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SWEETWATER SPRINGS
WATER DISTRICT

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Date: December 10, 2015

To: All Independent Special Districts

Subject: Election of Special District Representative Class I

The purpose of this letter is to inform you about the accompanying materials associated with an election to fill a position of Special District Representative to the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (Sonoma LAFCO). This is a four-year term of office ending May 2020. As a result of an earlier notification by Sonoma LAFCO to special districts, four nominations were submitted by the November 24, 2015, deadline. Nominations for this position (Class I) were restricted to board members of fire protection, community services, and life support districts. All independent special districts have the right to vote.

The election process requires that Sonoma LAFCO send to each district copies of all nominations received by the established deadline, a ballot and certification form, and voting instructions. In addition to these documents, I have included a stamped envelope for you to use to return the certified ballot.

All ballots should be returned to the LAFCO office by February 1, 2016. Ballots received by the deadline date will be counted and the results announced within seven days.

Please note that ballots representing a majority of the districts must be received by the deadline date for the election to be considered valid. In the event a majority of districts have not cast ballots by the deadline, Sonoma LAFCO will extend the deadline date by 60 days to allow those districts that have not returned a ballot to do so.

On behalf of the Commission, I urge your district to participate in this election for special district representation to Sonoma LAFCO and to return the ballot by the February 1 deadline.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 565-2587.

Sincerely,

Cynthia Olson
Clerk to the Commission

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BALLOT

Special District Representative Class I Term of Office Ending May 2020

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1. Vote for only one candidate for Special District Representative.

2. The presiding officer or his/her designated alternate, acting on behalf of the district, must cast the district's vote by marking the space to the right of a candidate's name and then complete, sign, and date the certification. Ballot space has also been provided for write-in candidates.

3. Place the marked ballot sheet and certification into the envelope provided and mail to Sonoma LAFCO, 575 Administration Drive, Room 104A, Santa Rosa, CA 95403. Ballot sheet and certification may be emailed to Cynthia.Olson@sonoma-county.org, to meet deadline requirements. However, originals must be mailed to the LAFCO office as soon as possible thereafter.

5. **Submit ballot and certification by February 1, 2016**

VOTE

Al Giordano, Cloverdale Fire Protection District _____

Steven Klick, Windsor Protection District _____

Greg Karraker, Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District _____

Ernie Loveless, Schell-Vista Fire Protection District _____

Write-in Candidate _____

CERTIFICATION

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that I, TIM LIPINSKI
(Print Name of Presiding Officer or Alternate)

I am the Presiding Officer of SWEETWATER SPRINGS WATER DISTRICT,
(Print Name of Special District)

or his/her designated alternate, and I am authorized by my district to cast the district's vote for Special District Representative to the Local Agency Formation Commission in this election.

2-4-2016
(Date)

_____
(Signature)

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Date Application Submitted: 11/4/2015

Name: Albert P. Giordano

Address: 1330 Wilson Road, Cloverdale

Home Phone: (707) 894-3745 Cell: _____ Work: _____

Name of District You Represent: Cloverdale Fire Protection District

Date of Most Current Appointment or Election: 2014

Date Term Expires: 2018 Total Years with District: 18

Indicate Involvement in Other Agencies/Special Districts:

Please see Attachment

Total Years Associated with Government/ Community Service: 52 years

List Community Service Activities including Names of Organizations and Dates of Service:

Please see Attachment

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when?

Almost all meetings from 2005 to present.

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Please explain why you want to serve on the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission

I want to continue to serve on the Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (SCLAFCO), and to assist with the normal progression of development in the county. My extensive background with LAFCO and with city and special district government, will allow me to view proposals from a broader perspective. I believe that I would continue to be an asset to the commission.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO:

In my opinion, the purpose of LAFCO is to provide an orderly process for annexations, city formations and establishment of special districts. To ensure that the services necessary to support these annexations, city formations and special districts needs will be in place to provide an open forum for review of issues by all interested parties..

