



**LAFCO - San Luis Obispo - Local Agency Formation Commission**  
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**TO: MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION**

**FROM: ROB FITZROY, EXECUTIVE OFFICER**

**DATE: OCTOBER 21, 2021**

**SUBJECT: PROCESS TO APPOINT A REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER LAFCO COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMISSION**

**Recommendation.** It is respectfully recommended that the Commission authorize the process for selecting a new regular Public Members to serve on the Local Agency Formation Commission.

**Discussion.** The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is seeking a Regular Public Member to serve on the Commission. LAFCO is an independent government agency charged with encouraging the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies, preserving agricultural and open space resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and encouraging the efficient provision of local government services. The State Law that governs LAFCO is the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. The Commission is composed of seven voting members representing local government and the public: two members are from the County Board of Supervisors, two members represent the City Councils, two members represent Special Districts, and one representative serves as the Public Member.

The Public Member is selected by the other Commission members who serve on the Commission. To be elected to the Commission as a Public Member an applicant must receive at least one vote from each Commissioner Category. In other words, at least one vote from a City, County and Special District commissioner is needed to be elected to the Commission.

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act allows the alternate Public Member to serve until the selection process is completed. This means that current alternate Public Member, Heather Jensen, may sit on LAFCO until the selection process is concluded by the Commission.

**Process**

Authorizing the selection process would include the following steps:

1. Authorize the opening of the application period. San Luis Obispo LAFCO should authorize the Executive Officer to open the application period for interested persons to apply for the regular and alternate Public Members.

**COMMISSIONERS**

Chairperson  
ROBERT ENNS  
Special District Member

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**ALTERNATES**

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Commission Clerk

The notice is proposed to be a 30-day period and would be sent out on November 8, 2021 to December 7, 2021.

2. Authorize sending the notice for the public position to the City Clerks and District's General Managers via email and posting a notice in the newspaper.
3. Authorize interviews of the candidates at the next available LAFCO meeting, likely to be January 20, 2022.
4. The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act allows the Commission to take action on the appointment after a minimum of a 21-day notice period.

### **Candidate Criteria**

- Interested individuals must be residents of San Luis Obispo County and be able to regularly attend LAFCO meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month at 9:00 am.
- The individuals selected cannot be a current officer or employee of the County, a City or Special District within the county.
- Previous involvement in or experience with local government service and / or land use planning in San Luis Obispo County is helpful.
- The public member is considered a public official and is required to file a standard financial disclosure statement annually with the California Fair Political Practices Commission. Candidates for the position have completed the attached application form and resume indicating applicable experience and qualifications.
- The terms would end December 2024. The regular Public Member appointed would serve as a "voting member".

The notice for the public position will be sent to the City Clerks and District's General Managers via email. The Commission may take action on the appointment after the 21-day notice period. The process is consistent with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act as described in Government Code Section 56325 (d).

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**Attachment A:** Notice of Selection

**Attachment B:** Application Form



## NOTICE OF SELECTION OF PUBLIC MEMBER COMISSIONER FOR THE SAN LUIS OBISPO LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is selecting a **Regular Public Member** to serve on the Commission. LAFCO is an independent government agency charged with encouraging the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies, preserving agricultural resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and encouraging the efficient provision of local government services. The key State Law that governs LAFCO is the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act as well as other laws. The Commission has the authority to approve or disapprove all annexations of land to and from cities and special districts in San Luis Obispo County.

LAFCO has the authority to approve or disapprove the incorporation of new cities and the formation of new special districts, among other powers. LAFCO also establishes Spheres of Influences (a 20-year growth boundary) for all City's and Special Districts in the County. The Commission is composed of seven voting members representing local government and the public: two members are from the County Board of Supervisors, two members represent the City Councils, two members represent Special Districts, and one representative serves as the Public Member.

The Public Member is to be selected by the six other Commission members at the January 20,2022, LAFCO meeting. The application period starts November 8, 2021. Applications are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 8, 2021. The term lasts until December 2024. The regular public member appointed would serve as a "voting member".

Interested individuals must be residents of San Luis Obispo County and be able to regularly attend LAFCO meetings which are held on the third Thursday of each month. The individuals selected cannot be a current officer or employee of the County, a City or Special District within the county. Previous involvement in or experience with local government issues in San Luis Obispo County is helpful. The public member is a public official and is required to file a standard financial disclosure statement annually with the California Fair Political Practices Commission.

Candidates for the position must complete an application form and provide a resume indicating applicable experience and qualifications. Application forms are available at the LAFCO office or online at [www.slolafco.com](http://www.slolafco.com). Application materials must be received by San Luis Obispo LAFCO, 1042 Pacific Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, on or before December 8, 2021at 5:00 pm. The application may be submitted via e-mail to LAFCO Executive Officer, Rob Fitzroy at [rfitzroy@slolafco.com](mailto:rfitzroy@slolafco.com). For more information, please call 805-788-2096 or by e-mail [rfitzroy@Slolafco.com](mailto:rfitzroy@Slolafco.com). Thank you for your interest.



**San Luis Obispo  
Local Agency Formation Commission**

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**APPLICATION: PUBLIC MEMBER**

Candidates for the position of public member must complete this application and provide a supplemental resume. All application materials must be received by San Luis Obispo LAFCO, 1042 Pacific Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, on or before **December 8, 2021 at 5:00pm**. Also, you may email your application to [rfitzroy@slolafco.com](mailto:rfitzroy@slolafco.com).

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Present Occupation: \_\_\_\_\_

Please consider this application for:  Regular Member  Alternate Member  Either Position

Are you an officer or employee of the county, a city, or a special district within the San Luis Obispo County?

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Due to your current employment or occupation, do you anticipate any conflicts of interest regarding decisions you will be asked to make as a LAFCO Member? If so, please explain.

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Organization Membership(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Two (2) References (name and phone number):

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Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_