

SONOMA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

111 SANTA ROSA AVENUE, SUITE 240, SANTA ROSA, CA 95404

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APPLICATION: PUBLIC MEMBER AND PUBLIC MEMBER ALTERNATE

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Application For: Public Member (Regular) Public Member - Alternate

Date: 3/18/2022

Name: Robert Cantu

Mailing Address: 1400 N. Dutton Ave., #19, Santa Rosa, CA 95401

Phone (1): 707 694-3773

Phone (2): 707 542-3213

E-mail: rcantu@westernbuilders.info

Length of residence in Sonoma County: 50 years

Are you an officer or employee of the County, a city or special district within Sonoma County?

Please describe your educational background: College graduate with BS degree from the School of Engineering at California State University Fresno

Present occupation: Business Owner in Construction

Employer Name: Western Builders

Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO member? If so, please explain.

Currently, we are not involved in any construction projects that would require LAFCO approval.

If in the future we would become involved in projects requiring LAFCO approval, I would recuse myself to prevent any conflict or perception of conflict.

List community service activities/memberships on boards, commissions, committees, including names of organizations and dates of service. _____

Sonoma County Employers Housing Council- 2018 to present

City of Santa Rosa Board of Building Regulations Appeals- 2017-2021

Chair- The Construction Coalition- 2013 to present

Sonoma County Permit Sonoma Directors Advisory- 2012 to present

President- North Coast Builders Exchange 2010/2011 & 2022/2023

City of Santa Rosa Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Task Force - 2011-2013

Other interests: _____

County of Sonoma Economic Development Board- Permit improvement task force- 2012/13

American Red Cross Board Chair- 2012-2013

2009 Top 40 under 40 award

2010 Spirit of Sonoma County award

Youth Sports Coach, husband and Dad

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when? Attending April 6, 2022

Please explain your qualifications for the position and reasons for serving on Sonoma LAFCO.

My involvement as a leader in the local construction industry has provided me with an

extensive cross section of experiences in the private and public sectors, coupled with

involvement in many non-profit and industry advocacy efforts, I have developed the necessary

skills to serve Sonoma LAFCO with a fair and open minded approach.

As a born native and resident with many years to come, formation of Sonoma County and

it's agencies are of high importance to me.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO, its role and responsibilities.

As required by the State Legislature, LAFCO shall regulate formation and expansion of

local government agencies while balancing orderly development with the State's interests

of discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and agricultural lands, extending

government services and providing housing for persons of all incomes. Sonoma

LAFCO has jurisdiction over changes in local government organization, reorganization

and special districts within Sonoma County.

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I understand that, if appointed to Sonoma LAFCO, I will be required to comply with Fair Political Practice Commission disclosure requirements and file annual statements of financial interests.

Signature:

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Date: 3/21/2022



WESTERN BUILDERS Team



ROBERT CANTU

EXPERIENCE:

- 2002-Present Western Builders (President)
- 1999-2002 Facility Development Corporation (Project Manager)
- 1996-1999 Hensel Phelps Construction (Project Engineer/Construction Mgr.)
- 1993-1996 Mauldin Dorfmeier Construction (Estimator/Scheduler)
- 1987-1993 Cobblestone Development (Customer Service)

LEADERSHIP:

- 2021-Present The Living Room- Board of Directors
- 2018-Present So. Co. Employers Housing Council
- 2017-Present City of Santa Rosa- Board of Building Regulation Appeals
- 2013-Present Chair- The Construction Coalition
- 2012-Present Sonoma County PRMD Advisory Committee
- 2010-Present North Coast Builders Exchange- 2010/11 President/ Board of Directors
- 2011-2013 City of Santa Rosa, Mayor's Economic Competitiveness Task Force
- 2012 Sonoma County Economic Development Board-Permit Improvement Task Force
- 2012-2013 American Red Cross- Chair Board of Directors
- 2009 North Bay Business Journal Top 40 under 40 award
- 2008-Present USGBC Certified Green Builder

AFFILIATIONS:

- 2010 Sonoma County Spirit Award Recipient
- 2010 American Red Cross George Escofie Award
- NCBE Budget & Finance Committee Chair
- American Heart Association Board of Directors
- American Heart Association 2010 Heartwalk Chair
- West County Youth Football and Cheer Board of Directors
- Little League baseball coach
- Anti Drug Program for Santa Rosa Youth Community sponsor
- Sonoma County Special Olympics sponsor
- American Cancer Society sponsor

PARTIAL LIST OF COMPLETED PROJECTS:

United Airlines Ground Maintenance Facility- SFO
UAL Aircraft Maintenance Base- Oakland Int. Airport
UAL United Express Terminal- SFO
City of Oakland Administration Building & Plaza
R.B. High Tech Industrial Park
Ravenswood Winery
Belvedere Winery
Shurgard Storage-Rohnert Park
Shurgard Storage- Oakley
Waste Management- Carmel Marina, CA
Waste Management- Tucson, AZ
Waste Management, Santa Maria, CA
Storage By George II- Napa, CA
Napa Valley Wine Storage
Chalk Hill Winery
Santa Rosa Plaza
Redwood Credit Union Headquarters
RCU Auto Services
Redwood Credit Union Branch Locations
Redwood Health Services
Hilton Garden Inn, Santa Rosa, CA
G&G Supermarket
Windsor School District, Windsor, CA
Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Chancery Office of the Diocese of Santa Rosa
Catholic Charities Headquarters
Simon Malls
Ridge Vineyards
Rosenblum Cellars
Boy Scout of America Headquarters
Weingarten Realty, Inc.
California State Superior Court System
Fountaingrove Golf & Athletic Club
Sonoma Country Day School Improvements
Redwood Credit Union- San Francisco
Redwood Credit Union- Sebastopol
Terry Foutz & Janice Sunday Residence
Anova School Administration Offices
Catholic Charities Respite Patio
Redwood Credit Union Executive Office Remodel
Children's Hunger Relief Fund
Don Sebastiani
St. Francis Solano Catholic Church- Priest's Residence
Children's Museum of Sonoma County
St. Joseph's Medical Group- Petaluma
Acacia Winery
Provenance Winery
St. Joseph's Medical Group- Santa Rosa
St. Eugene's Baldacchino

Additional projects and references available upon request

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Date: April 8, 2022

Name: Ed Hodges

Mailing Address: 105 Massimo Cir., Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Phone (1): (707) 870-7128 cell

Phone (2): _____

E-mail: edhodes@comcast.net

Length of residence in Sonoma County: 16 years

Are you an officer or employee of the County, a city or special district within Sonoma County? N

Please describe your educational background: BSME - Calif. Maritime Acad.

1978 1978.

MBA - Keller Graduate School - 1999 w / Distinction

Present occupation: Retired

Employer Name: _____

Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO member? If so, please explain.

No

List community service activities/memberships on boards, commissions, committees, including names of organizations and dates of service. currently on SoCo Grand Jury till June 2022, RVLL - 2018 to present. Asst coach for RVLL Majors Grants.

From 1995 to 1999 - Boys & Girls Club, Youth Employment, Costa Mesa Lyons Club

Board of Directors

Other interests: Camping, Golf

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when? No

Please explain your qualifications for the position and reasons for serving on Sonoma LAFCO.

1986-1999 - Director of Maintenance & Director of General Services Admin @ OC Sanitation Districts.

1999-2005 - Partner (VP Ops) Haaker Equipment Co selling Vactor Sewer Cleaners & Elgin Street Sweepers.

2005-2021 - moved to Nor Cal to start an equip. dealership for Vactor & Elgin. Started w/ \$0.00 income, ended up selling to a private equity firm for \$80 m.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO, its role and responsibilities.

Eliminate or Reduce urban sprawl, work w/ local agencies re governance issues, assist w/ reorg's, MSA's & redistricting incl. reorganizing & redeveloping boundaries & annexations when & where it makes sense. Work w/ citizens on issues involving mis-management issues w/ local governments & addressing major local issues (ie fire protection mgmt, water mgmt., wastewater mgmt, housing issues, etc)

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Application For: Public Member (Regular) Public Member - Alternate

Date: March 31, 2022 _____

Name: Jean A. Kapolchok _____

Mailing Address: 1500 Manzanita Avenue Santa Rosa, CA 95404 _____

Phone (1): _707-526-8939 _____

Phone (2)707-953-
3059 _____

E-mail: jkapolchok@sbcglobal.net _____

Length of residence in Sonoma County: 48 years; 4 months _____

Are you an officer or employee of the County, a city or special district within Sonoma County?

No _____

Please describe your educational background: Periodic land use and CEQA course work;
University of California, Berkeley, CA: Extensive course work in Urban and Regional Planning;
Sonoma State University: Extensive course work in Planning and Environmental Studies;
Sonoma State University: MA in Philosophy/Psychology; Bridgewater State College: BA in
Psychology _____

Present occupation: Land Use Planning Consultant _____

Employer Name: Self employed: J. Kapolchok & Associates _____

Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO member? If so, please explain.

