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Melissa Thurman
Town Clerk
Portola Valley, CA 94028

RE: EXPRESSION OF INTEREST, PLANNING COMMISSION

Dear Ms. Thurman;

This letter constitutes my expression of interest in the one-year vacancy on the Town Planning Commission. I am interested in the position because I believe I have important skills to offer, I believe in public service and I would be honored to work with the citizens and staff of our Town. My skills developed over a lengthy career with appointed positions in federal and state government including a long career exercising skills of problem-solving, obtaining win-win outcomes and collegiality on many boards and on behalf of clients at federal, state and local agencies and various legislative bodies.

Here's a summary of my career with the intention of providing you with insight into the relevant background and skills I'd bring to service on the Commission. I was a biochemical geneticist working on the techniques

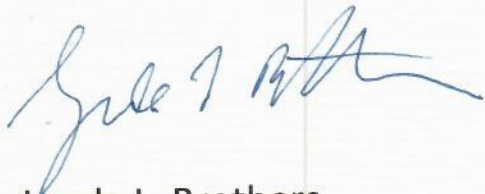
that eventually led to the human genome project, and the founding of Genentech. I chose to go to law school with the explicit goal of addressing scientific matters in the public policy arena and had a career that accomplished that. I held management positions at federal, state agencies followed by the private practice of law. I worked as Subcommittee Counsel, US House of Representatives; appointed Principle Deputy, US Department of Energy (DOE); Executive Vice President for Raytheon Hanford Corporation; Assistant Director, Washington State Ecology Department followed by the practice law. I am a retired partner from Sonnenschein Nath & Rosenthal which is now part Dentons - of one of the largest law firms in the world. The primary focus of my practice was new facility siting, permitting and development for large (usually Fortune 25) corporations. I was intimately involved in developing low level nuclear waste disposal facilities nationwide, including advising the DOE on licensing of the Trans-Uranic waste "disposal" facility in New Mexico, and very low activity radwaste facility in Utah, and drafting legislation establishing the national compact system for low level radioactive waste disposal. In addition, I was part of multidisciplinary teams that obtained permits, sited and developed spring water bottling facilities, native American gaming facilities, a sports-water bottling facility and completed many complex environmental hazardous cleanup actions. Many projects involved both the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). I believe these representative matters provide insight into the range of my experiences that may be of value to the Town. I understand governmental agencies and their relationships, have dealt with many of the relevant state laws and have many areas of technical understanding as well as the important range of interpersonal skills including listening to public comment and other inputs, and obtaining creative, problem-solving outcomes.

I am fully retired and do not have any apparent conflicts that would affect service to the Town of Portola Valley. I moved here about year ago. I feel like an old timer in that I grew up in Palo Alto, primarily off Arastradero Road, and have spent many years roaming these hills. I would embrace the opportunity to work with the Town staff, elected and appointed officials to address the planning challenges the next year will bring.

I look forward to the opportunity to discuss this vacancy further.

Please confirm receipt.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Lynda L. Brothers", with a stylized flourish at the end.

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