Other Agencies/Special District Involvement

North Sonoma County District Hospital	2003-2012

- Finance & Budget Committee

Napa County Grand Jury	1995-1996
West Contra Costa County Sanitary District	1978-1995

- Day Shift Supervisor
- Developed Operations Manual

City Of Oakland Fire Department	1958-1973

- Company Officer
- Budget Committee
- Instructor

List Community Service Activities including Names of Organizations and Dates of Service

Sonoma County Fire Districts Association	2003-Present

Past President

Sonoma County Chapter of American Red Cross	1997-2012

Volunteer Manager of Disaster Assessment

Russian River Watershed Council	20001-2010
The Italian-American Cultural Foundation (of the East Bay)	1990-Present

President (2003-Preent)

Chairman of the Board (1990-2003)

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City of Oakland Fire Department

Production Manager Art Rattan Company of California

Supervisor West Contra Costa Sanitary District

Owner operator and wine maker of San Pietro Vineyard and Wine Company, Napa County

Napa County Grand Jury 1995-1996

Member of the Board of Directors of the Cloverdale Fire Protection District 1997 to present (currently the President of the Board)

Former Volunteer Disaster Assessment Function Manager with the American Red Cross of Sonoma County

Former member of the Finance and Budget Committee of the North Sonoma County Hospital District

President of the Italian-American Cultural Foundation of the East Bay

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Date Application Submitted: 11/10/2015

Name: Steven Klick

Address: 9145 Windsor Road, Windsor, CA 95492

Home Phone: 707-478-1349 Cell: 707-478-1349 Work: 707-838-3027

Name of District You Represent: Windsor Fire Protection District

Date of Most Current Appointment or Election: Dec 2014

Date Term Expires: Dec 2018 Total Years with District: 1

Indicate Involvement in Other Agencies/Special Districts:

None

Total Years Associated with Government/ Community Service: 3

List Community Service Activities including Names of Organizations and Dates of Service:

Rotary Club of Windsor, joined May 2013

Sonoma County Alliance - Joined 2015

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when?

No

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Please explain why you want to serve on the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I want to serve the residents of Sonoma County. My scientific background and unique blend of experience could serve LAFCO well by providing an in depth analysis of each issue before LAFCO. As districts evolve with increased population I think options presented need to be looked at in great detail for longer term implications of decisions, some could be detrimental to some parties. In depth analysis and problem solving of very complex issues is something I do on a daily basis. I want to take this knowledge to provide the best possible service to the residents of Sonoma County.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO:

LAFCO serves a a board to look at changes to boundaries that could have further reaching implecations than just the proposed change. Example, An increase in a water district boundary may bring water service to a new area that could in turn encourage growth of that area, which may or may not be wanted by the affected area.

Steven J. Klick, PG, MBA

9145 Windsor Road | Windsor, CA 95492 | (707) 478-1349 | sklick2010@gmail.com

EMPLOYMENT

Project Geologist | IT Director
July 2012 – Present
Brunsing Associates, Inc., Santa Rosa, CA

Project Geologist: Project Manager for numerous large and small scale engineering projects for both private and public agencies, provide technical expertise in environmental, hydrogeology and geological analysis. Public clients include the City of Santa Rosa, Sonoma County, Sonoma County Water Agency, The State of California, and the Golden Gate Bridge Highway and Transportation District. Provide business analysis of company financial data, budgets and contracts.

IT Director: Design, build and maintain entire IT infrastructure for the company including all workstations and servers. Design, program and implement internal database applications, network infrastructure. Analyze software solutions for business applications to improve company efficiency.

IT Director | Quality Control
July 2012 – Present
Signature Wine Lab, Santa Rosa, CA

IT Director: Implement and administrate Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) which interprets data from analytical instruments. Built in-house database client relationship management (CRM) for marketing of the laboratory. Build and maintain company website including client login for access to results and invoices.

Quality Control: Built and maintain quality control program that includes quality control of analytical results, health and safety in a chemical laboratory, workload efficiency, streamline method development and validation, and that laboratory adheres to ISO 17025 certification.

