



LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS[®]
OF SONOMA COUNTY

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Mayor Bartley and Members of the Santa Rosa City Council
City of Santa Rosa
100 Santa Rosa Avenue
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Mayor Bartley and Members of the City Council:

The League of Women Voters of Sonoma County applauds the work of the Mayor's Open Government Task Force. Its diligent study, discussion, conclusions and recommendations in many ways mirror positions of the League.

League has studied and advocated for open government at the national, state and local levels for many years. Our Mission Statement, in part, states that we encourage informed and active participation in government. We encourage active citizen participation which entails the right and responsibility to be informed, to be heard, and to be involved. We believe that government bodies must protect the citizen's right to know by giving adequate notice of proposed actions, holding open meetings and making public records accessible.

The Task Force's recommendations for open and transparent government, increased accessibility, increased opportunity for community engagement, a higher degree of public participation and collaboration, a better informational website - all are in line with League positions.

We urge Mayor Bartley and members of the City Council to accept the Task Force report and to instruct staff to begin implementation of the recommendations. And we urge the new Council to fully back the recommendations of this report.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lynda Hungerford".

Lynda Hungerford
Co-President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Juanita Roland".

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