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City Announces Application Period for Certain Commissions and Committees

Online applications will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, 2023

Sonoma, CA --- The City of Sonoma (City) is excited to invite individuals from our vibrant community to contribute their expertise and insights by joining various commissions and committees. Available positions on City and Regional boards and commissions provide an avenue for active community involvement. This is a chance to play a direct role in influencing important choices, offering suggestions, and driving progress on matters that impact Sonoma.

Boards, commissions, and committees are advisory bodies that play a crucial role in local government by providing expertise, recommendations, and feedback on specific issues that affect the community. These commissions are typically made up of appointed community members who volunteer their time to contribute their knowledge and insights. Each body typically meets regularly and provides recommendations to the city council or other relevant decision-making bodies. The goal is to ensure that local government decisions are well-informed and reflective of community needs and aspirations.

Mayor Sandra Lowe emphasized the significance of community involvement: *"Having local residents participate on our committees is the best way to ensure that the public is included in our decision making. We know people are busy and it's a lot to ask to add another thing to the plate- but it is very rewarding. If you ever thought about how the City works and how you can play a part, please apply. If you want to find out more, please reach out via email and we will happily discuss the process."*

The City of Sonoma currently has open positions on one City Committee and Regional Commission including:

Traffic Safety Committee (City Committee)

- One Non-Voting Youth Member, and One Alternate
- The Traffic Safety Committee reviews traffic safety concerns raised by residents and provides advice to the City Council on proposed solutions.

Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission (Regional Appointment)

- Two Representatives
- Must be qualified electors within the City of Sonoma.

- This joint agency with representation from the City of Sonoma and the County of Sonoma shares planning responsibilities in the Sonoma Valley, influencing local development.

Interested individuals are invited to apply electronically through the City's Civic Web Portal, accessible at <https://sonomacity.civicweb.net>. The online application can be found under the "Commission Application" tile and then "Apply." Applications will be accepted until **5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 16, 2023.**

For inquiries and additional information, please contact Sonoma City Clerk Rebekah Barr at (707) 938-3681 or via email at cityhall@sonomacity.org. Further details about City Commissions and Committees and an instructional video of how to submit an application online can be found on the official city website at www.sonomacity.org/departments/commissions-committees/.

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