Communications | Quality Control
September 2008 – March 2012
Vinnell, Brown and Root Spain and Agility First Support, Moron Air Base, Spain

Fire Communications Specialist: Assisted Fire Chief and Fire Inspector in maintaining quality control and training of NFPA standards for the Fire Department. Dispatched crews to both structural and aircraft emergencies. Conducted training of Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) software for other Fire Department employees.

Quality Control: Ensure that VBR Spain met its contractual obligations to the US Air Force. Respond to any inspector complaints and design remedies for the complaints.

Owner
September 2004 – January 2008
Vinoteca Restaurant, Malaga, Spain

Owned and operated a wine and tapas bar. Aside from the business management aspects, I was a fill in Chef and the in-house Sommelier. Served as judge for internationally accredited Wine Competition, awarded the best tapa in Malaga in 2007.

Web Programmer
July 2003 – August 2004
Perfil Web Design, Malaga, Spain

Web design, programming and translation.

Grad School/Geology Lecturer
August 1999 – May 2002
California State University, Chico

Geology lab instructor for General and Physical Geology

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration
University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ
2010

Bachelor of Science Geology
California State University, Chico
1998

CERTIFICATIONS

California Professional Geologist #9266
HAZWHOPPER 40 hour, plus current 8-hour refresher
Numerous DOD certifications related to First Responders

LANGUAGES

Spanish, fluent in written, oral and business negotiation.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Windsor Fire Protection District – Director since December 2015
The Rotary Club of Windsor – President Nominee 17/18 year, IT Chair
Engineers without Borders - Member

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Date Application Submitted: November 18, 2015

Name: Greg Karraker

Address: 1200 East Railroad Avenue, Cotati, CA 94931

Home Phone: 415.260.9905 Cell: 415.260.9905 Work: 415.260.9905

Name of District You Represent: Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District

Date of Most Current Appointment or Election: 11/2014

Date Term Expires: 12/2018 Total Years with District: 1

Indicate Involvement in Other Agencies/Special Districts:

SCFDA – Helped draft letter to Sonoma County on behalf of SCFDA

Total Years Associated with Government/ Community Service: 7

List Community Service Activities including Names of Organizations and Dates of Service:

Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District -- 11/2014 – present

Penngrove Social Firemen – 2009 – present

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when?

No.

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Please explain why you want to serve on the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I am interested in serving in LAFCO because I believe that in Sonoma County, public safety frequently takes a back seat to other county initiatives, including the promotion of transit-oriented-development, high-density urban infill, traffic calming, and the lack of a serious commitment to road repair and appropriate funding for fire districts.

A professional communicator by trade, I have the proven ability to influence the actions of local governments, by using the power of logic, the press, and the ballot box. As a representative to LAFCO, I believe I can be a consistent, determined voice for common sense, and advocate successfully for the policies, funding, and respect that Sonoma County's independent fire districts deserve. When annexations are proposed, I want to look at their impact on emergency services, emergency service funding, and the consequences that annexations have on the tax base.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO:

The stated purpose of LAFCO is to regulate the boundaries of cities and special districts. According to the LAFCO website, its objectives are:

1. To encourage the orderly formation of local government agencies and promote the efficient provision of public services.

2. To preserve agricultural land and open-space resources.

3. To promote orderly growth and discourage urban sprawl.

I would like to add a fourth objective: To achieve goal #1 in a fair and open way that balances the needs of all the citizens of Sonoma County, not just the ones who believe the only answer to every problem is urban infill.

Greg Karraker
Director, Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District
SVP, Chief Marketing Officer, VisiQuate, Inc,
1200 East Railroad Avenue Cotati, CA 94931
415.260.9905 greg@karraker.com

Public Safety and Civic Experience:

2014 – Present: Director, Rancho Adobe Fire Protection District. I placed my name on the ballot at the suggestion of Chief Frank Treanor and Battalion Chief Steve Davidson. Worked with SCFDA President Ernie Loveless and others to draft a request to County Administrator Veronica Ferguson to grant districts funding that would compensate all districts for the ERAF shift and the added costs of dispatch. I serve on the Negotiations Committee, the Long Range Planning Committee, and the Chief's Evaluation Committee.

