

# APPLICATIONS

PLANNING COMMISSION

**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-55

In Valley

Received Date: November 30, 2022

Application Type: Planning Commission

NAME: Steve Barbose

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?

No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:

Graduated from Sonoma Valley High School 1966  
Graduated from UC Berkeley with a Sociology Major 1970  
Graduated from Hastings College of the Law with a Juris Doctor degree in 1976

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:

Practiced law for 40+ years in Sonoma County  
Served on the Planning Commission 2004-2006  
Served on the City Council 2006-2014, mayor in 2010  
Currently serving on the Planning Commission, appointed in 2018

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:

Former board member of Sonoma Valley Education Foundation and the Sonoma Ecology Center

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes, dozens as I am on the Planning Commission

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

The planning commission helps formulate land use policies for consideration by the city council and helps implement policies adopted by the council as well as considering and deciding on requests for approval of proposed development and construction of projects within the city.

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

To help with the development of the new general plan and the revision of the development code; to make decisions that increase the amount of affordable housing for low and middle income residents; to make decisions that make our community more sustainable both environmentally and economically.

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

I would bring a long history in the community, an understanding of the working of city government, and a collaborative approach to the work of the commission.

**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?**

yes, planning commission and city council- see prior answer on my experience

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

I have really enjoyed my work on the planning commission and would very much like to continue it.

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☒ I AGREE

Steve Barbose

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November 30, 2022

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**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-56

In Valley

**Received Date:** November 30, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**Other Interest:** not at this time

**NAME:** Donna Dambach

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** 2002 Ph.D., Toxicology, UMDNJ-Rutgers University of New Jersey  
1994, Board Certification, Comparative Veterinary Pathology subspecialty  
1990 V.M.D., University of Pennsylvania, School of Veterinary Medicine  
1985 B.S., Biology, Millersville University of Pennsylvania,

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** I have worked for the pharmaceutical and biotechnology industry for 25 years with increasing levels of responsibility. I am currently a Senior Vice President at Sana Biotechnology, a cell- and gene-therapy company, for which I lead a team of 45 scientists (PhD and non-PhD) and run a scientific business unit to generate data that supports entry into humans. Thus, I am very well experienced running business units, including budgeting, use of consultants, etc. I also am very experienced with regulatory and compliance-based work as I have made over 50 submissions to the FDA, which has detailed guidances and compliance requirements. Thus I am comfortable working in a regulated field.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** I currently am on the Board of Trustees for the Morris Animal Foundation, which provides funding for veterinary medical and wildlife/conservation research (2020-present) and I am the Vice Chair of the Research Operating Committee at the Morris Animal Foundation, with the accountability to oversee research activities of the Chief Scientific Officer.  
I am a SVCAC representative for the City of Sonoma (appointed in September)  
I am a member of IMPACT100 and also volunteer at Farm to Pantry (to fight food insecurity).

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes, 3-4 times over the span of 2013-2020

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

The Sonoma City Planning Commission is a review and advisory committee that serves the City of Sonoma and advises the City Council regarding helping to direct City growth and development as it relates to implementation of the City's general plan, rules and regulations.

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

I chose Sonoma as my full-time home because of the community spirit and the beauty and aesthetic (agricultural and small town) and I am passionate about ways that I can serve to ensure the continuity of place that aligns with the goal of fostering growth that is appropriate for that aesthetic to sustain the City of Sonoma and the Sonoma Valley for all citizens. I am particularly keen to help enable affordable and work-force housing for all workers and creating an environment that provides opportunities for all residents and work to guide implementation of that vision and general plan for the City. I would also like to contribute skills that I have to help solve other needs of our community, including sourcing a sustainable water source.

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

As a scientist, I would bring critical thinking skills to solving complex issues and a deep curiosity that may enable diverse approaches to this end. I also have organizational development skills and have been very successful at building new organizations and operationalizing those organizations successfully, which can be directly applied to this work. I also bring organizational leadership skills in which I have always had to work in a matrixed or cross-functional team-based environment with limited resources and competing interests, so that I bring skills of listening, facilitation of dialog and conflict resolution. Finally, I have worked in a highly regulated environment so I am comfortable with rules, regulations, compliance.

**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?**

I am currently serving as an alternate SVCAC representative for the City of Sonoma since September 2022.

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

I recognize that I am a lay person but I am keenly interested in the planning process and would bring energy to educate myself related to the needed regulations and processes. I want to contribute to Sonoma's continuity as a great place to live and work.

