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To: -- City Clerk; -- City Council
Subject: Please consider my city/county experience for GPAC not listed on application
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Petaluma City Council,

I am reaching out to you to provide details not listed on my GPAC application and to request your support for appointment to GPAC. This message is going out to all council members and the city clerk, so that Brown Act issues are fulfilled.

After reviewing the GPAC decision-making method, which was just posted Thursday with the agenda, I'd like to articulate the specifics of my unique government-community experience. I believe this experience/skill set will provide much value for GPAC, to help continue the strong work achieved by GPAC thus far. I care very much for Petaluma and am committed to working hard to ensure we have the very best General Plan.

I received formal training in the areas below while I served as a member and Foreperson of the Sonoma County Civil Grand Jury (2017-2020). My training was both high-level and technical pertaining to the extensive topics involved in our work.

- Planning and permitting
- Housing policy
- Zoning and Land Use policy
- Water supply
- Homelessness (youth and adult)
- Budget, and organizational processes
- General Plan policy and compliance
- Transportation (roadways, transit, SMART)
- Parks and open space development
- Climate and environmental issues and policies
- Public Properties Management
- Emergency Services

FYI -- You may review results of my SCGJ work here:

<https://sonoma.courts.ca.gov/general-information/grand-jury/grand-jury-reports-responses>

Additionally, both through my career culminating as Deputy Department Head of a 100-strong group at the Stanford Linear Accelerator Center and work with the Civil Grand Jury, I am well-practiced in group collaboration structure and processes. For example, I took initiative as GJ Foreperson to work with County Human Resources to modify the recruitment program in order to increase diversity of representation.

Thank you very much,
Ron Chestnut
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