

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-49

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROHNERT PARK  
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO EXECUTE A LETTER OF INTENT TO REMAIN  
A PARTICIPANT IN THE JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT FOR HOUSING AND  
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES FOR THE  
2012/2014 RENEWAL CYCLE**

**WHEREAS**, on July 5, 2005, the County of Sonoma ("County"), the Town of Windsor and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and Sonoma ("Municipalities") entered into a Joint Powers Agreement ("JPA") to engage in housing and community development activities; and

**WHEREAS**, every three years, the County and Municipalities have an opportunity to re-qualify as a HUD-designated "Urban County" thereby entitling us to continue to receive an annual allocation of federal CDBG, ESG and Home funding as a "entitlement jurisdiction;" and

**WHEREAS**, the County must re-qualify as an urban county for the period of 2012/2014 during the present fiscal year; and must submit documentation to HUD by the July 10, 2011 deadline; and

**WHEREAS**, the Joint Powers Agreement will automatically be renewed unless Rohnert Park chooses to terminate the agreement and not participate during the 2012/2014 qualification period; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park wishes to remain a participant in the JPA; and

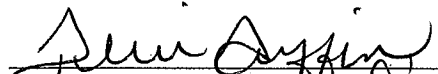
**WHEREAS**, the County is asking the City Manager to execute a Letter of Intent signifying that the City has been made aware of its option to exit the JPA and elects to remain a participant in the JPA for the 2012/2014 renewal cycle.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the City Council of the City of Rohnert Park that it does hereby authorize the City Manager to take such further actions and execute any agreements as may be necessary or appropriate to carry out the City's obligations under the terms of the Joint Powers Agreement.

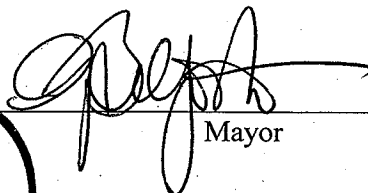
**DULY AND REGULARLY ADOPTED** this 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2011.

CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

ATTEST:

  
City Clerk



  
Mayor

AHANOTU: <u>AYE</u>	CALLINAN: <u>AYE</u>	MACKENZIE: <u>ABSENT</u>	STAFFORD: <u>AYE</u>	BELFORTE: <u>AYE</u>
AYES: (4)	NOES: (0)	ABSENT: (1)	ABSTAIN: (0)	JH-S:05-d



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CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

May 13, 2011

Gabriel Gonzalez, City Manager  
City of Rohnert Park  
6750 Commerce Boulevard  
Rohnert Park, CA. 94928

Re: Participation in the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and HOME Investment Partnership Entitlement Programs for 2012-2014.

Dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Every three years, the County of Sonoma, the Town of Windsor and the cities of Cloverdale, Cotati, Healdsburg, Rohnert Park, Sebastopol and Sonoma have an opportunity to re-qualify as a HUD-designated "Urban County" thereby entitling us to continue to receive an annual allocation of federal CDBG, ESG and HOME funding as a so-called "entitlement jurisdiction". It is time to communicate to HUD our intentions to remain an urban county of eight jurisdictions for 2012 through and including 2014. HUD stipulates the process and time line associated with this exercise and the purpose of this letter is to lay out that process.

Pursuant to HUD regulations which govern the qualification process for urban county status, Sonoma County, as the funding administrator, is required to notify each participating jurisdiction of the following at this time:

1. The County of Sonoma must re-qualify as an urban county for the period of 2012-2014, during the present fiscal year.
2. Your jurisdiction is automatically included as part of the urban county unless you choose to be excluded from the urban county program.
3. The urban county cooperation agreement, in the form of a Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) executed in 2005, will automatically be renewed unless you choose to terminate the agreement and not participate during the 2012-2014 qualification period.
4. If you choose to remain as part of the urban county, your community may participate in the county Community Development Block Grant and HOME Investment Partnership Programs.
5. If you choose to remain as part of the urban county, your community will be ineligible to apply for grants from appropriations under the Small Cities or State



CDBG and HOME programs for the duration of the 2012-2014 urban county agreement. Your jurisdiction may only receive formula allocation under the ESG and HOME Programs only through the urban county.

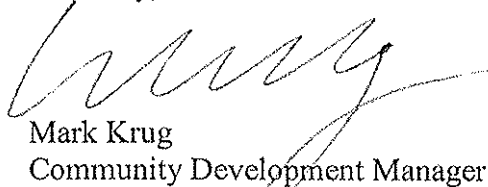
6. If you choose to be excluded from the urban county, or if you choose to terminate the urban county JPA and not participate during the 2012-2014 qualification period, you must notify both the county and HUD in writing by June 3, 2011.

A copy of the 2005 JPA is enclosed for your convenience although you should already have a copy on file. You will note that paragraph 12, Term of Agreement, clearly contemplates this automatic three-year renewal consistent with HUD guidelines.

As a means to document intent to remain an eight-jurisdiction urban county for 2012-2014 and thereby exercising the automatic three-year renewal feature in the existing JPA, we ask that you sign the certification below and return to us at your earliest convenience. In any event, we will need this documentation for submission to HUD by July 10, 2011 at the latest and we'd be appreciative in receiving it much earlier.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Heather Bond, Community Development Specialist, at 565-7522.

Sincerely,



Mark Krug  
Community Development Manager

Cc: Linda Babonis

enclosures: 2005 Joint Powers Agreement

#### INTENT TO RENEW JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

I certify that the City of Rohnert Park intends to remain a participant in the Joint Powers Agreement (JPA) enabling the eight-jurisdiction Urban County to continue to participate in the federal Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and the Home Investment Partnership Program as an entitlement jurisdiction and that the City has been made aware of the option to exit the JPA and elects to remain a participating jurisdiction for the 2012-2014 renewal cycle.

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Gabriel Gonzalez, City Manager

Date