



COUNTY OF SONOMA

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SUMMARY REPORT

Agenda Date: 12/5/2023

To: Sonoma County Board of Supervisors
Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors District 1
Staff Name and Phone Number: Susan Gorin, 707-565-2241
Vote Requirement: Majority
Supervisorial District(s): First

Title:

Joint Powers Agreement: Sonoma Valley Community Advisory Commission

Recommended Action:

Resolution authorizing the Chair to execute a Joint Powers Agreement between the County of Sonoma and the City of Sonoma continuing the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission, for a period of five years from January 1, 2024, To December 31, 2028 and changing the name of the Commission to the Sonoma Valley Community Advisory Commission. (First District)

Executive Summary:

The County of Sonoma and the City of Sonoma first established the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission in 1993 pursuant to Government Code section 65101 as a joint advisory agency to provide a regular forum for community participation in the formation of public policy, to consider local planning issues concerning the Sonoma Valley, to evaluate solutions to these issues, to advise elected officials and other decision makers, and to form a bridge for communication between the various governmental agencies and the general public. Most recently the Commission was extended for five additional years. This extension expires at the end of 2023. If approved, the proposed action would extend the Commission for an additional five years, with its term expiring at the end of 2028.

This proposed action also changes the name of the Commission to the Sonoma Valley Community Advisory Commission in recognition that the Commission's work is relevant to citizens and noncitizens alike; and makes changes to the Rules and Procedures to match how the Commission has functioned in practice, and remove the requirement that appointees must be registered voters.

Discussion:

The County and City of Sonoma (City) share responsibility for local planning in the Sonoma Valley. The County and City continue to be faced with the potential for unprecedented population growth and development extending into the future. The Sonoma Valley, in particular, with its beautiful landscape, historic buildings, and growing industries producing wine, dairy, and other agricultural products, is an attractive location for development. Well planned communities are beneficial to the public interest and are promoted when the County and City coordinate their local planning activities. The existing Joint Powers Agreement between the City of Sonoma and the County has facilitated community input and enhanced communication in a way that benefits local planning for the area. To ensure the continuation of these benefits, an extension of the Sonoma

Valley Citizens Advisory Commission (Commission) for another five years is recommended.

If approved, the Commission will continue to serve as a joint advisory agency to provide a regular forum for community participation in the formation of public policy, to consider local planning issues concerning the Sonoma Valley, to evaluate solutions to these issues, to advise elected officials and other decision makers, and to form a bridge for communication between the various governmental agencies and the general public.

Approval of this action will also formally change the name of the Commission from the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission to the Sonoma Valley Community Advisory Commission. This change, mutually agreed upon by the County and City, is intended to recognize that the work of the Commission is relevant to all residents of the Sonoma Valley regardless of citizenship status. Approval of this action would also amend the Rules and Procedures to remove the requirement that appointees be registered voters, allowing Commissioners to serve regardless of citizenship status.

Strategic Plan:

n/a

Racial Equity:

Was this item identified as an opportunity to apply the Racial Equity Toolkit?

No

Prior Board Actions:

December 11, 2018: Resolution # 18-0510, Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Chair To Execute A Joint Powers Agreement With The City Of Sonoma Continuing The Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission For A Period Of Five (5) Years From January 1, 2019, To December 31, 2023.

March 11, 2014: Resolution #14-0086, Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Chair To Execute A Joint Powers Agreement With The City Of Sonoma Continuing The Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission For A Period Of Five (5) Years From January 1, 2014, To December 31, 2018.

February 3, 2009: Resolution #09-0097, Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Chair To Execute A Joint Powers Agreement With The City Of Sonoma Continuing The Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission For A Period Of Five (5) Years From January 1, 2009, To December 31, 2013.

January 6, 2004: Resolution # 04-0026: Resolution Of The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Sonoma, State Of California, Authorizing The Chair To Execute A Joint Powers Agreement With The City Of Sonoma Continuing The Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission For A Period Of Five (5) Years From January 1, 2004, To December 31, 2008.

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October 6, 1998: Resolution # 98-1281: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Approving the Amendments to the Sonoma Valley Citizen’s Advisory Commission Joint Powers Agreement.

October 12, 1993: Resolution # 93-1552: Resolution of the Board of Supervisors, County of Sonoma, State of California, Approving and Authorizing the Chair to Execute a Joint Powers Agreement with the City of Sonoma Establishing the Sonoma Valley Citizens Advisory Commission.

FISCAL SUMMARY

Expenditures	FY23-24 Adopted	FY24-25 Projected	FY25-26 Projected
Budgeted Expenses			
Additional Appropriation Requested			
Total Expenditures			
Funding Sources			
General Fund/WA GF			
State/Federal			
Fees/Other			
Use of Fund Balance			
General Fund Contingencies			
Total Sources			

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

n/a

Staffing Impacts:			
Position Title (Payroll Classification)	Monthly Salary Range (A-I Step)	Additions (Number)	Deletions (Number)

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

n/a

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Joint Powers Agreement
- Attachment 2: SVCAC Boundary Map
- Attachment 3: SVCAC Rules and Procedures
- Attachment 4: SVCAC Rules and Procedures Redline
- Attachment 5: Resolution

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Related Items “On File” with the Clerk of the Board: