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Sign the petition urging the Yountville Town Council to delay hiring a permanent Town Manager until the newly elected Town Council is seated in December.

To sign: Email your name to **Stephen Becker** (stephen.becker1@gmail.com) or **Jill Turner** (jillturnerpr@gmail.com).

Why delay?

Three Town Council seats—the Mayor and two Council members—are on the November ballot, and the new Council will take office in early December. Because the Town Manager will work closely with that Council for years to come, the newly elected Council should have a direct voice in selecting this key leader. Together, the Council and Town Manager will shape Yountville's future during a critical period.

If you are a Yountville resident, business owner, taxpayer, Veterans Home member, voter, or someone who works in town, we invite you to add your name. As a stakeholder, your voice matters.

Reasons to delay the hiring:

1. **The new Council should choose its Town Manager.** A successful partnership depends on shared vision, trust, and compatibility. Hiring a Town Manager before the new Council takes office is not in the Town's best long-term interest. A mutual good fit is vital.
2. **There is no need to rush.** An Interim Town Manager is already serving and can remain in place—or another interim manager can be appointed—until the new Council leads the hiring process.
3. **A longer search leads to a stronger hire.** A brief delay allows more time to recruit, interview, and thoroughly vet highly qualified candidates.
4. **The timing makes sense.** Town government activity naturally slows during the November-December holiday season. Moreover, candidates may need time to provide notice, complete year-end responsibilities, maximize benefits, and relocate, if necessary.

A short delay will help ensure the best long-term outcome for Yountville. We hope you'll join us by signing the petition via email. Thank you for your consideration.