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Dear Members of the Town Council,

As mayor, it is my responsibility to appoint members to Alta's Planning Commission with the advice of the Planning Commission and the advice and consent of the Town Council. Planning Commissioner Roger Bourke's second five-year term expires on December 31, 2019, and as you know, I decided not to appoint Roger to a third term on the Planning Commission because his wife, Margaret, serves on Alta's Town Council. In my view, it is inappropriate for a Commissioner to be married to a member of the Town Council. The Town's attorney agrees that such a relationship exposes the Town to risk. I thank Roger for his service of ten years on the Planning Commission and look forward to his continuing engagement with the important issues that are before our community.

I have communicated directly with the members of the Planning Commission and members of the Town Council offered their suggestions on this matter before, during, and after the meeting of the Town Council on December 11, 2019. I understand that some members of the Town Council do not share my view of the situation and if in my position might make a different decision. In fulfilling my duties as mayor, however, I have to do what I believe is ethically right and in the best interest of the town even when faced with disagreement.

I hereby appoint Dr. Danya Lee Rumore to a five-year term as the "at-large" member of Alta's Planning Commission, to begin in January, 2020. Dr. Rumore is eminently qualified for this position as the attached curriculum vitae makes clear. Dr. Rumore is a nationally recognized expert in incorporating science and community values in developing consensus for decisions about land, water, and resource use, and in dispute resolution. She has particular experience in working with communities that are recreation area gateways, such as Alta, including for example Springdale, Utah, and Driggs, Idaho. Dr. Rumore's research and extensive consulting experience encompass issues that are facing Alta – in particular, Alta's need for resilience, managing growth, and collaboration in the context of overlapping jurisdictions. Dr. Rumore lives in Salt Lake County and knows Alta well. She spends much time throughout the year in our town and in Little Cottonwood Canyon and knows that Alta is, as our vision statement puts it, a sanctuary to treasure.

We are exceedingly fortunate that Dr. Rumore is willing to serve on our Planning Commission. I have no doubt that Dr. Rumore will complement the other Commissioners and enhance the working of the Commission. With growth in Salt Lake County, changes in ski area marketing,

aspirations for a new community center, among other issues before Alta, Dr. Rumore is the right person to appoint to the Planning Commission at this time. She will help us implement Alta's vision for fostering responsible and sustainable growth and development, protecting our natural resources, and welcoming our visitors.

Discussion of and action on this appointment will be on the agenda for our Town Council meeting on January 8, 2020. Dr. Rumore will attend the January meeting to answer any questions you may have. It is my request that you consent to this appointment at that meeting of the Town Council so that Dr. Rumore can attend the Planning Commission's next meeting as a member of the Commission.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H. Sondak', written in a cursive style.

Harris Sondak
Mayor, Town of Alta