



LAFCO - San Luis Obispo - Local Agency Formation Commission
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TO: MEMBERS, FORMATION COMMISSION
FROM: DAVID CHURCH, INTERIM EXECUTIVE OFFICER
DATE: JANUARY 21, 2021
SUBJECT: PROCESS TO APPOINT A REGULAR AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER LAFCO COMMISSIONER TO THE COMMISSION

Recommendation. It is respectfully recommended that the Commission authorize the process for selecting the regular and alternate Public Members to serve on LAFCO.

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is selecting a Regular and Alternate 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.

Attachments

A: Notice to Clerks and General Managers

B: Public Member Application Form

The Public Member is selected by the other Commission members who serve on the Commission. The currently serving Public Member does not participate in the voting for the Public Member. 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 current Public Member to serve until the selection process is completed. This means that current Public Member, Tom Murray, may sit on LAFCO until the selection process is concluded by the Commission.

- COMMISSIONERS**
- Chairperson
TOM MURRAY
Public Member
- Vice-Chair
ROBERT ENNS
Special District Member
- DEBBIE ARNOLD
County Member
- MARSHALL OCHYLSKI
Special District Member
- Vacant
City Member
- LYNN COMPTON
County Member
- ED WAAGE
City Member
- ALTERNATES**
- ED EBY
Special District Member
- STEVE GREGORY
City Member
- HEATHER JENSEN
Public Member
- JOHN PESCHONG
County Member
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- DAVID CHURCH
Interim Executive Officer
- BRIAN A. PIERIK
Legal Counsel
- IMELDA MARQUEZ
Analyst

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. The notice is proposed to be a 30-day period and would be sent out on January 22, 2021 with a closing date of February 22, 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 March 18, 2021, LAFCO meeting.
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 growth issues 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.
- Both four-year terms would end December, 2024. The regular Public Member appointed would serve as a "voting member". The alternate serves on the Commission when the regular member cannot attend or participate in a meeting.

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).

Attachment A

Notice to Clerks and General Managers



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

The San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) is selecting a Regular and Alternate Public Members 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. 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 March 18, 2021 LAFCO meeting. The Application Form and Resume are due by 5:00 p.m. on February 22, 2021. Both four-year terms end in December 2024. The regular public member appointed would serve as a "voting member". The alternate member serves as the "voting member" when the regular member cannot attend the meeting. Regular LAFCO meetings are scheduled every month on the third Thursday at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom during the Covid-19 pandemic. Under normal circumstances, LAFCO meets in the San Luis Obispo County Board of Supervisors' Chambers in San Luis Obispo, with special meetings held as needed. The current regular member is Mr. Tom Murray and has expressed interest in being re-appointed.

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. Application materials must be received by San Luis Obispo LAFCO, 1042 Pacific Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401, on or before Monday, February 22, 2021 at 5:00 pm. The application may be submitted via e-mail to LAFCO Interim Executive Officer, David Church at Dchurch@slolafco.com. For more information, please contact Mr. Church at 805-788-2096 or by e-mail Dchurch@Slolafco.com. Thank you for your interest.

Attachment B

Public Member Application Form



San Luis Obispo Local Agency Formation Commission

1042 Pacific Street, Suite A, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Tel: (805) 781-5795 | Fax: (805) 788-2072 | dchurch@slolafco.com

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 **February 22, 2021 at 5:00pm**. Also, you may email your application to Dchurch@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?

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.

Organization Membership(s): _____

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

Signature

Date