

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

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ITEM 8a

January 8, 2014

To: Members, Formation Commission

From: Martha Poyatos,
Executive Officer

Subject: Terms Expiring May 2014 and Vacant Special District Position

LAFCo commissioners are appointed to four year terms ending in May. As directed by the Cortese Knox Hertzberg Act, each type of member is appointed in the following manner. The City regular and alternate members are appointed by the City Selection Committee/Council of Mayors. Independent Special District regular and alternate members are appointed by the Special District Selection Committee which consists of the Presidents of the Independent Special Districts in the County. The Special District Selection Committee meeting is called by the LAFCo Executive Officer when a vacancy occurs on the Commission. The County regular and alternate members are appointed by the Board of Supervisors. The public and alternate public members are appointed by the six members representing the County, cities and special districts.

There is currently a vacant special district member position. This position, held by David Altscher, will be filled at a special district selection committee meeting to be held on March 4, 2014.

The public member and alternate public member terms expire in May. The Commission's Public Member Appointment policy calls for 90 day advance press release and notification of the expiring terms and appointment of a public member interview committee. LAFCo staff will place the public member interview committee on your March agenda and circulate a press release with ninety day notice of the May expiration.

The City member position held by Council Member Allan Alifano also expires in May. By copy of this memo to the Secretary to the City Selection Committee the expiring term will be placed on the appropriate agenda of the City Selection Committee.

cc: Becky Romero, Deputy Clerk of the Board and Secretary to the City Selection Committee

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PURPOSE

Created by the State legislature in 1963, the Local Agency Formation Commission (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 the 22 independent special districts. 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 and approve or disapprove proposals for changes in the boundaries and organization of the 20 cities, 22 independent special districts and 33 county-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.

THE COMMISSION

The Commission is made up of two members of the county Board of Supervisors, two members of city councils of the 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.

LAFCo Member

		<u>Term</u>
Vacant	Special District Member	May, 2014
Linda Craig	Public Member, Vice Chair	May, 2014
Don Horsley	Board of Supervisors	May, 2016
Rich Garbarino	City Member, Chair	May, 2017
Allan Alifano	City Member	May, 2014
Joseph Sheridan	Special District Member	May, 2016
Adrienne Tissier	Board of Supervisors	May, 2016
Warren Slocum	Alternate for Supervisors	May, 2016
Michael O'Neill	Alternate for City Member	May, 2015
Joshua Cosgrove	Alternate Special District Member	May, 2016
Jayne Herman	Alternate for Public Member	May, 2014

COMMISSION MEETINGS:

1. LAFCo meetings are on the third Wednesday of odd-numbered months at 2:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Chambers at the Hall of Justice in Redwood City. Extra meetings may be held as needed.
2. If an item of interest to you is on the agenda, the Chairman will call for comments from the audience when the item is ready for discussion from the floor. Please complete a speaker slip available just inside the door and give it to the Clerk to assist the Chairman in organizing the progress of the hearing.
3. When addressing the Commission, please proceed to the microphone and state your name and address for the Clerk.

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