Yes. There will be occasions when I would have been engaged as a consultant on a land use project that will come before LAFCO for consideration. When those situations occur I will not engage with staff prior to the hearing, represent my client in front of the Commission, or contact

any Commissioner. Furthermore, I will recuse myself from the public hearing by physically removing myself from the room or leaving the Zoom meeting. I make every effort to keep such conflicts to a minimum.

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Sonoma County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) 1997 - present

Goodwill Industries of the Redwood Empire, Board of Directors/Executive Officer 2006 - present

Golden State Land Conservancy, Board of Directors 2018 - present

Sonoma County Agricultural Preservation and Open Space District Authority/Fiscal Oversight Commission 1999 - 2014

City of Santa Rosa Design Review Board, past member; Burbank Housing Board of Directors 1986 - 2000

Sonoma County Alliance, past member

Other interests: Travel; languages particularly Italian; Interior Design; Dress Design; hiking; exercise; reading; wine tasting; performing arts _____

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when? Yes. I currently serve as the Commission Public Member. I have also served as the Commission alternate Public Member. Previous to serving as a Commissioner I attended as a professional consultant on land use items. _____

Please explain your qualifications for the position and reasons for serving on Sonoma LAFCO. I have served as a LAFCO Commissioner for approximately 25 years. I enjoy reviewing and assessing the matters that come before LAFCO, interfacing with staff and working with my fellow Commissioners, including the alternates. Given my profession, I offer a technical expertise both in ordinance interpretation, policy and CEQA review. LAFCO has expanded their role tremendously over the years. LAFCO no longer operates as an adjunct agency to the Sonoma County Administrator's Office and has taken a leadership role particularly as regards Fire District consolidations. LAFCO was also a fair and thoughtful arbiter in the dissolution of the Palm Drive Health District. There are a number of challenges facing LAFCO in the future such as the completion of Fire District consolidation, participating to the extent allowed in assuring their fiscal soundness. Water and the formation of water districts is an issue on the horizon, potentially updating Spheres of Influence and updating MSRs. Potential annexation of areas south of Roseland and one day shrinking the number of islands in the city of Santa Rosa also lies ahead. _____

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO, its role and responsibilities.

The fundamental role of LAFCO is to ensure orderly development and the provision of services. LAFCO also plays an important role in the protection of agricultural lands. LAFCO is not a land use agency. The actual use of land is derived from the General Plans of the nine cities within the Sonoma County. LAFCO regulations help ensure a pattern of city-centered growth, which, in turn, guards against urban sprawl.

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Date: April 12, 2022

Name: John E. King

Mailing Address: PO Box 127, Penn Grove CA. 94951

Phone (1): 707-696-7023

Phone (2): 763-7023

E-mail: PennGrove@sonia.net

Length of residence in Sonoma County: 65 years

Are you an officer or employee of the County, a city or special district within Sonoma County? NO

Please describe your educational background:

AA - SANTA ROSA JC 1986

BA - UC SANTA BARBARA 1988 BUSINESS ECONOMICS ACCOUNTING

Present occupation: AGRICULTURE - CONSTRUCTION

Employer Name: MARK BALDES - SELF

Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO member? If so, please explain.

NO

List community service activities/memberships on boards, commissions, committees, including names of organizations and dates of service.

Penn Grove Area Plan Advisory Committee 1998-2022
South County Resource Preservation Committee 2004-2008
6 years working on policy development for Sonoma County
General Plan update 2000 - Focus on land use, ground-
water protection, City Annexations, State identified
groundwater recharge lands - impacts on Agriculture.

Other interests:

Public Speaking - Issues Facing Sonoma County
Agriculture including groundwater depletion
issues, land use, quality of life impacts from unbridled
development.

Antique Car Restoration

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when? Yes 2000 - 2006

Please explain your qualifications for the position and reasons for serving on Sonoma LAFCO.

I am part of a 6th generation farming family
here in Sonoma County. I grew up understanding
the importance of land use protection for both
Agriculture & development - Both need sustainable
high quality fresh water supplies which are now
known to be dwindling from over subscribed
demands by cities and the loss of irreplaceable
groundwater recharge areas to development. I have
extensive knowledge on these issues and am successful in
protecting both.

LAFCO's purpose is clearly defined by law: As
a rural landowner & farmer I rely on LAFCO
to uphold its objectives by preserving the lands & open
space resources for groundwater recharge ensuring stable
groundwater supplies & prohibiting development & annexation
by cities that are exempt from county land use restrictions.
To meet this objective growth must come in a sustainable
way that protects resources & discourages urban sprawl.
This ensures that local government will promote public
services that are efficient in meeting these objectives.