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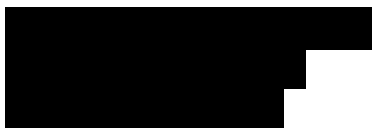
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November 30, 2022



**Donna M. Dambach, VMD, PhD, Diplomate, American College of Veterinary Pathology**

**Biotechnology and Pharmaceutical Development Executive**



Donna Dambach is a seasoned biotechnology & pharmaceutical executive who is passionate about **bringing life-changing drugs to patients, building high performing organizations, developing positive cultures and grooming effective leaders**. Donna is an expert in **nonclinical Research** and **Early Drug Development** across numerous disease therapeutic areas and delivery modalities including **small molecules, biologics, antibody-drug conjugates, cell and gene therapies** and has a record of successfully **conceiving, building and operationalizing new R&D business units and capabilities in pharmacology, toxicology, pathology and bioanalytical sciences**. Donna has contributed to **over 50 successful INDAs, BLAs and NDAs** including Erivedge, Cotellic, Kadcyra, Perjeta, Tencentriq, Ocrevis, Ipatasertib, Etrolizumab, Fenebrutinib, Ranibizumab port delivery, Inavolisib, HER2/CD3 TDB, anti-FGF1/KLB monoclonal antibody, and Giredestrant. She also served as a subject matter expert for **business development due diligence** activities. As an inspirational leader, Donna lives the servant leader philosophy and can articulate a vision that inspires teams to thrive and act.

Donna joined **Sana Biotechnology** in 2019 as Senior Vice President establishing a operationally effective business unit providing non-clinical capabilities in pharmacology, pharmacokinetics, biomarker discovery, bioanalytical sciences, toxicology, pathology and biodistribution (Development Sciences). Donna's business unit **provided key data that enabled Sana's IPO in 2021** and she has had a **leadership role** in Sana's three successful interactions **with the FDA that will enable INDAs**.

Prior to Sana, Donna held positions of increasing functional leadership responsibilities at **Genentech** establishing Genentech's small molecule toxicology strategy and operations and leading the nonclinical Toxicology group supporting 100 programs from Research to Post-Marketing. Prior to Genentech, Donna built investigative pathology and small molecule toxicology lead optimization capabilities at **Bristol-Myers Squibb**.

Donna served for 5 years on the **Board of Directors of the International Consortium for Innovation and Quality in Pharmaceutical Development ("IQ Consortium")**. The Consortium's primary decision-making body responsible for strategic oversight of the Consortium's portfolio and Donna was both **Vice Chair and Chair**. The IQ Consortium is a technically focused organization of 40 pharmaceutical and biotechnology companies with a mission of advancing science and technology to augment the capability of member companies. She has been a **Board Trustee** for the **Morris Animal Foundation** since 2020 and is Vice Chair of the Research Operating Committee. The **Morris Animal Foundation** advances veterinary medicine and funds veterinary research for companion animals, horses, and wildlife with a yearly funding budget of ~\$8M.

Donna received her **PhD in Toxicology** from University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey-Rutgers University, her **Veterinary Medical degree (VMD)** from the University of Pennsylvania and is a **board-certified veterinary pathologist**.

*Reference will be furnished on request.*



# City of Sonoma

## COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-82

In Valley

**Received Date:** December 28, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning commission

**Other Interest:** Parks, recreation and open space commission/  
Traffic safety commission/ Historic preservation commission

**NAME:** Jon Mathieu

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** (High School, College, Professional, Vocational, or other Schools Attended. Please include Major or Field of Study, Dates attended, Degree and date of Degree)

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** Experience in Civil Engineering, Construction technology, and architecture

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Volunteer firefighter

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

No

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

To listen, study and vote without prejudice

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

To provide a service to our community

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

A judgemental opinion

**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?**

No

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

I have served on another county and city's committee

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Jon mathieu

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December 28, 2022

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**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-75

In Valley

**Received Date:** December 16, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**Other Interest:** Design Review & Historic Preservation  
Commission

**NAME:** Therese Nugent

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** B.A., Interpersonal Communication, University of Montana, 1985

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** Licensed Real Estate Agent DRE #01949982

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** Trustee, Hanna Boys Center  
Trustee, The Presentation School  
Past President, Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley  
Past Board Member, Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation  
Past Board Member, Sonoma International Film Festival  
Past Board Member, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art  
Founding Board Member, Junior League of Napa-Sonoma

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

15+ via in-person and video conference for my personal edification and on behalf of clients

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

In an advisory capacity to the Sonoma City Council, maintain the integrity of the General Plan through a process of respectfully applying the guidelines on requests for real property development and land use within the city limits. Provide responsible consideration of projects being reviewed ensuring the General Plan and Development Code are properly applied.

