



Legislation Text

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To: Board of Supervisors

Department or Agency Name(s): Board of Supervisors

Staff Name and Phone Number: Supervisor James Gore (707) 565-2241

Vote Requirement: Majority

Supervisorial District(s): Countywide

Recommended Action:

Approve the Appointment of Sarah Laggos to the Sonoma County Library Commission as the joint City of Santa Rosa /Sonoma County Board of Supervisors representative for a four-year term beginning October 4, 2022 and ending July 31, 2026. (Countywide)

Executive Summary:

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Discussion:

The Sonoma County Library First Amended and Restated Joint Powers Agreement (Amended JPA) and the formation of the new Library Commission went in effect on August 1, 2014. The Amended JPA requires that each jurisdiction have one seat on the newly formed Library Commission, with an additional seat to be shared between the County of Sonoma and City of Santa Rosa. The Joint Powers Agreement states "In addition, the County of Sonoma and the City of Santa Rosa shall also be entitled to jointly appoint one additional representative to sit on the Commission as a voting member. When a vacancy for said joint appointment occurs, the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma will advertise the vacancy, accept applications, review the applications, and forward them to the City of Santa Rosa Mayor and Chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors for consideration. Interviews will be held if deemed appropriate. The Mayor and Chair shall jointly recommend one Commissioner candidate to the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Santa Rosa City Council, who shall approve the recommended candidate, which said approval shall not be unreasonably withheld." The initial terms of Commission appointments are staggered between two- and four-year terms so that there will never be full turnover of the Commission at one time. The joint appointment with the City of Santa Rosa is a four-year term.

The vacancy was posted on the Board of Supervisors Boards and Commissions website. Following application intake and review, applications were forwarded to the Chair of the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors and the Mayor of the City of Santa Rosa for consideration.

Staff received a total of six applications from interested parties to be considered for the joint City/County seat from both recruitments with one withdrawing their application prior to appointment consideration. The Santa Rosa Mayor and the Chair of the Board discussed joint selection of the candidate to recommend to the Santa Rosa City Council and Board of Supervisors according to the Joint Powers Agreement.

Sarah Laggos has over fifteen years of experiencing working for public institutions. Sarah has served as the Santa Rosa Library Advisory Board Chair from December 2017 to present. Library Advisory Boards are outlined in the Joint Powers Agreement with members appointed by the Library Commission.

The Santa Rosa City Council approved the appointment of Sarah Laggos as the joint City/County representative on July 12, 2022. Per the Joint Powers Agreement, should such candidate not be approved then the Mayor and Chair shall jointly recommend subsequent candidate(s) until such time as a candidate is approved by the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

Prior Board Actions:

Appointment of Karen Sneider as joint City/County appointee December 11, 2018

FISCAL SUMMARY

None

Narrative Explanation of Fiscal Impacts:

None

Narrative Explanation of Staffing Impacts (If Required):

None

Attachments:

Sarah Laggos Application

Applications Not Recommended

Related Items "On File" with the Clerk of the Board:

Joint Powers Agreement