

MAYORS' & COUNCILMEMBERS' ASSOCIATION OF SONOMA COUNTY

Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol, Sonoma, Windsor

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Charlie's Restaurant at the Windsor Golf Course
1320 19th Hole Drive, Suite 100
Windsor, CA 95492
Thursday, October 12, 2023
7:00 P.M.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP AGENDA

1. Call to Order

Chair Ariel Kelley (City of Healdsburg)

2. Roll Call

Cloverdale		Petaluma		Sebastopol
Cotati		Rohnert Park		Sonoma
Healdsburg		Santa Rosa		Windsor

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting of August 10, 2023

4. Public Comment

If members of the public would like to provide public comment, we encourage you to submit them via email to the Host City, City of Healdsburg, by 3:00 p.m. on the day of the meeting: rallan@healdsburg.gov.

5. Program

A. Sonoma County Hospitality Association Presentation

Receive a presentation from the Sonoma County Hospitality Association on the tourism and hospitality industry.

B. Sonoma County United Against Hate

Discuss options for a united against hate call to action within Sonoma County.

6. Reports

A. Mayors' Report (report from Mayor of each city)

B. Legislative Committee Report

7. Announcement(s)

8. Adjournment

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/s/ Raina Allan, Association Secretary

Upcoming 2024 Meetings

December 14, 2023 – City of Healdsburg (host city holiday celebration)

February 8, 2024 – City of Cloverdale

April 11, 2024 – City of Cotati

June 13, 2024 – City of Healdsburg

August 8, 2024 – City of Petaluma

October 10, 2024 - City of Rohnert Park

Copies of all staff reports and documents subject to disclosure that relate to any item of business referred to on the agenda are available for public review the Monday prior to the regularly scheduled meeting on the City's website at: www.healdsburg.gov or by email upon request at rallan@healdsburg.gov. Any documents subject to disclosure that are provided to all, or a majority of all, of the members of the Association regarding any item on this agenda, after the agenda has been distributed, will be made available for review. Contact number: (707) 431-3316. In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Healdsburg City Clerk's office at (707) 431-3316. Notification 72-hours prior to the meeting will enable the Association to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting.

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Vintage House
264 1st Street E
Sonoma, CA 95476
Thursday, August 10, 2023
6:00 P.M.

MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Association Chair Ariel Kelley, Mayor, City of Healdsburg at 6:00 p.m.
2. **ROLL CALL:** In attendance were the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Petaluma, Rohnert Park, Santa Rosa, Sebastopol and Sonoma
Absent: Windsor
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The Regular Meeting Minutes of June 8, 2023 were approved on a unanimous roll call vote. (Ayes 8, Noes 0, Absent – Windsor)
4. **PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None
5. **PROGRAM:**

A. Introduction of the new Clerk for the Mayors & Councilmembers Association of Sonoma County

Chairperson Kelley introduced Lauren Berges as the new Clerk for the Mayors and Councilmembers Association.

B. Receive a report from Speaker pro Tempore of the State Assembly, Honorable Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar on ACA 1, a measure to address thresholds for passing local bonds and special taxes

Sonoma Mayor Lowe introduced Rita Durgin, Legislative Assistant for Assemblymember Cecilia M. Aguiar. Rita Durgin provided a presentation on ACA 1 a measure to address thresholds for passing local bonds and special taxes and responded to questions from the Association members.

C. Introduction of the Bay Area Housing Finance Authority (BAHFA) and the proposed 2024 regional affordable housing bond from MTC/ABAG Deputy Executive Director of Local Government Services, Brad Paul

Chairperson Kelley introduced MTC/ABAG Deputy Executive Director of Local Government Services, Brad Paul who provided a presentation on the 2024 Regional

Affordable Housing Bond Measure and responded to questions from the Association members.

D. Receive a presentation from Sandra Lowe on a statewide ballot measure to lower the threshold for passing Housing Bonds

Mayor Lowe from Sonoma gave a presentation on a statewide ballot measure to lower the threshold for passing Housing Bonds and responded to questions from the Association members.

6. REPORTS

- a. **City Mayor's Report.** The Mayor of each respective member city announced upcoming and recent community events and matters of interest affecting their respective city.
- b. **Committee Reports.** Mayor Bagby reported the Legislative Committee held their first meeting and selected a Chair and Vice Chair.

