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**VIA E-MAIL**

The Honorable Margie Mohler, Chair  
and Members of the Commission  
Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County  
1030 Seminary Street, Suite B  
Napa, California 94559

Re: Regular Commission Meeting Agenda; April 5, 2021; Agenda Item No. 6.a.  
Appointment of Public Member; Recommendation; Kenneth Leary

Dear Chair Mohler and Commission Members:

This communication recommends the appointment of Kenneth Leary to the Public Member position by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County ("Commission").

The recommendation is based on advising Mr. Leary as the City Attorney for the City of American Canyon ("City"), the District Counsel for the Subsidiary Special District of the City, the American Canyon Fire Protection District ("District") and membership in American Canyon Kiwanis.

As a City Council Member and a *ex officio* member of the District Board of Directors, Mr. Leary was always informed and prepared on the multitude of issues that come before the City and the District.

Mr. Leary served on the City Parks and Recreation Commission previous to his election to Council and has been a City resident for over eighteen years. His employment background and experience are relevant to the Commission Public Member position as his career spanned several positions in the parks and recreation field from metropolitan local agencies, such as the City of Oakland, culminating in his position as Community Services Director in the Town of Yountville.

Mr. Leary is an active and effective member of service organizations in the City. He is known for his service to the Kiwanis Club and students and having an impact on their choices in life.

Mr. Leary's elected governmental and governmental employment service, and his

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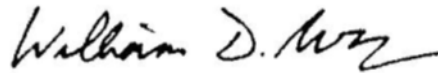
Commission service as a member representing cities, provide an experienced understanding for the issues before the Commission, including determining what local agency can most efficiently extend governmental service to a specific area and how to avoid the premature conversion of prime agricultural land.

He has a thorough understanding of Growth Within Bounds, the declared legislative intent of the Cortese- Knox- Hertzberg Reorganization Act of 2000, the enabling, implementing, governing legislation of the Commission.

Finally, in a time where gender equity, social and environmental justice, ethnic and racial respect must be present and demonstrated in governmental actions, Mr. Leary's presence as the Commission Public Member would be beneficial to the Commission, the people, property and business owners that it serves and impacts.

If you have questions concerning the matters set forth in this communication, please contact me.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William D. Ross". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

William D. Ross

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cc: Mr. Kenneth Leary

Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer