



County of Sonoma

State of California

Date: November 17, 2020

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☐ 4/5 Vote Required

**Resolution of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California,
Appointing Dr. Sundari R. Mase to the Position of County Health Officer Effective November
17, 2020**

Whereas, the California Health and Safety Code Section 101000 requires that the Board of Supervisors appoint a Health Officer for the County;

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors appoints the County Health Officer who reports to the Board through the Director of Health Services;

Whereas, on March 24, 2020, Dr. Sundari R. Mase, M.D., M.P.H., was appointed to the Health Officer position through a provisional appointment as allowed by the County's Civil Service Rule, 8.2, Provisional Appointments;

Whereas, the Health Officer is a classified position and therefore the hiring process for the position is guided by the County's Civil Service Ordinance and Rules;

Whereas, the Sonoma County Civil Service Ordinance, Section 21.5, Classified and Unclassified Service Generally states in relevant part, "in case of a vacancy in any position requiring peculiar and exceptional qualifications of a scientific, professional or expert character, upon satisfactory evidence that competitive examinations to qualify applicants for said position are impracticable, and that the position can best be filled by the selection of a person of recognized attainments, competitive examinations may be suspended by the commission, but no such suspension shall be general in its applications to such position and all such cases of suspension shall be reported, together with the reasons therefore to the board of supervisors";

Whereas, at the May 7, 2020 Civil Service Commission meeting the Commission approved the Human Resources Director's recommendation to approve suspending the recruitment and competitive selection process for the position of Health Officer on a one time basis, based on the extraordinary circumstance caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency as allowable under the Sonoma County Civil Service Ordinance, Section 21.5, Classified and Unclassified Service Generally;

Whereas, California Government Code 24000 lists the County Health Officer as a formal

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Officer and California Government Code 24001 states a person is not eligible to a county or district office unless he or she is a registered voter of the county, and Dr. Mase resides in Contra Costa County; and,

Whereas, California Government Code 24001 further allows the board of supervisors to waive the above requirement if it finds that the best interests of the county or district will be served by waiving the requirements, and the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors have agreed it is in Sonoma County's best interest to waive this requirement for Dr. Mase.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved that the Board of Supervisors of the County of Sonoma, State of California hereby appoints Sundari R. Mase, M.D., M.P.H., as a regular appointment, to the position of Health Officer effective November 17, 2020.

Supervisors:

Rabbitt:

Zane:

Gore:

Hopkins:

Gorin:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

So Ordered.