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To: LAFCo Commissioners
From: Martha Poyatos, Executive Officer
Subject: Public Member Appointment

The terms for Public Member and Alternate Public Member expired May 5, 2014. Section 56334 sets forth that the terms shall be four years or until a successor is appointed. Chair Garbarino and Commissioners Tissier and Cosgrove served on the committee to interview applicants for the public member and alternate public member. In addition to a 21-day notice period required by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, San Mateo LAFCo policy directs that a press release of the vacancies be sent 90 days before term expiration. Staff distributed a release pursuant to policy and published notice in advance of the 21-day notice deadline for submittal of applications by April 8, 2014. Notices were distributed to cities, special districts, libraries, and the County.

The Commission received two applications in response to the release and notice. While concerned about the small number of applications, the committee enthusiastically recommends both candidates for public member positions based on their LAFCo experience.

The Committee recommends reappointment of Linda Craig for the regular public member position based on her lengthy and active participation in LAFCo and CALAFCO activities as well as her broader professional experience in local government and the League of Women Voters.

The Committee recommends appointment of Sepi Richardson as the Alternate Public Member based on her past experience as a LAFCo City Member and her continued dedication to public service in San Mateo County.

Government Code Sections 56325 (d) requires an affirmative vote from the majority of the Commission including an affirmative vote from at least one each of the county, city and special district commissioners in order to appoint a public member and alternate public member.