2014: Stop SMART Barriers. In late 2014, SMART began installing poorly marked concrete barriers at grade crossings in Sonoma County. I contacted SMART, who was not responsive. I then contacted Channel 7 news, who did a story on the subject with Chief Treanor and me. I also posted a website on the danger. In May 2015, I helped organize a Town Hall meeting where Penngrove residents voiced their concerns to SMART officials, and Supervisor Rabbitt. Shortly thereafter, SMART removed the dangerous barriers from Main Street Penngrove. They have promised further changes.

2012: Treasurer, Cotati Citizens for Measure U: In addition to raising funds and gaining community involvement, I created the website and other campaign materials for the ballot initiative that prevented Cotati from reducing Old Redwood Highway from five lanes to two, and further restricting traffic by installing two closely-spaced roundabouts. The combination of narrower streets and roundabouts could have negatively impacted RAFPD response times,

2010: Founder, Downtown Cotati Flagpole Fund. In early spring, I noticed that the flagpole at the heart of down Cotati was empty, and learned that it had been for over two years. When I asked the city council to repair it, they did nothing for three months. I then started a drive to raise the needed funds. After the Press Democrat ran a story on the subject, the City of Cotati finally restored the flag.

Professional Experience:

2014 – Present: Senior Vice President & Chief Marketing Officer, VisiQuate, Inc. I create the marketing strategy, oversee the media and production budgets, map all customer touchpoints, and supervise and write all internal and external communications, including website, product ads, data sheets, brochures, videos, and presentations for this $14 million business software company based in Santa Rosa.

1997- 2014: Principal, Karraker, Strand & Pardners, an advertising creative service. I worked directly for a number of national clients, including Abbott Diabetes Care, Avery Business Products, Kaiser Permanente, McKesson, Pasta Pomodoro, and Wind River Systems, writing websites, print ads, and broadcast advertising. I also worked for a number of San Francisco advertising agencies, on behalf of their clients: Countrywide Home Loans, Crystal Cruises, Deloitte Consulting, Intel, Microsoft, and many others.

1995 - 1996: Partner, Creative Director, CKS Partners. I joined this integrated marketing company to bring advertising experience to their product mix. In one year, I led creative presentations that gave CKS 12

separate account/project wins for a total of $45 million in capitalized billing. Clients included Microsoft, Fujitsu PC, and Philips Velo. Work included advertising, branding, new media, and annual reports.
1989 - 1995: Senior Partner, Group Creative Director, JWT/SF. Group head for Sun Microsystems. Also worked on Sprint, Kaiser Permanente, Mexicana Airlines, and Black Angus restaurants. In May 1992, I led the presentation for the California Lottery, and supervised this $30 million account.

1987 - 1989: Greg Karraker Creative Services, SF.

1983 - 1986: Senior Vice President, Group Creative Director, DMB&B, SF.

1981 - 1983: Vice President, Associate Creative Director, Saatchi & Saatchi, SF.

1980 - 1981: Writer, Chiat/Day, SF.

1976 – 1980: Writer, Dailey & Associates, SF.

1974 – 1976: Writer, Wilton, Coombs & Colnett, SF.

1972 – 1974: Writer, Meltzer, Aron & Lemen, SF.

1970 – 1972: Writer, Vladimir & Evans, Miami.

1967 – 1970: Writer, Griswold-Eshleman, NY.

Personal:

I've been married for 35 years, and live just outside the city limits of Cotati, where my wife and I built an Arabian horse farm from bare dirt in 2000. She is the horse person; I design the outbuildings and manage the website: www.destinyarabians.net We are both members of Penngrove Social Firemen and the NRA. I am extremely interested and involved with local politics, because I believe that is where most citizens can actually influence the outcome of important issues. I am also a student pilot who first soloed a few years ago, and plan to begin the cross-country navigation training necessary to earn a pilot's license.