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April 12, 2022

JOHN E. KING

P.O. Box 127 Penngrove CA 94951 707-696-7023 penngrove@sonic.net

SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Accomplished self starter with proven leadership, management, and technical skills. Experience with 24 Years of Penngrove Area Plan Advisory Committee and 6 years of Sonoma County General Plan Update 2020 focusing on development of policies for land use, groundwater, traffic, related environmental issues concerning agriculture.

- Winning conservation / protection of key state identified groundwater recharge lands of 178 acres
- Leadership and relationship builder - proven community leader, able to develop consensus through public outreach, surveys/data collection, knowledge, integrity, quick study, due diligence, resourceful, and problem -solving structured approach leading to Sonoma County's first Groundwater Management
- Public speaking presentations to elected officials, boards, committees, professional organizations and community groups; ability to relate to the issues and priorities of others

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AGRICULTURE **Business/Property Manager** **King Ranch**, Petaluma, CA 1989 – present

- Co-own and managed 1,232 acres of rural and active farm land

RAILROAD **Project Management** **Mare Island Rail Service**, Vallejo, CA 2012 – 2013

- Establish legal groundwork to convert Mare Island Naval Shipyard into California's 12th Shipping Port

ACCOUNTING & AUDITING **Auditor / Tax** **KPMG Peat Marwick**, San Francisco, CA 1988 - 1990
 Principle **Richards & King Accountants**, Rohnert Park, CA 2008 - 2011

- Experience with accounting and financial analysis of non-profit, sole proprietors and Government agencies, healthcare, colleges, banks, railroads, law firms, security brokers.

LEGAL **Litigation Support Staff** **Julian M. Baum & Associates**, Novato, CA 2007

- Senior Litigator support for insurance litigation under federal law

BANKING **Commercial Loan Officer** **Sonoma National Bank**, Santa Rosa, CA 1993 – 1995

- Experience in screening, underwriting, credit review, packaging and closing of SBA loans

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Arts in Business Economics/Accounting, University of California Santa Barbara, CA 1988
Completion of all 2007 California Building Code Review Courses – SRJC, Santa Rosa, CA 2007 and 2008

HONORS

- Guest Speaker – California Governor's Office – "Sonoma County Water Issues", 2005
- Honored as "Everyday Hero" by the California Planning and Conservation League, 2005

April 12, 2022

Summary of Qualifications

1998 – I was appointed to the Penngrove Area Plan Advisory Committee by Supervisor Mike Kerns and have served since that time on relevant issues primarily created by the neighboring communities of Petaluma, Cotati, and Rohnert Park. These issues include land use, traffic, groundwater depletion, and impacts on emergency services including fire and ambulance response times.

1999 – Rohnert Park's General Plan draft EIR was released which disclosed much relevant information about declining groundwater supplies and permanent increased demands for residential and commercial uses – a water supply that is common to the Penngrove, Cotati, and Santa Rosa communities as well. Additionally, the Draft EIR disclosed it anticipated at a 20-year buildout an additional 70,000 car trips per day would impact the area between Penngrove, Cotati and Rohnert Park. This led to my gathering over 10,000 pages of key information addressing some of these issues in great detail.

By 2000 I founded the South County Resource Preservation Committee (128 members) which pursued policy development that led to the first groundwater management plan in the County of Sonoma. As part of that agreement with Rohnert Park approximately 170 acres of rural agricultural land was set aside from high density development by the City and was blocked from annexation by Rohnert Park because the Department of Water Resources had already identified that land and important groundwater recharge lands. The land is protected forever from City development because of my efforts in working with the City and informing the General Public through extensive public outreach meetings I organized and led. These are Lands that should have been protected and blocked from annexation and high-density development.

2002- 2008 I participated heavily in the Sonoma County General Plan 2020 Update and again worked on policy development to protect land use and related resources.

2004 – Named "Everyday Hero" by California Conservation Action League for successful work on Sonoma County Groundwater issues.

2005 – Guest speaker at California Governor's Office concerning groundwater.

Basis for Applying

Community service is at the core of my interest in land use issues that now face Sonoma County's future and all that live and work here.

City and County policies have been affected by my work and for the good of all residents and business owners. This work has changed City boundaries by protecting the natural water resources we prize.

My education in Business Economics and a professional career in Public Accounting, Finance, Legal, Construction and Port development makes me uniquely qualified and an ideal candidate for the Public Member position at Sonoma LAFCO.

Having a proven track record of public education, community outreach, and consensus building with various municipalities here in Sonoma County I hereby submit my application.