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

To leverage my real property experience, extensive years of community leadership involvement, and long-term residency to bear making sound decisions on matters related to the development of our city. Provide a knowledgeable voice to support responsible growth of the city and its residents' needs while respecting its heritage.

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

My nature is to serve, as evidenced in my extensive background of years of community leadership involvement. I have the time and interest to shift my focus to the needs of the city in serving on the Planning

Commission. I will bring a fresh perspective, excellent communication skills, a high level of energy, and the ability to make the time commitment.

**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?**

No

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

Please review my resume (attached). Personal references:

Suzanne Brangham

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Steve Page

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Michael Woods

[REDACTED]

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☒ I AGREE

Therese Nugent

December 16, 2022

## HIGHLIGHTS

- A 37-year Sonoma resident involved in community development through board leadership, non-profit advisor, civic involvement, and real estate professional. Invested in the community through volunteering, serving, and preserving the lifestyle and heritage of Sonoma.

## EXPERIENCE

### Real Estate Professional / Realtor

Compass, Sonoma, CA

2014 - Present

Sotheby's International Realty, Sonoma, CA

2022 - Present

2014 – 2022

Highlights:

- Represented buyers and sellers in significant real estate transactions in Sonoma city and county.
- Resolved an unpermitted second dwelling violation, working as the intermediary with Sonoma City Hall addressing construction code violations on a buyer's behalf.
- Advised a seller in use permits, variances, and exceptions for renovations of property within the Sonoma Historic Overlay District.
- Assisted a buyer in the purchase of a red-tagged property with multiple building permit violations impeding the sale, negotiating owner remediation.
- Negotiated with Sonoma County PRMD to establish historical data to support a new build including foundation and major infrastructure on a property damaged by the fires.
- Liaised with a civil engineer to resolve Sonoma County PRMD requirements on a property with a failed septic system on behalf of the buyer.
- Guided a buyer through the design, application, and review process for subdividing a property.

### Board of Director / Committee Member

The Ranch Homeowners Association, Sonoma, CA

2000 – 2011

- Mutual Water System Committee
  - Researched and planned the environmental impact of a new well installation including formulating a budget adopted by vote of the HOA.
- Gates and Roads Maintenance Committee
  - Negotiated the terms of a new gate easement affecting 52 parcels and owners which required interface and planning with public utilities and Sonoma County PRMD.
- Architectural Review Committee
  - Submitted a land survey to obtain a variance for a lot line adjustment to establish a legal second dwelling on a parcel.
  - Updated the HOA architectural standards annually, panel review of homeowner new building plans, building renovations and land improvements.
- Annual review of the CC&Rs to ensure compliance of any new county codes and requirements.
- Applied for and granted the California Certified Organic Farmers (CCOF) designation for a leased vineyard.

### Cooking Instructor

1997 – 2012

Ramekins Culinary School

- Researched and designed the culinary instruction program implementing a "Sonoma" version of San Francisco's Judith Ets-Hokin, Home Chef series of cooking classes.
- Charter instructor of the culinary school with consistently sold-out weekly classes and a core local following.
- Popular private instructor conducting monthly in-home classes throughout the community.

**Contributing Writer / Columnist**

1995 - 2022

Sonoma Index-Tribune

- Writer of the "Sonoma Dish" bi-monthly column featuring seasonal and locally grown ingredients and author of original recipes with focus on the Sonoma lifestyle.
- Launched [www.sonomadish.com](http://www.sonomadish.com), a lifestyle site to celebrate and promote the best of Sonoma.

**Fitness Instructor**

1986 - 2011

Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa / Park Point Club

- Choreographed group exercise programs to serve a population from teens to the elderly.
- Led 10 sold-out fitness classes weekly generating a customer following within the local community.

**Director of Development**

1990 - 1993

St Francis Solano School

- Spearheaded and launched the first ever development and advancement program for the school.
- Responsible for all community fundraising to build scholarship and community outreach programs.
- Conceptualized and coordinated all special events driving community support for the school.

