This includes social media, speaking to a Commission or the Council, letters to the editor, signed a petition etc.)

No

Is there anything else you would like us to consider when reviewing your application?

My knowledge and experience applied to both projects coming before the Planning Commission and the upcoming revision to the General Plan.

I agree that all of the information contained in my responses to the questions on this application are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I further agree that, by checking the box below and submitting this application, online or otherwise, I am affixing my digital signature to this form as of the date submitted. I also agree that if appointed, I will serve on the Commission/Committee for which I have submitted this application.

☒ I AGREE

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Professional Experience:

Lockheed Martin Corporation
Research Engineer - Senior Technical Staff **1966 - 2002**
Performed structural dynamic analysis involving the development of mathematical models, direction of tests, and data analysis for large aerospace vehicles throughout flight. Served as organization spokesperson on advanced programs and acted as advisor to management and customers on technical research studies and applications.

Research Division of General American Transportation Corporation
Research Engineer **1965 - 1966**
Performed scientific research and development in the Structures Group for various government and industry projects.

Midwest Division Engineering Office for the U. S. Navy
Civil Engineer **1963 - 1965**
Duties included engineering investigations and preparation of plans and specifications for public works, public utilities, and special facilities of various Federal agencies.

Community Service Experience:

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