7. ANNOUNCEMENTS: Chairperson Kelley announced the October General Membership meeting would be in the Town of Windsor.

8. ADJOURNMENT: Chairperson Kelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Raina Allan,
Association Secretary

CITY OF HEALDSBURG

MAYOR'S UPDATE



October 12, 2023

SMART Station Community Workshop: On October 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. the City of Healdsburg will host a Community Workshop on the SMART Train coming to Healdsburg. SMART has received grant funding to complete rail and pathway construction from the Santa Rosa to Windsor segment and begin design and construction work from Windsor to Healdsburg. The City now has the opportunity to determine a station location that best meets the needs of the community and future riders.

Foss Creek Pathway Wins Bike Project of the Year: The Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition has awarded the City of Healdsburg with the Bike Infrastructure Project of the Year! The Foss Creek Pathway leads from Front Street near the southern City limits through downtown, past the Community Center to the intersection of Grove Street and Healdsburg Avenue. Construction of an additional section of approximately 1/3-mile is underway as part of private development. The final segment of approximately 1/2- mile is expected to be incorporated into a large road diet project schedule for construction in 2026.

Superior Reporting Award for Water: The City of Healdsburg received a superior reporting award for quarter one in 2023 from the State Water Resources Control Board for submitting complete reports on time and providing critical water level data, demonstrating a commendable commitment to supporting California's statewide drought response.

Special Event Performance Policy: On September 5, 2023, the Healdsburg City Council adopted a Resolution establishing a Special Performance Policy for the Healdsburg Plaza to strike a harmonious balance between public entertainment and tranquility in this public space. Under this new program, performers of all disciplines, including music, theater, and dance, will have the opportunity to schedule their performances in the Plaza.

Fire Substation Groundbreaking: On October 11, 2023 the City of Healdsburg will host a Groundbreaking event for the Fire Substation. This will be Healdsburg's second Fire Station and contributes to added Fire protection in the City of Healdsburg.

Saggio Hills Park Naming Process: The City of Healdsburg has launched the naming process for our new park in the Saggio Hills Development. Amenities that will be included in the park project will range from picnic pavilions to multi-use sports fields. The 11-13 acre area will be comprised of a multitude of activity focused design work. The City Council adopted the Park Naming Policy in 2002 to create an equitable way to name existing and future park and/or recreation facilities. The process of naming parks in the Healdsburg community is guided by principles of diversity, equity, and inclusion, aiming to represent the entire community.

Día de Muertos: Corazon Healdsburg in partnership with the City of Healdsburg is hosting the annual Día de Muertos celebration on October 29, 2023 from 12-7 pm in the Healdsburg Plaza. There will be a beautiful community altar on the Healdsburg Plaza to commemorate loved ones who have passed away, live music, a car show with a trunk-or-treat, fun kids activities, tasty food and drinks available for purchase and more!



City of Rohnert Park – Mayor’s Report - Events & Updates

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SAVE THE DATE



Hello Dolly!

September 29–October 15, 2023, at the Spreckels Performing Arts Center

A musical extravaganza that continues to dazzle audiences of all ages. Meet professional matchmaker, Dolly Levi, as she cajoles, schemes, and charms her way through life, using her unmatched skills to furnish a happy ending for all. Features classic songs such as "Put on Your Sunday Clothes", "It Only Takes a Moment", "Before the Parade Passes By" and, of course, "Hello Dolly!". For tickets call (707) 588-3400 or online at <http://www.spreckelsonline.com>

Halloween Carnival with Dia de los Muertos Celebration

Saturday, October 2, 2023, at the Rohnert Park Community Center Complex – 5401 Snyder Lane

Join us from noon to 5:00 p.m. for live performances, exotic animals, carnival games, a magic show, a haunted maze, community altars, and more! Carnival game proceeds will help every 5th grader from the CRPUSD schools to attend outdoor education at the Nature Bridge Golden Gate Campus. Free admission to all.

