



March 5, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Belia Ramos
Association of Bay Area Governments
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Allocations and Credits

Dear President Ramos:

Pursuant to Government Code section 65584.07(d), the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma are pleased to present their mutually acceptable agreement for transfer of a portion of Sonoma County's RHNA to Santa Rosa. The City and County agree that the City will accept RHNA responsibility for total of 641 units currently allocated to the County, including 34 units affordable to very low-income households and 607 units affordable to above moderate-income households. This RHNA transfer agreement follows an annexation to the City that was finalized September 25, 2024 (the "Lance Dr. annexation").

Government Code Section 65584.07(d) encourages counties and cities to reach a "mutually acceptable agreement" for transfers of RHNA related to a city annexation of unincorporated land. If such an annexation occurs after the council of governments (here, ABAG) has made its final RHNA allocation, the affected county and city may reach a mutually acceptable agreement to transfer part of the county's allocation to the city. The transfer agreement must be submitted to the council of governments (COG) within 90 days after the annexation, but the COG may extend the deadline if an extension is consistent with the objectives of the Housing Element Law. (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subd. (d)(2)(A).) A transfer agreement submitted under Section 65584.07(d) "shall be effective immediately upon receipt by the council of governments." (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subd. (d)(2)(A).) A transfer under Section 65584.07(d) "shall be based on the RHNA methodology adopted by the COG pursuant to Government Code section 65584.04. (Ibid.) However, the statute specifies that the transfer "shall not be made" if the COG confirms that the annexed land was fully incorporated into the RHNA methodology used to allocate the city's share of the regional housing needs. (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subds. (d)(2)(A), (d)(3).)

As outlined below, the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma of County believe the RHNA transfer agreement meets all applicable statutory criteria to be effective immediately upon receipt by ABAG, and is as follows:

APN	Very Low Income Units	Moderate Income Units	Above Moderate Income Units
036-111-009, -010, 016 <i>(only the three affected parcels that are listed in the County's Housing Element Inventory are identified as part of the transfer)</i>	34	0	607
TOTAL UNITS TRANSFERED	641		

- Consistent with Section 65584.07(d)(1), the Lance Dr. annexation occurred almost three years after ABAG made the final RHNA allocation for the 2023-2031 cycle. ABAG approved the final 2023-2031 RHNA allocation plan in December 2021. The Lance Dr. annexation was final on September 25, 2024. (See Attachment 1.)
- On December 18, 2024, the City and County jointly submitted a request for extension of the statutory 90-day deadline, as authorized by Section 65584.07, subdivision (d)(2)(A). (See Attachment 2.) The extension request was submitted within the statutory period, and submission of the RHNA transfer agreement is therefore timely and not time-barred.
- The City-County RHNA transfer agreement is submitted pursuant to Section 65584.07(d)(1), and the Lance Dr. annexation area was not incorporated in the methodology used to allocate the City's share of the regional housing needs, consistent with Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A) and (d)(3). In ABAG's 2023-2031 RHNA methodology, unincorporated areas in Sonoma County were "assigned" to the County for purposes of RHNA responsibility. The Lance Dr. annexation area was unincorporated County territory until it was annexed by the City as of September 2024, and therefore was not incorporated in the methodology used to allocate the City's RHNA. Further, as required by Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A), the City-County RHNA transfer does not reduce the total regional housing or change the RHNA for any jurisdiction other than the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma.
- Government Code Section 65584.07(d)(2)(B) does not apply. The Lance Dr. annexation area is not subject to a development agreement authorized by Government Code Section 65865 and entered into prior to January 1, 2008.

The City-County RHNA transfer agreement has received all necessary local approvals. On March 4, 2025 the Santa Rosa City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the City-County RHNA transfer agreement. (See Attachment 3.) Approval by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not required.

Because the City and County believe the RHNA transfer agreement meets all applicable requirements of Government Code Section 65584.07(d), we request that the agreement will be effective upon receipt by ABAG.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jones, Santa Rosa Deputy Director of Planning at 707-543-3253 or jjones@srcity.org or Scott Orr, Permit Sonoma Assistant Director at 707-565-1754 or scott.orr@sonoma-county.org.

Sincerely,

Mark Stapp

[Mark Stapp \(Mar 11, 2025 06:12 EDT\)](#)

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CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

I, Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma, hereby certify that the attached legal description and map comply with the Commission's Resolution No. 2785 dated August 7, 2024.

The LAFCO file number and title of the proceeding is: File No 2024-02 Northwest Santa Rosa Reorganization No 22-01 (Tesconi) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from County Service Areas No. 41 (Multi-Services) and No. 40 (Fire Services)

The name of each district or city involved in this change of organization or reorganization and the kind or type of change of organization ordered for each city or district are as follows:

<u>Affected City/District</u>	<u>Type of Change</u>
City of Santa Rosa	Annexation
County Service Areas No. 41 (Multi-Services)	Detachment
County Service Areas No. 40 (Fire Services)	Detachment

The affected agencies are located in the County of Sonoma.

The legal description of the affected territory is attached. The territory is not inhabited.

The terms and conditions are described in LAFCO Resolution No. 2785.

The proposal was ordered without an election.

9/25/2024

Date

Mark Bramfitt
Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer

Resolution No. 2785

111 Santa Rosa Ave Ste 240
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

August 7, 2024

Resolution of the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma, State of California, Making Findings Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act as a Responsible Agency, Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations, Approving a Reorganization Designated as Northwest Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 22-01 (Tesconi) Involving Annexation to the City of Santa Rosa and Detachment from County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services), and Waiving Protest Proceedings for the Proposal (File No. 2024-02)

Resolved, that the Local Agency Formation Commission of the County of Sonoma (the Commission) hereby finds as follows:

1. Proposal and Procedural History

1.1 PR II/Wood Santa Rosa LLC (the Applicant) submitted an application (the Application) to the Executive Officer of the Commission (the Executive Officer) pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Gov. Code §56000 et seq.) (the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act) proposing a reorganization consisting of annexation to the City of Santa Rosa (City) and detachment from County Service Area No. 40 (Fire Services) and County Service Area No. 41 (Multi-Services) (the Proposal).

1.2 The Proposal consists of six parcels totaling approximately thirty-nine acres, generally located north of Guerneville Road, west of Lance Drive, south of Pawnee Street and east of Ridley Ave in the northwest section of the City (APNs 036-111-009, -010, -011, -016, -002 and 036-091-061) (the Affected Territory).

1.3 As part of the Application, the Applicant submitted a plan for services within the Affected Territory (Plan for Services). The Application and the Plan for Services were submitted to the Executive Officer pursuant to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The Executive Officer accepted the Application for filing on April 23, 2024, and set the Proposal for consideration by the Commission and provided notice thereof as directed in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

1.4 The Executive Officer reviewed the Proposal, prepared a report analyzing the Proposal (the Executive Officer's Report), and recommended approval of the Proposal. Upon completion, the Executive Officer furnished copies of the Executive Officer's Report to all persons entitled to copies under the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act.

1.5 At its meeting of August 7, 2024, the Commission heard and received all relevant oral and written testimony and evidence presented or filed regarding the Proposal and considered the Executive Officer's Report and the environmental effects of the Proposal as shown in the Final EIR and Guidelines Section 15168(c) checklist. All interested people were given the opportunity to hear and be heard. At the conclusion of public testimony, the Commission considered the Proposal and the environmental effects thereof and determined to make the findings herein, to adopt a statement of overriding considerations, and to approve the Proposal as set forth herein.

1.6 The Commission has had an opportunity to review this resolution and hereby finds that it accurately sets forth the intentions of the Commission regarding the Proposal.

2. CEQA Compliance

2.1 The Commission has reviewed and considered the Final EIR, as prepared by the City, prior to reaching its decision herein. The Commission has reached its own independent conclusions on whether and under what conditions to approve the Proposal. The Commission has reviewed and considered the sphere of influence for the City established by the Commission (the City's Sphere of Influence), the urban service area boundary for the City in the Sonoma County General Plan (the County's Urban Service Area Boundary for the City), the 2035 General Plan for the City (the City's 2035 General Plan or the City's General Plan), and the urban growth boundary for the City enacted by the voters of the City (the City's UGB or the UGB). Prior to reaching its decision herein, the Commission has also reviewed and considered the following resolutions and ordinances of the City, which are incorporated herein by reference:

(a) Resolution No. 28187, Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Rosa Certifying the Final Environmental Impact Report for the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan and Associated General Plan, Zoning Code, Design Guidelines, Citywide Creek Master Plan and Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Amendments – File Number ST10-009, dated September 18, 2012;

(b) Resolution No. 28188, Resolution of the Council of the City of Santa Rosa Approving a General Plan Amendment To Allow Adoption of the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan and Adopting the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan and Making Findings and Adopting a Statement of Overriding Considerations With Regard to Significant Impacts Identified in the Final Environmental Impact Report for the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan – File Number ST10-009, dated September 18, 2012;

(c) Ordinance No. 3993, Ordinance of the Council of the City of Santa Rosa Amending Title 20 of the Santa Rosa City Code – Reclassification of 1,319 Properties Located within the Boundaries of the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan – File Number ST 10-009, dated September 25, 2012.