References:

Irv Piotrkowski esq.	(707) 778-1551	35 5 th Street, Petaluma CA 94952
Julian Baum esq.	(415) 963-4424	9 Tenaya Lane, Novato CA 94947
Amy Richards	(415) 913-0854	8701 N.E. 54 th St. Vancouver WA 98662

Respectfully,

John E. King

Penngrove@sonic.net

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Should Commissioner Kapolchok not apply, I am applying for the Public Member position; should she apply, I am applying for the Alternate position.

Date: 30 Mar 2022

Name: Stephen J. Herzberg

Mailing Address:

PO Box 189, Bodega Bay, CA 94923

Phone (1): 713.213.1133

Phone (2):

E-mail: herzberg8821@gmail.com

Length of residence in Sonoma County:

10.5 years

Are you an officer or employee of the County, a city or special district within Sonoma County?

I am a volunteer/employee of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District.

Please describe your educational background:

Juris Doctor, University of Southern California Law Center; AB, Political Science, University of California, Los Angeles; EMT Unitek (National License, and licensed in CA and WI)

Present occupation:

Retired(?): Professor Emeritus, University of Wisconsin, Law School: Litigation Consultant; Film Maker (Member of Writers, Directors, and Producers Guilds); Assistant Fire Chief/EMT, Bodega Bay Fire Protection District; FF/EMT Winchester Volunteer Fire Department and Manitowish Waters Fire Company – both in Vilas County, Wisconsin.

Employer Name: Self/Bodega Bay Fire Protection District

Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO member? If so, please explain.

No, I have served as a LAFCO commissioner, without conflict, and anticipate the ability to do so in the future.

List community service activities/memberships on boards, commissions, committees, including names of organizations and dates of service.

Current Public Member Alternate Member on LAFCO; I have served, and continue to serve, on many community service boards. Some of the most recent and most important to the LAFCO position are: Fire/EMS (EMCC, MAC, CQI, Protocol/Policy Group, Sonoma County Fire Chiefs EMS Committee, MHOAC, Fire/EMS/Law Public Health Group): President, Bodega Bay Firefighters Association, a 501(c)3 charitable wing of the firehouse; HOA Boards – Past President, Sandalwood Homeowners Association, Houston Texas [Note: Houston does not have zoning and many land use decisions are made by HOA's], Past Member, Bodega Harbour Homeowners Association(Bodega Bay HOA).

Other interests:

Outdoor activities including fishing, hiking and biking. Community involvement. Photography. Cars. Reading. Documentaries. Crime shows on BritBox and Acorn.

Have you attended LAFCO meetings? If so, when?

I am a multi-term commissioner and have attended scheduled Commission and committee meetings.

Please explain your qualifications for the position and reasons for serving on Sonoma LAFCO.

I have a diverse background. I have served on LAFCO for several years. In some areas, I bring expertise on current topics before the commission. In others, I bring intellectual curiosity and the desire to learn. My early legal service was as an attorney for the rural poor as the Directing Attorney of the Madera office of CRLA; even then, many years ago, the battle for "water" was shaping the political, business and social maps of the state; and much of our work was in making sure that there was equity in the distribution of essential services. Not shown above – I own and farmed agricultural land in Wisconsin and am familiar with many of the issues related

to the preservation of ag land and the environment. My land is now in a conservation set aside. My land is in a small town that has been threatened by urban expansion. We face some of the same critical issues faced in Sonoma County. I have a strong background in the issues surrounding rural life. And, as a resident of Houston, Texas, for 10 years – and the president of an HOA, I understand the urban side of some of those same issues. I am deeply involved, at a grass roots level, in the issues facing this county and state. I live on the Sonoma Coast – an area often overlooked and under-represented when important decisions are being made. Perhaps, most importantly, I am committed to a life of service and am constantly seeking ways to contribute to the communities in which I live.

From your perspective, explain the purpose of LAFCO, its role and responsibilities.

When I first interviewed for the commission, I applied the Mission statement to my experience and values. Today, that mission rings true. But, if someone were to ask my why I want to be a LAFCO commissioner, I would answer that what I value most about LAFCO is that it is a place not beholden to or affected by politics that makes decisions based upon principle and data; LAFCO is the place where I have relished discussions based on merit and policy and the quest to do the right thing for the right reasons.

CERTIFICATION

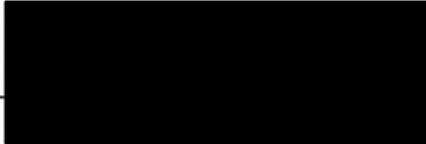
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