

August 28, 2025

The Honorable Lynda Hopkins Sonoma County Supervisor, District 5 575 Administration Drive, Room 100A Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Dear Supervisor Hopkins,

I am writing to follow up on our conversation of a structured coordination between the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa regarding the United Soccer League's (USL) expressed interest in developing a facility at the Sonoma County Fairgrounds. Given that this site is under county jurisdiction, the City and County should work closely together to evaluate the USL opportunity and maximize potential benefits.

As we have discussed, the USL has identified the Sonoma County Fairgrounds as a potential location for an athletics-focused (including youth sports) development project that could bring significant economic benefits to our region including job creation, increased tourism, enhanced property values, and expanded recreational amenities for our residents. Recognizing the importance of this opportunity, the City of Santa Rosa has already established an internal ad hoc committee to evaluate and coordinate the City's response to the USL opportunity. This committee is composed of Mayor Mark Stapp, Councilmember Jeff Okrepkie, and relevant City staff members.

I respectfully request that you consider assigning one or more county representatives to work collaboratively with the City. This coordination would help ensure that all stakeholders can work together effectively to evaluate the proposal, address any concerns, and potentially move forward with this promising economic development opportunity.

Thank you for your time and consideration of this request. I look forward to discussing this when it is convenient for you and the County. That you, Lynde.

Respectfully

Mark Stapp

Mayor, City of Santa Rosa

cc: Councilmember Jeff Okrepkie, City of Santa Rosa

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