2.2 The Commission finds that the City is the lead agency and that the Commission is a responsible agency for the Proposal pursuant to CEQA. The Commission further finds that, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines sections 15096 and

15162, none of the requirements for the Commission to take lead agency status and conduct further environmental review is met.

2.3 As lead agency, the City prepared and certified a programmatic EIR for the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan. The Final EIR identified significant and unavoidable impacts related to Air Quality and Traffic and Circulation. The City adopted a statement of overriding considerations for the significant and unavoidable Impacts. The Commission has reviewed the City's Resolution No. 28188, which is incorporated herein by reference. The Commission concurs with and adopts the findings of Resolution No. 28188 with respect to each of the significant impacts identified in the Final EIR.

2.4 The Commission, as a responsible agency, has responsibility for mitigating or avoiding only the direct or indirect environmental effects of those parts of a project that it decides to carry out, finance, or approve. The Commission finds that, with respect to its decision herein, the Commission has jurisdiction over only the proposed reorganization of the Affected Territory. This decision to reorganize places the Affected Territory under the jurisdiction of the City, which as the lead agency and as agency with police power to regulate land use, has the power to implement most of the feasible alternatives or mitigation measures to mitigate or avoid the potentially significant environmental effects of implementation of the City's Station Area Specific Plan. The Commission further finds that there are no feasible mitigation measures or alternatives within the Commission's power that would substantially lessen or avoid any of the Station Area Specific Plan's significant environmental effects.

2.5 The Commission has considered alternatives and mitigation measures to reduce or avoid the significant environmental effects of the City's Station Area Specific Plan. The Commission concurs with and relies upon the City's findings in Santa Rosa City Council Resolution No. 28188 regarding the potentially significant environmental effects of the Station Area Specific Plan. The Commission finds that those conclusions do not require modification, pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines section 15162. The Commission finds that, as identified in Resolution No. 28188, certain changes or alterations that would avoid or substantially lessen the significant environmental effects identified in the Final EIR are within the police power and responsibility of the City and that the City can and should adopt such measures. The Commission finds that the City, through adoption of its Mitigation Monitoring and Reporting Program and through adoption of various conditions of approval, provisions of the resolutions and ordinances listed above as well as other resolutions and ordinances of the City, has taken responsibility for and is implementing all feasible mitigation measures within its jurisdiction and control.

2.6 The Commission finds that the alternatives presented would contravene the Commission's prior decisions to place the Affected Territory within the City's Sphere of Influence and would be contrary to the Commission's duties arising from Government Code sections 56001 and 56377(b) and its policy goals: to ensure that growth is orderly and logical, to discourage urban sprawl, to preserve open space and prime agricultural

lands outside an agency's sphere of influence, and to promote the extension of government services efficiently. The Commission finds that growth within the City's Sphere of Influence, the County's Urban Service Area Boundary for the City, and the City's Urban Growth Boundary achieves these goals, while denying reorganization of the Affected Territory could contravene these goals.

2.7 The Commission finds that the interests and policy goals of the Commission outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts identified in the Final EIR. With respect to the significant and unavoidable impacts to Air Quality and Traffic and Circulation, the Commission adopts the statement of overriding considerations in Resolution No. 28188, for the reasons stated in that resolution, and further finds that the Proposal will help implement the Station Area Specific Plan and have the following benefits:

- a. Will support development of transit-oriented land-use plans along major transportation corridors to help increase the cost-effectiveness of the City's public transit investments.
- b. Will allow for intensification of residential densities that will eventually support future transit improvements in the Station Area Specific Plan area.
- c. Will encourage improvement of the general aesthetic character of the West College Avenue area through well-designed mixed-use development.
- d. Will enhance and encourage bicycle, pedestrian, and transit-related travel throughout the Station Area Specific Plan area.
- e. Will eliminate an unincorporated County island through annexation of properties that are contiguous to existing urban development to create logical and orderly urban boundaries for planned development requiring necessary public services and utilities.

2.8 The Commission finds that reorganization of the Affected Territory is consistent with and furthers implementation of the goals and policies of the Commission and further finds that the benefits of the Proposal outweigh the significant and unavoidable impacts of the Specific Plan for the reasons stated herein.

2.9 The Commission has considered the City's proposed Environmental Checklist for the Lance Drive Project and finds that the Lance Drive Project is within the scope of the programmatic EIR and requires no further environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines, section 15168(c)(2).

3. Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act Compliance

3.1 The Commission has reviewed and considered the information contained in the ordinances and resolutions of the City prior to reaching its decision on the Proposal and makes the following findings and determinations with respect to the Proposal:

a. The Affected Territory is within the City's Sphere of Influence and the County's Urban Service Area Boundary for the City. The Commission therefore finds that the Proposal is consistent with the City's Sphere of Influence and the Sonoma County General Plan.

b. The Affected Territory is within the City's Urban Growth Boundary and is contiguous to the City's jurisdictional boundary. The Affected Territory has been pre-zoned by the City to be consistent with the land-use designations of its General Plan. The City indicates that it has capacity within its systems to provide needed services.

c. The purpose of the Proposal is to allow for future development at densities consistent with the land-use designations of the City's General Plan and the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan and to permit access to public services provided by the City.

d. The Proposal will implement the goals in the City's General Plan and North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan for planned, orderly, and efficient patterns of urban development within the Affected Territory.

e. The Commission has determined the territory to be uninhabited. The owners of all parcels that encompass the Affected Territory have provided their written consent to the Proposal. As a result, the Commission may waive protest proceedings.

3.2 Based on the foregoing findings, the Commission finds that the Proposal is consistent with the intent of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act and the purposes of the Commission, as expressed in Government Code sections 56001 and 56301, and that approval of the Proposal is appropriate.

4. Evidence in the Record

4.1 The findings set forth in Sections 1 through 3 of this resolution are based upon the entire record before the Commission. References to specific reports or documents in a finding are not intended to identify those sources as the exclusive bases for the finding. Headings are inserted for convenience only, and the location of a finding under a specific heading is not intended to limit the role of that finding to that particular heading.

Now, therefore, based on the foregoing findings and the record of these proceedings, the Commission hereby declares, and orders as follows:

1. The foregoing findings are true and correct, are supported by substantial evidence in the record, and are adopted as hereinabove set forth.
2. The Proposal is approved.

3. The boundary of the Affected Territory shall be as shown and described in Exhibit "A" to this resolution, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

4. The Proposal is assigned the following short-form designation: Northwest Santa Rosa Reorganization No. 22-01 (Tesconi).

5. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized for the Proposal.

6. The Affected Territory shall not be taxed for existing bonded indebtedness and contractual obligations.

7. The property tax transfer to the City shall be in accordance with the master property tax exchange agreement adopted by the County of Sonoma and the cities in Sonoma County, as described in Sonoma County Board of Supervisors Resolution No. 89-0270.

8. The Commission waives protest proceedings for the Proposal in compliance with this resolution and Section 56663(c) of the California Government Code.

9. The effective date of the reorganization shall be the date of the recordation of the certificate of completion.

10. The Executive Officer is authorized to file a notice of determination in accordance with the provisions of CEQA and the State CEQA Guidelines. The Executive Officer is further authorized to mail copies of this resolution in the manner provided by law.

11. The Executive Officer is directed to file a certificate of completion for the Proposal after receipt of all final materials, as required. If a certificate of completion for the Proposal has not been filed within one year after the adoption of this resolution, the Proposal shall be deemed abandoned unless, prior to expiration of the one-year time period, the Commission authorizes an extension of time for completion of the Proposal.

12. The Clerk of the Commission is designated as the custodian of the documents and other materials that constitute the record of the proceedings upon which the Commission's decision herein is based. These documents may be found at the office of the Clerk of the Commission, 111 Santa Rosa Avenue, Suite 240, Santa Rosa, CA, 95404.

The foregoing resolution was introduced at a regular meeting of the Commission on the 7th day of August 2024 and ordered adopted by the following vote:

Commissioners: Kapolchok, Hemmendinger, Harvey, Gorin, Gore and Holmer

Ayes: 6
Noes: 0
Abstain: 0

Whereupon the Chair declared the foregoing resolution adopted and so ordered.


Attest:



Mark Bramfitt, Executive Officer

The within instrument is a true and correct copy of the original on file in this office.