**EDUCATION/LICENSES**

- B.A., Interpersonal Communication, University of Montana, 1985
- California Real Estate License, DRE #01949982

**BOARD LEADERSHIP**

- Trustee, Hanna Boys Center
- Trustee, The Presentation School
- Past President, Rotary Club of Sonoma Valley
- Past Board Member, Sonoma Valley Hospital Foundation
- Past Board Member, Sonoma International Film Festival
- Past Board Member, Sonoma Valley Museum of Art
- Founding Board Member, Junior League of Napa-Sonoma

**COMMUNITY/CIVIC INVOLVEMENT**

- Boys & Girls Club of Sonoma Valley – La Luz – Vintage Center Sonoma - Sonoma Ecology Center – F.I.S.H. Friends in Sonoma Helping – Sonoma Community Center - Sonoma Historic League for Preservation – Sonoma Sister Cities Association - Grade Level Proficiency Project – Sonoma Valley Catalyst Fund

**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-83

In Valley

**Received Date:** December 31, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**NAME:**

Amy O'Gorman-Jenkins

**ADDRESS:**

[REDACTED]

**PHONE:**

[REDACTED]

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

[REDACTED]

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:**

Bachelor of Arts, Politics  
University of California, Santa Cruz  
1995

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:**

I am a legislative advocate and public affairs professional with more than 25 years of legislative, public affairs, and regulatory experience at the federal, state, and local levels.

My firm, Precision Advocacy, which I launched in 2018, has successfully represented clients working on legislation and funding issues related to the California Environmental Quality Act, homelessness and housing, employment and economic development, housing and rent stabilization, the Surplus Land Act, public infrastructure and open space, sustainability and innovation, urban balance and land use, public works, transportation, and property tax allocation.

My work has been recognized by state and national policymakers and institutions and has three times earned me a spot on Capitol Weekly's Top 100 list of non-elected policy influencers in Sacramento in 2018, 2019, and 2022.

Prior to my work as a legislative advocate, I served as a Chief of Staff in the California State Senate, Legislative and Public Affairs Officer for Solano County, and Director of the League of California Cities' Regional Public Affairs Program. Early in my career I also held positions in the California State Assembly.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:**

I began my career as a Field Representative under then-Assemblywoman Valerie Brown (D-Sonoma) in 1995 and later became a consultant to the Select Committee on California Wine, which she chaired. After Assemblywoman Brown retired from the California State Legislature in 1998, I continued working for other notable North Bay legislators, including Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey (D-

Petaluma) and the late Pat Wiggins (D-Santa Rosa), who both represented the City of Sonoma.

After living and working in Sacramento for a few years, I returned home to Sonoma where I served on the Board of Directors for the WillMar Family Grief and Healing Center from 2007 to 2012.

From 2003 to 2010 I served as a Regional Public Affairs Manager for the League of California Cities. In this role, I regularly provided relevant state legislative and ballot measure updates to the Sonoma City Council.

As a Legislative, Intergovernmental, and Public Affairs Officer for the County of Solano from 2010 to 2012, I facilitated county and Board of Supervisors' participation in activities and committees of the National Association of Counties, California State Association of Counties, League of California Cities (Cal Cities), and other regional organizations; coordinated advocacy activities consistent with the county's federal and state legislative platform, and served as staff support on a variety of regional boards, commissions, and committees.

Three years after launching my own business, I was pleased to be appointed to the Sonoma Valley Health Care District's governance committee in October 2021, which advises the Board of Directors on improving community engagement, as well as the functioning, structure, and infrastructure of the Sonoma Valley Hospital.

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#### **GENERAL QUESTIONS:**

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

I twice attended and addressed the Planning Commission via Zoom in 2021 when commissioners were considering action to permit Sonoma's first retail storefront cannabis business, SPARC, of which I have a small equity share. Since that time, I have observed a handful of Planning Commission meetings online. I also regularly watch online and frequently attend meetings of the Sonoma City Council, where I have presented countless times. My first formal presentation before the Sonoma City Council occurred in 2006 on behalf of Cal Cities. I have since spoken at and presented to the City Council on multiple occasions as a representative of Cal Cities and, more recently, as a private citizen and business owner.

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

The role of the Planning Commission is to act as an advisory body to the Sonoma City Council, as it seeks to develop plans and implement policies that affect how the city manages growth and development.

The Planning Commission provides recommendations on a wide variety of planning and land development and related proposals such as ordinance and General Plan amendments and land use applications.

It is the responsibility of the Planning Commission to balance the rights and interests of individual property owners, nearby residents, and the broader community.

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

My primary objective as a Planning Commissioner would be to promote responsible growth and development within the City of Sonoma, while preserving its historic integrity and reputation as a premier tourist destination.

