



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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Purpose of LAFCo

Created by the California legislature in 1963, LAFCo is a State-mandated, independent commission with countywide jurisdiction over changes in organization and boundaries of cities and special districts including annexations, detachments, incorporations, and formations. As required by State law, LAFCo adopts a net operating budget, which is apportioned in thirds to the County of San Mateo, the 20 cities in the County, and 21 of the 22 independent special districts; the majority of the Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District territory is located in Santa Clara County and the District is under the funding mandate for Santa Clara LAFCo.

The Commission has responsibility in the following areas affecting local government in the County:

1. To discourage urban sprawl and encourage the orderly growth and development of local government agencies;
2. To prevent premature conversion of agricultural and open space lands;
3. To review, approve, or disapprove proposals for changes in the boundaries and organization of the 20 cities, 21 independent special districts, and 33 active County and City governed special districts, plus incorporations of cities and formations of special districts;
4. To conduct municipal service reviews and establish and periodically update spheres of influence – future boundary, organization, and service plans – for the County, cities, and special districts; and
5. To perform and assist in studies of local government agencies with the goal of improving efficiency and reducing costs of providing urban services.

Commission Roster

The Commission is made up of two members of the County Board of Supervisors, two members of city councils from cities in the County, two board members of independent special districts in the County, a public member, and four alternate members (County, city, special district, and public). The Commission contracts with the County of San Mateo for staff, facilities, and legal counsel. The Executive Officer serves in the administrative capacity, which includes staff review of each proposal, sphere of influence studies, and assistance to local agencies and the public.

Commissioner	Member Type	Term Expires
Virginia Chang Kiraly, Chair	Special District	May 2028
Ann Draper, Vice Chair	Public	May 2026
Debbie Ruddock	City	May 2025
David Canepa	County	May 2026
Kati Martin	Special District	May 2026
Jackie Speier	County	May 2028
Stephen Rainaldi	City	May 2026
Kathryn Slater-Carter	Alternate Special District	May 2028
Greg Wright	Alternate City	May 2027
Colleen You	Alternate Public	May 2026
Noelia Corzo	Alternate County	May 2028

Commission Meetings

1. LAFCo meetings are held on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months (January, March, May, July, September, November) at 2:30 pm in the Board of Supervisors' Chambers, 500 County Center, Redwood City. Extra meetings may be held as needed.
2. If an agenda item is of interest to you, the Chair will call for comments from the audience when the item is ready for discussion. Please complete a speaker slip available on the table in the foyer and give it to the Commission Clerk to assist the Chair in organizing the progress of the hearing.
3. When addressing the Commission, please proceed to the microphone and state your name, the organization you are representing, or your city of residence for the Clerk.