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Hi Raina:

Here's the email about the election of mayor of Healdsburg that I sent to the City Council and Jeff Kay.

Thank you,

Michiko Conklin

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From: Michiko Conklin <[REDACTED]>
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Hello City Councilmembers:

I am writing in the hopes that you will revisit your decision to continue the practice of having a rotating mayor. I feel strongly that a mayor who is elected by the entire City of Healdsburg is the most democratic form of leadership for the city.

-the mayor, as the leader of the city, should represent all the citizens of Healdsburg and should be voted on by all the citizens, not just a single district.

-one person should be accountable and be the actual "leader" of city government.

-we need continuity over several years, as most projects take much longer than one year.

-the logistics of the election process should not determine how the mayor is elected (easier and less expensive for the candidates). The consideration should be what's best for the citizens of Healdsburg, not the easiest process for the candidates.

-a councilmember who is only representing one district may never be mayor, as the terms are 4 years and there are 5 councilmembers. Therefore, your representative might never be mayor, so you may never have the chance to vote for the mayor.

Thank you for your consideration of having an at-large mayor for the City of Healdsburg.

Michiko Conklin