For information visit <https://tinyurl.com/RP-Special-Events>



Haunt Brew and Scare Fest! for Adults 18+

Friday, October 27, 2023, from 6:00-10:00 p.m., at the Rohnert Park Community Center Complex – 5401 Snyder Lane

Get ready for a spooktacular night of thrills and chills. Tickets will get you exclusive access to the 5,000 sq. ft. Haunted Maze, games, live music Featuring Aqua Nett, local brews, and wines, as well as delectable bites. Tickets: <https://bit.ly/RPHauntFest> (proceeds benefit Spreckels Performing Arts Center) See you there, if you dare!

Veteran's Day Celebration

Saturday, November 11, 2023, at 11:00 a.m., at the Rohnert Park Community Center Complex – 5401 Snyder Lane

Join us to honor veterans and active duty military at Rohnert Park's Veterans Day Celebration. The event will feature the Avenue of the Flags, a veteran keynote speaker, a presentation of colors by the US Coast Guard, performances by the Rohnert Park community band, as well as a flag retirement ceremony put on by the Girl Scouts. Free admission to all. For information visit <https://tinyurl.com/RP-Special-Events>



HAPPENING AROUND ROHNERT PARK

Capital Improvements Around Town

Investment in city infrastructure has been a top priority in recent years. These infrastructure investments are part of our Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which are projects that often involve major repairs, renovations, replacements, and additions. Capital projects range from road maintenance or construction to the renovation of municipal buildings, recreation centers, and ball fields, to water main and sewer repair. On June 25 and July 11, 2023, the Rohnert Park City Council approved 10 new capital projects and added funding for two existing projects. The City Council also approved a five-year Capital Improvement Project through fiscal year 27-28. Some of the new projects include improving Sunrise Park Pickleball courts, calming expected casino traffic, replacing water and sewer lines in A and B Section Neighborhoods, installing traffic signal safety improvements, and assessing the building condition of 62 city-owned facilities. Other upcoming projects include creek pathway replacements, downtown site conceptual design, a trail to Crane Creek Regional Park, and much more. Learn more: <https://bit.ly/43A5e9l>



ROHNERT PARK NOTEWORTHY EVENTS

National Suicide Prevention Month: This past weekend, the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety, along with staff members from the City of Rohnert Park, walked in the "Out of Darkness" suicide prevention event at Sonoma State University. In attendance were City Manager Marcela Piedra, Deputy Chief Kevin Kilgore, Council Member Emily Sanborn, Vice Mayor Susan Hollingsworth Adams, and Mayor Samantha Rodriguez. Mayor Rodriguez read the official proclamation declaring September as Suicide Awareness Month in our City. We would like to thank everyone who came out to support this event and fundraise for this important cause.



Employee Appreciation Harvest and BBQ Luncheon: The City of Rohnert Park recognizes that our employees are the backbone of our organization, and they work hard to make our vision come to life. The City’s Leadership Team will hold its annual employee appreciation luncheon on Thursday, October 12, 2023, to show appreciation for the staff’s hard work, dedication, and commitment to the City of Rohnert Park. There will be good food and great raffle prizes.



Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion: The City of Rohnert Park thrives on the diversity and ingenuity of all our people, depends on the continued support and success of our diverse communities, and will continue to be enriched by the cultural contributions of our friends and neighbors for many decades to come. To that end, the City Council proclaimed August 26 as Women’s Equality Day to celebrate the achievements of women and recommit to realizing gender equality in the County of Sonoma.

The Council proclaimed September 15 through October 15, 2023, as Latine, Hispanic Heritage Month by recognizing and celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of Americans whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America.

The Council proclaimed October 9, 2023, as Indigenous Peoples’ Day and encouraged everyone to honor and spend time learning about the rich histories, traditions, and contributions of the diverse tribal communities including those of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria.

The City Council also proclaimed October 2023 as Filipino American History Month to promote and reflect on Philippine history and culture to provide all Americans with the opportunity to hear about and appreciate the contributions of Filipino Americans.

ROHNERT PARK SAFE SPACE ANTI-HATE LGBTQIA+ PROGRAM

The Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is dedicated to providing our city with the most comprehensive emergency services presented in our industry. Placing Diversity, Inclusion, Equity, and Belonging (DIEB) at the forefront of our safety objectives, Rohnert Park DPS implemented the Safe Space anti-hate LGBTQIA+ program. Partnering with local stakeholders, our agency increases community safety when a safe environment or “Safe Space” is accessible to those in an emergency at all times, twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

Visit:

https://www.rpcity.org/city_hall/departments/public_safety/safe_space for more information.