ATTEST:



Clerk

Unofficial Copy



**LEGAL DESCRIPTION
ANNEXATION
NORTHWEST SANTA ROSA REORGANIZATION NO. 22-01
(TESCONI) INVOLVING ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AND
DETACHMENT FROM THE SONOMA COUNTY SERVICE
AREA NO. 40 (FIRE SERVICES DISTRICT) AND
COUTNY SERVICE AREA NO. 41 (MULTI-SERVICE DISTRICT)
CONTAINING 41.55± ACRES**

All that certain real property, located in The County of Sonoma, State of California, described as follows:

Being all of that certain land described in that certain Affidavit of Change of Trustee, recorded on January 5, 2024, as Document No. 2024-000603, Official Records Of Sonoma County, also being all of that certain land described in that certain Affidavit of Change of Trustee, recorded on January 5, 2024, as Document No. 2024-000604, Official Records Of Sonoma County, also being all of that certain land described in that certain Grant Deed recorded on October 25, 2004, as Document No. 2004-161369, Official Records of Sonoma County, also being all of that certain land described in that certain Grant Deed Recorded on October 15, 2021, as Document No. 2021-114254, Official Records of Sonoma County, also being all of that certain parcel shown on that certain Record of Survey Map, filed for record on December 22, 1971 in Book 165 of Maps at Page 21, Records of Sonoma County, also being a portion of Guerneville Road, as said road is shown on an unrecorded Sonoma County Map entitled "Guerneville Road Right of Way", map numbers 002136 & 002137, dated January 1961, found in the office of the Department of Public Works of said County, also being a portion of Lance Drive, as said road is shown on an unrecorded Sonoma County Map entitled "Lance Avenue", map number 002473, dated June 1971, found in the Office of the Department of Public Works of said County, also being a portion of Iroquois Street, as said Street is shown on that certain Map filed for record on May 23, 2005, in Book 677 of Maps at Pages 9-12 of Sonoma County Records, being more particularly described as follows:

COMMENCING at 3-inch Brass Disk in a Monument Well stamped "City of Santa Rosa PLS 6149" at the intersection of Iroquois Street (50 Feet Wide) and Lance Drive (Width Varies) as shown on that certain Map filed for record on May 23, 2005, In Book 677 of Maps at Pages 9-12, Official Records of Sonoma County;

Thence along the monument line of Iroquois Street (50 Feet Wide), North 00°06'22" West, 508.89 feet to a 3-inch Brass Disk in a Monument Well stamped "City of Santa Rosa PLS 6149" as shown on that certain Map filed for record on May 23, 2005, In Book 677 of Maps at Pages 9-12, of Sonoma County Records;

Thence leaving said monument line of Iroquois Street (50 Feet Wide), North $04^{\circ}01'34''$ West, 29.14 feet to a 3-inch Brass Disk in a Monument Well stamped "City of Santa Rosa PLS 6149" as shown on that certain Map filed for record on May 23, 2005, In Book 677 of Maps at Pages 9-12, Official Records of Sonoma County, said point also being the **POINT OF BEGINNING** of this description;

Thence along the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: West Santa Rosa No. 8, recorded on August 22, 1962, in Book 90 of Maps at Page 23, Records of said County, North $89^{\circ}45'53''$ East, 30.02 feet to the easterly Right of Way line of Iroquois Street as shown on said map (677-Maps-9 through 12);

Thence along said easterly Right of Way line, also being the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: North Santa Rosa No. 18, recorded on May 15, 1967, in Book 119 of Maps at Page 17, Records of said County, and its southerly prolongation also being the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: NWSR 16-80, recorded on April 16, 1981, in Book 318 of Maps at Page 39, Records of said County, South $00^{\circ}06'22''$ East, 567.38 feet to the southerly Right of way line of Lance Drive (Width Varies);

Thence along said southerly Right of Way Line, also being the existing city boundary as established by said Annexation: NWSR 16-80, the following three (3) courses;

- 1) North $89^{\circ}48'43''$ East, 517.28 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right,
- 2) Along said curve to the right, having a radius of 120.09 feet, through a central angle of $69^{\circ}06'18''$, for an arc length of 144.84 feet, and
- 3) South $21^{\circ}04'59''$ East, 148.76 feet to a point on the Southerly Right of Way line of Guerneville Road (86 Feet Wide) as shown on said Guerneville Road Right of Way Map;

Thence along said southerly Right of Way line, also being the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: West Santa Rosa No. 15, recorded on September 18, 1963, in Book 95 of Maps at Page 20, records of said county, as shown on said Guerneville Road Right of Way Map, the following two (2) courses:

- 1) South $50^{\circ}51'54''$ West, 356.34 feet to the beginning of a tangent curve to the right;
- 2) Along said curve to the right, having a radius of 2,043.00 feet, through a central angle of $38^{\circ}18'33''$, for an arc length of 1,365.99 feet to the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: NWSR No. 14-79, recorded on August 26, 1980, in Book 311 of Maps at Page 6, records of said County;