Education:

B.A. English, Journalism, Penn State, 1966. M.F.A. English, San Francisco State, 1974.

References: Available on request.

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Date Application Submitted: November 4, 2015_____

Name: Ernie Loveless_____

Address: P.O. Box 606 Vineburg, Ca. 95487_____

Home Phone: 707-935-6964_____ Cell: 707-338-7511_____ Work: N/A_____

Name of District You Represent: Schell-Vista Fire Protection District_____

Date of Most Current Appointment or Election: Nov. 2015

Date Term Expires: Jan. 2019_____ Total Years with District: 4_____

Indicate Involvement in Other Agencies/Special Districts:

Sonoma County Grand Jury -2 years_____ CASA Volunteer – 2 years_____

Sonoma County Fire Districts Association - President Sonoma County Foster Parent 15 years_____

Total Years Associated with Government/ Community Service: 45 years_____

List Community Service Activities including Names of Organizations and Dates of Service:

Sonoma County Foster Parents Association – 1997 to present

Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance – Sept 2010 to 2012

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when?

Napa County LAFCO – 2005 to 2010 and Sonoma County LAFC Sept. 2015

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I have served as a public servant working for and with the state and local governments for over 40 years. I retired five years ago from Cal Fire as a Unit Chief and I want to give back to the community that I live in. I have always had a great interest in local government and the role it plays in our lives.

Serving on Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission and to be a part of the process of regulating land use in Sonoma County would be a great honor for me.

My experience in local government as a retired Fire Chief, knowledge of Special Districts rules and regulations as an elected Board member and my familiarization of county government from the times I have spent on the Grand Jury and local community groups make me well qualified to hold a position on the Sonoma County LAFCO as a representative.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO:

*To provide oversite and to regulate cities and Special Districts boundaries,

*Regulate the orderly formation and expansion of local government agencies and

*Preserve agricultural lands and open space.

Ernie Loveless

P.O. Box 606 Vineburg, Ca. 95487

Home phone (707) 935-6964

Cell Phone (707) 338-7511

Personal Statement

I am 63 years old and retired after a forty year career in the fire service working for Cal Fire. I worked in numerous positions as I promoted up through the ranks from seasonal Firefighter to retire as the Unit Chief of the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit. My time since my retirement has been dedicated to family. I am married with 4 grown children and 7 grandchildren. My hobbies and interest include golfing, fishing and traveling as well as volunteering in a number of local community groups as listed below.

Work Experience

California Dept. of Forestry and Fire Protection – Cal Fire June 15, 1970 to June 14, 2010
1199 Big Tree Rd. St. Helena, Ca. 94574

(707) 967-1400

Fire Fighter- San Luis Obispo County, Fireman-San Mateo County, Fire Apparatus Engineer-Shasta County, Fire Captain- Tehama County, Battalion Chief Napa County, Division Chief-Solano County, Staff Chief, Northern Region and finally to Unit Chief for the Sonoma-Lake-Napa Unit for the last five years. Retiring on June 14, 2010.

Volunteer Work

Schell-Vista Fire Protection District Board Chair July 2012 – Present

Sonoma County Grand Jury, July 2011-July 2012

Sonoma County Grand Jury Foreperson, July 2012- July 2013

Sonoma Valley Mentoring Alliance, Sept. 2010 – June 2011

Sonoma County CASA Volunteer, Sept. 2013 – Present

Redwood Empire Foster Parents Association, January 2011 - Present

Education

Coleville High School – Graduated June 1970

Shasta Junior College – AA degree in Administration of Justice, June 1983

CDF P.O.S. T. Academy May 1981

References:

Ray Mulas (707) 695-8931

Brian Elliott (707) 480-1239

Gary Matto (707) 287-5482

Norm Cram (707) 939-1425