Communities of Interest (COI) Responses

Submitted by the Cloverdale Democratic Club

1 Name of City

Cloverdale, California

2 Street Names, etc.

This point may be nonapplicable as Cloverdale is a small community made up of perhaps six or eight neighborhoods.

The City of Cloverdale includes: a Del Webb 55+ neighborhood of approximately 370 homes; the Tarman Track affordable and low income neighborhood with about 300 homes, two apartment complexes and one apartment complex dedicated to seniors; the Cottages middle to older families approximately 200 homes; Kings Valley, a senior apartment community; and the Cloverdale Apartments, an FDA project for farm workers. The rest of Cloverdale homes were small or individual projects. There are more than 3600 water accounts for an idea of the number of dwellings. There is also the area east of the Russian River which calls Cloverdale home. They are actually part of the County but are part of the Cloverdale community.

3 Shared Interests

Current issues to the community include:
- Maintaining the water and waste water infrastructure
- Mitigating concerns around area wildfires
- Transportation including:
  - road maintenance and repair, and
  - access to public transportation linking Cloverdale with other communities in the county
- Housing including:
  - keeping housing affordable for working families, and
  - providing for the unsheltered within our community
- Inclusiveness

4 What brings you together?

Most successful are the Friday Night Live events scheduled weekly from June through early September where a large cross section of the community gathers for food, crafts and live music. This event is sponsored by the Cloverdale Arts Alliance.

Finding more opportunities throughout the year for such community gatherings that are all inclusive.

5 What is most important to your community?

Maintenance of an inclusive small community with adequate infrastructure and social services supported by robust employment opportunities and measured, well-planned growth as well as a presence within the County and beyond.
6 Are there nearby areas you want to be in a district with?

Most important is that Cloverdale does not want to be considered *apart* from other communities in the greater Sonoma County. Being in far northern Sonoma County, there is a feeling that Cloverdale is often overlooked by decision-makers down south a bit.

7 Nearby areas you don’t want to be in a district with? Why or why not?

The best district would be diverse in nature. The district should encompass and embrace economic, racial and ethnic, educational and political diversity. In answer to the prompt: No, there are no areas that the community of Cloverdale wishes excluded from the district.

8 Has your community come together to advocate for important services, better schools, roads or healthcare in your neighborhood?

While it cannot be stated that the community as a whole has unified to advocate for a specific need or program, members of the City Council, School Board of Trustees, our County Supervisor and members of the general public take advantage of opportunities to advocate for libraries, light rail service, urban growth boundaries, enhanced access to health care, school funding, care and concerns for our unsheltered population and opportunities to build community resilience.