Thence leaving said Southerly Right of Way line, and along the existing city boundary as established by said Annexation: NWSR No. 14-79, North $00^{\circ}31'48''$ West, 86.00 feet to the most southwesterly corner of that certain parcel shown on Record of Survey, filed for record on December 22, 1971 in Book 165 of Maps at Page 21, Records of Sonoma County;

Thence continuing along the westerly line of last said parcel also being the existing city boundary as established by said Annexation: NWSR No. 14-79, North 00°31'48" West, 316.08 feet to the most Northwesterly corner of said parcel;

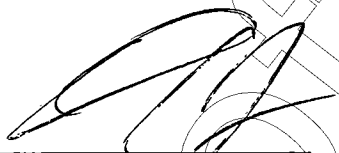
Thence leaving said corner along the northerly line of that parcel labeled, "Lands of Bethel Baptist Church" as shown on that certain Record of Survey Map, filed for Record on April 28, 2006 in Book 693 of Maps at Page 37, Sonoma County Records, also being the existing city boundary as established by said Annexation: NWSR No. 14-79, South 89°56'07" West, 286.34 feet to the southeasterly corner of that parcel labeled as "Lands of Hanna Trust" as shown on last said Record of Survey Map;

Thence along the westerly line of said land described in said Affidavit of Change of Trustee, recorded on January 5, 2024, as Document No. 2024-000603, Official Records Of Sonoma County, also being the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: North Santa Rosa No. 30, recorded on October 2, 1968, in Book 128 of Maps at Page 29, Records of said County, North 00°10'24" East, 1,053.35 feet to the northwesterly corner of last said land;

Thence along the northerly line of said lands described in said Affidavit of Change of Trustee, recorded on January 5, 2024, as Document No. 2024-000603 and said Affidavit of Change of Trustee, recorded on January 5, 2024, as Document No. 2024-000604, also being the existing city boundary as established by Annexation: West Santa Rosa No. 8, recorded on August 22, 1962, in Maps, Book 90 at Page 23, Records of said County, North 89°31'32" East, 1,088.99 feet to the westerly right of way line of aforementioned Iroquois Street (50 Feet Wide);

Thence continuing along the existing city boundary as established by said Annexation: West Santa Rosa No. 8, North 89°31'32" East, 20.00 feet to the **POINT OF BEGINNING**.

Containing 1,809,809 square feet or 41.55 acres, more or less.



David C. Jungmann, PLS 9267



8/22/2024
Dated

END OF DESCRIPTION





December 18, 2024

SENT VIA EMAIL

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RE: Request for Time Extension Per Gov. Code § 65584.07(d)(2)(A)

Dear President Ramos:

Pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A), the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma jointly request an extension of the 90-day deadline to submit a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement after an annexation. On September 25, 2024, Sonoma LAFCO completed an annexation of approximately 41.55 acres in northwest Santa Rosa; the deadline to submit a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement is December 24, 2024, unless extended by ABAG. City and County staff have identified a preliminary agreement which requires approval by the Santa Rosa City Council. A 90-day extension is requested to allow sufficient time for the item to be placed on the earliest available City Council meeting agenda.

Government Code Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A) provides that ABAG may extend the deadline to submit a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement "if it determines an extension is consistent with the objectives of this article." The referenced objectives for the regional housing needs allocation plan are provided in Government Code Section 65584(d)(1)-(5). The 90-day extension requested by the City and County is consistent with the referenced objectives, with the most relevant being subsections (d)(1), (d)(2), and (d)(5), as outlined below.

65584(d)(1): *Increasing the housing supply and the mix of housing types, tenure, and affordability in all cities and counties within the region in an equitable manner, which shall result in each jurisdiction receiving an allocation of units for low- and very low income households.*

The requested extension is necessary to enable the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma to finalize a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement

following annexation of unincorporated land to the City. The preliminary agreement reached by City and County staff proposes transfer of a total of 641 units, including 34 units affordable to very low-income households and 607 above moderate-income units. The very low-income RHNA reflects the units and affordability level of the housing development project recently approved by the City for the annexed area.

65584(d)(2): *Promoting infill development and socioeconomic equity, the protection of environmental and agricultural resources, the encouragement of efficient development patterns, and the achievement of the region's greenhouse gas reductions targets provided by the State Air Resources Board pursuant to [Section 65080](#).*

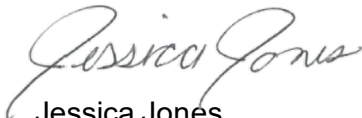
As stated above, an extension is requested to enable the City of Santa Rosa and the County of Sonoma to finalize a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement for an annexation of unincorporated land to the City. The annexed area was an unincorporated island surrounded by incorporated territory of the City, and is located within approximately one-half mile of the North Santa Rosa SMART station. Annexation enables the site to be developed at higher densities due to the availability of City water and sewer services. The contemplated RHNA transfer is consistent with the actual units recently approved by the City for the project site.