As a lifelong resident of this community, I have experienced firsthand the challenges of housing affordability

and limited economic opportunities. At the same time, I value the city's small-town, friendly character, its rich history, and its national and international appeal.

As a Planning Commissioner, I will strive to find the right balance between the interests of the city's existing residents, while preparing for and supporting new opportunities for future generations; promoting responsible, innovative, and sustainable economic growth for our business community; and maintaining Sonoma as a world class destination.

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

As development pressures, particularly at the state level, continue to intensify, I believe I can contribute both my professional expertise and local experience as a lifelong resident.

I have spent the vast majority of my professional career working on public policy matters at the state level and am eager to leverage that expertise to benefit the City of Sonoma. With housing production and affordability, as well as economic development remaining a core policy objective at the state level, I will maintain awareness of relevant new trends and developments in my role as a Planning Commissioner.

Sonoma has significantly influenced both my personal and professional life. After graduating from Sonoma Valley High School and attending the University of California Santa Cruz, I developed an interest in public and community service, which was later encouraged by my professional mentor, former Sonoma City Councilmember, State Assemblywoman and Sonoma County Supervisor Valerie Brown (D-Sonoma), who gave me my first job, leading me to my current position as a business owner and legislative advocate.

Throughout my career, I have remained connected to Sonoma, and I plan to continue to be a City of Sonoma resident. Having lived in the Valley for over 40 years, I have had the privilege of watching Sonoma evolve and flourish and welcome the opportunity to continue to help shape the trajectory of this community for future generations.

**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?**

No. However, while not a city appointed commission or committee, I presently serve in an advisory capacity as a member of the Sonoma Valley Health Care District's governance committee.

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Amy O'Gorman-Jenkins

December 31, 2022



# City of Sonoma

## COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-58

In Valley

**Received Date:** December 2, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**Other Interest:** Yes, but as an "out of area" applicant, the options are limited.

**NAME:** Sheila O'Neill

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Masters in Business Administration, University of Rochester. Bachelors in Mechanical Engineering, California Polytechnic San Luis Obispo.

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** Served almost 4 years on Planning Commission to date.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** North of Mission Neighborhood Association, Sonoma League for Historic Preservation Board member for 4 years.

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes, I have rarely missed a meeting in the last 4 years.

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

Uphold Sonoma's general plan and development code. Participate in the changes or amendments to the code and development plan. Support City Council with review and opinions on development issues that may come before the council.

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

Encourage participation of Sonoma residents in the planning and development process, both those within the city limits, and outside the city limits. Encourage applicants to work with neighbors before a project is brought to the commission.

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

I enjoy working with the community and with individuals and am happy to have open communication with all interested people.

**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?**

Yes, Planning Commission 2019 - 2022

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



I am only eligible for the "At large, out of area" seat. Please contact me with any questions. If there are better applicants for this position, I will be delighted if they are appointed and I am not.

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Sheila O'Neill

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December 2, 2022



# City of Sonoma

## COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-59

In Valley

**Received Date:** December 5, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**Other Interest:** Cultural & Fine Arts

**NAME:** Alan Pomerantz

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** See attached resume

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** See Attached resume

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** See attached resume

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

no

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

Provide counseling and advise on important issues as requested

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

Become a valued resource for the Commission

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

Experience in working with diverse groups on complex and important matters and achieving a consensus

**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?**

no

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☒ I AGREE

Alan Pomerantz

December 5, 2022



**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-42

In Valley

**Received Date:** November 14, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

**Other Interest:** Design Review and Historic Preservation  
Commission, Climate Action Commission

**NAME:** Adam Ross

**ADDRESS:**

**PHONE:**

**EMAIL ADDRESS:**

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?**

No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** Master of Science in Environmental Studies from California State University, Fullerton. Awarded 2017.  
Bachelor of Arts Political Science from California State University, Fullerton. Degree Awarded in 2014.

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** I current work as a Senior Land Use Planner for PG&E. Previously, I was a Senior City Planner and City Planner with the City of Santa Rosa. I am well versed in CEQA and urban and regional planning. I have worked on various projects over the years and have a unique background that would help serve Sonoma and surrounding communities.

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT:** FIES in Fullerton CA. I was also involved with the

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

Yes. Several meetings online but did not speak.

