

REPORT TO SHASTA COUNTY RTPA

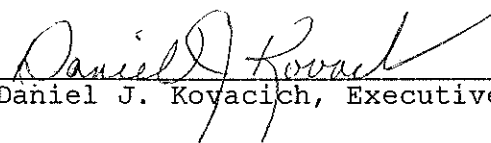
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Authorize the Chair to Sign a Letter of Appreciation to Outgoing RABA Executive Officer, Kurt Starman	7/23/02	9

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Agency authorize the Chair to sign the attached letter of appreciation to Kurt Starman, who has been assigned to other duties by the City of Redding.

DISCUSSION

The staff has recently learned that Kurt Starman, Executive Officer of Redding Area Bus Authority (RABA), will be reassigned other duties within the City of Redding. As a result, the function of the executive office will be transferred to Randy Bachman of the City of Redding. Mr. Starman has been the Executive Officer of RABA for about five years. During that time, staff has consistently found him to be very professional and very understanding of the ramifications of providing public transit within Shasta County. Mr. Starman has been very helpful in working with the regional agencies to jointly solve problems as they have arisen. Staff believes it is appropriate to recognize the efforts and accomplishments of Mr. Starman; although we welcome the task of working with Mr. Bachman, we do regret losing the valuable relationship with Mr. Starman. It is for these reasons that staff believes it is appropriate to recognize his efforts with this letter of appreciation.


Daniel J. Kovacich, Executive Officer

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Attachment: Letter of Appreciation

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Kurt Starman, Deputy City Manager
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Subject: Letter of Appreciation

Dear Kurt:

The Regional Transportation Planning Agency (RTPA) has just learned that your duties have been rearranged and you will no longer be responsible for the administration of RABA. On behalf of the staff and the RTPA, I would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation for the effort you have put forth on behalf of RABA and all the users of public transit within Shasta County.

In the approximate five years that you have been involved with RABA, you have always demonstrated a very professional attitude and demeanor. You have consistently balanced the needs of the City with the needs and requirements of RABA. You seemed to quickly grasp the important concepts of administering a public transit system, and how it relates to the regional agency. As you know, there are many challenges in providing public transportation in a small urban environment, such as we have in Shasta County. You have responded to this challenge and have provided the best service available to the citizens of Shasta County, given the obvious funding restraints. You have always responded in a very timely manner to information requests from staff and the regional agencies. You have developed workable solutions to very thorny issues, such as having your contract provider negotiate a new collective bargaining agreement in the middle of their contract.

The staff and the RTPA would like to thank you for your efforts on behalf of RABA and wish you well in your new endeavors.

Very truly yours,

Norma Connick, Chairman
Shasta County Regional
Transportation Planning Agency

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