65584(d)(5): *Affirmatively furthering fair housing.*

The extension would enable a transfer of RHNA units in an amount that tracks the number of units, by income level, recently approved by the City for the annexation area. The 34 very low-income units proposed for transfer are proposed on a 1:1 basis with the number contemplated in project approvals, and the significant majority of units are above moderate-income units. The annexed area is in a CTCAC lower-resource area, and the income mix of the contemplated transfer is consistent with both the City's and County's AFFH obligations.

If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Jones, Santa Rosa Deputy Director of Planning at 707-543-3253 or jjones@srcity.org or Scott Orr, Permit Sonoma Assistant Director at 707-565-1754 or scott.orr@sonoma-county.org.

Sincerely,



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RESOLUTION NO. RES-2025-034

RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO SIGN AN LETTER AGREEING TO A TRANSFER OF 641 REGIONAL HOUSING NEEDS ALLOCATION (RHNA) UNITS FROM THE COUNTY OF SONOMA TO THE CITY OF SANTA ROSA

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2012, the City Council certified an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) for the North Santa Rosa Station Area Specific Plan and, in anticipation of a future annexation, adopted Pre-Zoning for the properties located at 1601, 1680, 1696 and 1705 Lance Drive (Subject Properties) in northwest Santa Rosa, which were part of an unincorporated County of Sonoma island; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2023, the City Council adopted the 2023-2031 Housing Element, which included the City's obligation for the 6th Cycle Regional Housing Needs Allocation (RHNA); and

WHEREAS, on August 22, 2023, the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors adopted the County of Sonoma's Housing Element, which included the Subject Properties in the County's Sites Inventory, with a total RHNA obligation of 641 units, broken down into 163 lower income units, 238 moderate income units and 240 above moderate-income units; and

WHEREAS, on August 7, 2024, the Sonoma Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) approved an annexation of the Subject Properties, which was recorded by the Sonoma County Clerk's Office on September 25, 2024; and

WHEREAS, on October 18, 2024, pursuant to Government Code Section 65584.07(d), the City received a request from the County of Sonoma to initiate a transfer of 641 of the County's 6th Cycle RHNA, broken down into 163 lower income units, 238 moderate income units and 240 above moderate-income units, to the City related to the annexation of the Subject Properties; and

WHEREAS, on November 14, 2024, the Planning Commission approved a Tentative Map and Conditional Use Permit for a small lot subdivision for the Lance Drive Housing Development project, located on the Subject Properties. The project included a request to construct a 672-unit apartment complex, 98 single-family homes (Small Lot Subdivision), and 4,800-square-foot community-serving retail building and outdoor plaza on approximately 34.93 acres. The conditions of approval included a requirement to provide 34 of the units at the Very Low-Income affordability category; and

WHEREAS, on December 4, 2024, the Zoning Administrator approved Design Review for the multi-family residential and retail building portions of the Lance Drive Housing Development project; and

WHEREAS, thereafter, the City and County jointly drafted a RHNA transfer agreement letter, to be submitted to the Association of Bay Area Governments (ABAG), agreeing to transfer

641 of the County’s 6th Cycle RHNA to the City, with the units broken down as follows: 34 very low-income units and 607 above moderate-income units; and

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2024, the joint City/County letter was sent to ABAG requesting a 90-day extension of the initial 90-day deadline to submit a mutually acceptable RHNA transfer agreement following annexation; and

WHEREAS, on February 3, 2025, ABAG approved the 90-day extension to March 24, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the Council considered the staff report and the attachments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the City of Santa Rosa authorizes the Mayor to sign a joint City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma RHNA transfer agreement letter, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, agreeing to a transfer of 641 RHNA units, broken down into 34 Very Low-Income units and 607 Above Moderate-Income units, from the County of Sonoma to the City of Santa Rosa.

IN COUNCIL DULY PASSED this 4th day of March, 2025.