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

AS a former City Planner I am well versed in the roles and responsibilities of all of the Commissions I am applying for. The Commission's role is to review projects and reports given by Staff, review them against applicable City and State Codes, take and review Public Comment, consider all relevant information, and take action on items presented to the Commission. Further, it is also the responsibility of a Commissioner to respond to public inquiries and make themselves available for the Public when appropriate. It is also the Commission's responsibility to reach out to City Staff for guidance and clarification on items when necessary. All decisions should be made with the community's greatest interest in mind while knowing not everyone will agree.

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

The main goal as a Commissioner is to serve the community and act on items in Sonoma's best interest. I would apply my experience to help guide decisions. Other goals would be to be transparent and educate members of the public when appropriate. I want to see continued smart growth of this wonderful community.

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

My experience in Urban, Regional Planning, and Environmental Planning would be a great asset. I am also well spoken, personable, and relatively young, so I can relate to all demographics in the community. I have a strong belief to do what is right and I feel I am best suited to do so at the local level.

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

My wife and I both love this community. She is a teacher at Sassarini Elementary School, and we have strong ties in the community. We look forward to raising our future child here.

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☒ I AGREE

Adam Joseph Ross

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November 14, 2022

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**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

**Received Date:** November 8, 2022

**Application Type:** Planning Commission

CA-22-40

In Valley

**NAME:** William Willers

**ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**PHONE:** [REDACTED]

**ALTERNATIVE PHONE:** [REDACTED]

**EMAIL ADDRESS:** [REDACTED]

**ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A YOUTH POSITION?** No

**EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND:** BA of Architecture, University of California, Berkeley 1984

**OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE:** CDA Workgroup 8/2004-11/2004 Appointed Member  
SVCAC Appointed Member  
Planning Commissioner 2011-2017  
Planning Commissioner Current since Feb 2022  
Town Design Guideline Task Force Appointed Member

I have been a licensed architect since 1988. I have represented applicants in front of planning commissions throughout the bay area as well in Sonoma. As an involved citizen I was actively involved in the update of Sonoma's current General Plan, Housing Element, Development Code and Design Guidelines. I am familiar with California Planning Law and the requirements of CEQA.

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

I have frequently attended Planning Commission and City Council meeting since moving to Sonoma in 1989.

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

To review planning applications for their conformance with the planning documents of City of Sonoma and the State of California. Also when requested, the Planning Commission will make recommendations to the City Council as they relate to certain planning policy directions.

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

To serve the City of Sonoma and to treat all applicants fairly while maintaining the vision of the General Plan and applying the laws codified in the Development Code.

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

I am very familiar with all of the planning documents of the City of Sonoma and the State of California. I have participated in the meetings that have shaped both the past and current City of Sonoma planning documents and have an insight as to the intent of the documents.

**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?**

Current Planning Commissioner since Feb 2022. Planning Commissioner 8/2011 to 6/2017.

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

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William Willers

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November 8, 2022

**RESIDENT**



## City of Sonoma COMMISSION APPLICATION

CA-22-46

In Valley

Received Date: November 17, 2022

Application Type: Planning Commission

NAME: Matthew Wirick

ADDRESS:

PHONE:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

ARE YOU APPLYING FOR A  
YOUTH POSITION?

No

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND: Sonoma Valley High School - Diploma; CSU, Chico - BA, Criminal Justice; Ca POST Police Academy, Sonoma County Zone 3 Fire Academy

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE: My career in Sonoma civic volunteerism spans over 19 years, which includes service in the roles of Police Explorer, Volunteer Firefighter, Traffic Safety Committee Member, and Planning Commissioner.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT: I have volunteered in various capacities with Ducks Unlimited, an international waterfowl conservation organization and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a north-American based conservation organization with the primary mission of habitat conservation.

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### GENERAL QUESTIONS:

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

I have served as a Planning Commissioner since 2021, and thus have attended many meetings.

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

The Planning Commission is a deliberative body, directly appointed by the City Council that prepares, revises, and implements the comprehensive long-term General Plan for the physical development of the City of Sonoma and surrounding areas. It conducts hearings and makes decisions and/or recommendations on a variety of land use applications.

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

To contribute my unique perspective and skillset in implementing and interpreting Sonoma's general plan and applying its principles in the evaluation of matters brought before the commission.

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

As the only member of the Commission who is a millennial, parent of minor children, Sonoma native, product of Sonoma Schools, and recent home buyer, I bring a unique perspective to the table and offer balance in the composition of the Commission insofar that I give voice to an underrepresented population among the apparatus of City leadership.



**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?**

Traffic Safety Committee - 2 years, Planning Commission - 1.5 years

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Matthew D Wirick

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November 17, 2022

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