REPORT HATE CRIMES

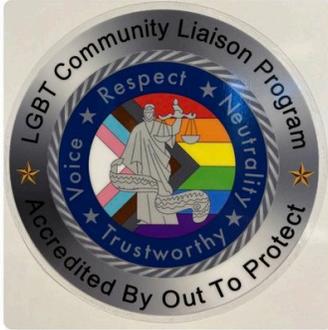
Diversity
Inclusion
Equity
Belonging

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POLICE & FIRE

SAFE SPACE

This location is a safe place for those who are experiencing a hate crime or harrasment. Please request to call 911 immediately and wait for police support.

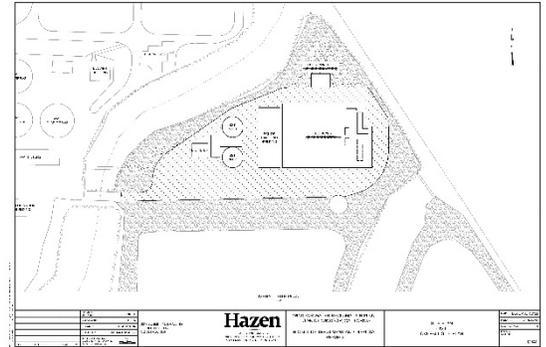
LGBT LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY LIAISON PROGRAM



The City of Rohnert Park strives to be an inclusive community in which our residents not only take great pride in our diversity, but aim to provide safety, prosperity, equality, and hope for ALL who live or work here. On August 10, 2023, Out to Protect President Greg Miraglia presented the City’s Department of Public Safety with the “LGBT Law Enforcement Community Liaison Program Accreditation.” Out To Protect is a national non-profit organized to support LGBTQ+ law enforcement members. Under the leadership of Chief Tim Mattos and Deputy Chief Kevin Kilgore, the Rohnert Park Department of Public Safety is the **first law enforcement agency in California and second in the nation** to receive the accreditation.

- **Public Works Awarded Federal Department of Energy Grant:**

The Town of Windsor received a technical assistance grant from the Federal Department of Energy to further evaluate the risks and benefits of a project that would convert the Town's wastewater sludge (biosolids) into high-performance, consumer-ready fertilizer, and soil amendment, to cut Windsor's greenhouse gas emissions, and help stabilize future impacts to ratepayers. This project will not only convert the wastewater sludge into Class A biosolids, but also reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 90%.



- **Windsor Gaining National Recognition for Progress Toward Net-Zero Status at Water Reclamation Plant:**



The Town of Windsor was featured in the September 2023 issue of Treatment Plant Operator Magazine, a national publication focused on wastewater treatment technology, services and operations, for its continued progress toward achieving net-zero status at its Water Reclamation Facility. This national recognition of the Town's work in addressing local impacts of climate change is helping it become a model for other small municipalities for making wastewater treatment a truly sustainable, net-zero process.

- **Windsor Military Memorial Wall:** The Windsor Town Green will soon feature a new Windsor Military Memorial Wall, a monument recognizing Windsor Veterans who lost their lives in combat and military pilots who perished in the skies after departing from Sonoma County airfields. The new monument will feature the memorial wall, relocation of the existing Veterans Plaque, landscaping upgrades, a walkway and plaza, additional benches and seating. Once completed, the Memorial Wall will provide a space for collective remembrance to honor the bravery and sacrifices of our fallen service members.



- **Windsor Day Parade:** On September 30, the Kiwanis Club of Windsor along with the Town of Windsor and other local service clubs celebrated the strong spirit of Windsor community at the Windsor Day Parade. After the parade, Council, staff and residents enjoyed a festival and concert with local band Gas Money and Wonderbread 5!

- **Windsor Receives Grant from US Bureau of Reclamation:** The Town of Windsor received a \$249,866 grant from the US Bureau of Reclamation's WaterSMART/Title XVI program. These matching funds will be used to help fund a Multi-Feasibility Study to evaluate several projects aimed at maximizing the production, quality, storage and use of recycled water. These projects are critical elements of Windsor's work to help address local impacts of climate change.