AYES: (7) Mayor Stapp, Vice Mayor Alvarez, Council Members Bañuelos, Fleming, MacDonald, Okrepkie, Rogers

NOES: (0)

ABSENT: (0)

ABSTAIN/RECUSE: (0)

ATTEST: Dina Manis
City Clerk

APPROVED: Mark Stapp
Mark Stapp (Mar 6, 2025 16:09 PST)
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM: [Signature]
City Attorney

Exhibit A – Draft RHNA Transfer Letter



_____, 2025

SENT VIA EMAIL

Belia Ramos
Association of Bay Area Governments
Bay Area Metro Center
375 Beale Street, Suite 800
San Francisco, CA 94105

RE: Transfer of Regional Housing Needs Allocations and Credits

Dear President Ramos:

Pursuant to Government Code section 65584.07(d), the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma are pleased to present their mutually acceptable agreement for transfer of a portion of Sonoma County's RHNA to Santa Rosa. The City and County agree that the City will accept RHNA responsibility for total of 641 units currently allocated to the County, including 34 units affordable to very low-income households and 607 units affordable to above moderate-income households. This RHNA transfer agreement follows an annexation to the City that was finalized September 25, 2024 (the "Lance Dr. annexation").

Government Code Section 65584.07(d) encourages counties and cities to reach a "mutually acceptable agreement" for transfers of RHNA related to a city annexation of unincorporated land. If such an annexation occurs after the council of governments (here, ABAG) has made its final RHNA allocation, the affected county and city may reach a mutually acceptable agreement to transfer part of the county's allocation to the city. The transfer agreement must be submitted to the council of governments (COG) within 90 days after the annexation, but the COG may extend the deadline if an extension is consistent with the objectives of the Housing Element Law. (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subd. (d)(2)(A).) A transfer agreement submitted under Section 65584.07(d) "shall be effective immediately upon receipt by the council of governments." (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subd. (d)(2)(A).) A transfer under Section 65584.07(d) "shall be based on the RHNA methodology adopted by the COG pursuant to Government Code section 65584.04. (Ibid.) However, the statute specifies that the transfer "shall not be made" if the COG confirms that the annexed land was fully incorporated into the RHNA methodology used to allocate the city's share of the regional housing needs. (Gov. Code, § 65584.07, subds. (d)(2)(A), (d)(3).)

As outlined below, the City of Santa Rosa and Sonoma of County believe the RHNA transfer agreement meets all applicable statutory criteria to be effective immediately upon receipt by ABAG, and is as follows:

APN	Very Low Income Units	Low Income Units	Moderate Income Units	Above Moderate Income Units
036-111-009, -010, 016 <i>(only the three affected parcels that are listed in the County’s Housing Element Inventory are identified as part of the transfer agreement)</i>	34	0	0	607
TOTAL UNITS TRANSFERED	641			

- Consistent with Section 65584.07(d)(1), the Lance Dr. annexation occurred almost three years after ABAG made the final RHNA allocation for the 2023-2031 cycle. ABAG approved the final 2023-2031 RHNA allocation plan in December 2021. The Lance Dr. annexation was final on September 25, 2024. (See Attachment 1.)
- On December 18, 2024, the City and County jointly submitted a request for extension of the statutory 90-day deadline, as authorized by Section 65584.07, subdivision (d)(2)(A). (See Attachment 2.) The extension request was submitted within the statutory period, and submission of the RHNA transfer agreement is therefore timely and not time-barred.
- The City-County RHNA transfer agreement is submitted pursuant to Section 65584.07(d)(1), and the Lance Dr. annexation area was not incorporated in the methodology used to allocate the City’s share of the regional housing needs, consistent with Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A) and (d)(3). In ABAG’s 2023-2031 RHNA methodology, unincorporated areas in Sonoma County were “assigned” to the County for purposes of RHNA responsibility. The Lance Dr. annexation area was unincorporated County territory until it was annexed by the City as of September 2024, and therefore was not incorporated in the methodology used to allocate the City’s RHNA. Further, as required by Section 65584.07(d)(2)(A), the City-County RHNA transfer does not reduce the total regional housing or change the RHNA for any jurisdiction other than the City of Santa Rosa and County of Sonoma.

- Government Code Section 65584.07(d)(2)(B) does not apply. The Lance Dr. annexation area is not subject to a development agreement authorized by Government Code Section 65865 and entered into prior to January 1, 2008.

The City-County RHNA transfer agreement has received all necessary local approvals. On _____, 2025 the Santa Rosa City Council adopted a resolution authorizing the Mayor to sign the City-County RHNA transfer agreement. (See Attachment 3.) Approval by the Sonoma County Board of Supervisors is not required.

Because the City and County believe the RHNA transfer agreement meets all applicable requirements of Government Code Section 65584.07(d), we request that the agreement will be effective upon receipt by ABAG.

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