

Submitted Comments

***Item B-1:** Resolution honoring Mr. David Church on his retirement and 19+ years of outstanding service to San Luis Obispo LAFCO, County Residents and the State of California*



Lou Ann Texeira
Executive Officer

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July 10, 2020

Chairperson Tom Murray and Honorable Commissioners
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
1042 Pacific Street, Suite A
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear Chairperson Murray and Honorable Members of San Luis Obispo LAFCo:

I personally wish to congratulate David Church, Executive Officer, on his retirement from San Luis Obispo.

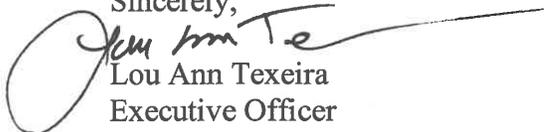
Over the past 19 years, I had the pleasure of working with David as staff to our respective LAFCos. We also worked together on various CALAFCO activities including legislation, conferences, workshops, CALAFCO U courses, subcommittees, and a host of other LAFCo related projects and activities.

David's commitment and many contributions to the LAFCo world are significant, meaningful, and enduring – including his extensive work on water issues where he has served as a valuable resource to the LAFCo community. Of course, his participation in the annual Alcatraz Swim enhanced his strength and endurance in dealing with complex water issues!

David has truly made a difference in the LAFCo community and in my own life – both professionally and personally. He is a true professional, committed to public service, has made a difference in his community and in the greater CALAFCO community, and is one of the nicest people I know.

David – my sincere appreciation and gratitude for the opportunity to work with you all these years. Your commitment and contributions to the LAFCo community are countless. You have inspired your colleagues in numerous ways. We will miss you dearly. Enjoy the next chapter – where every day is the weekend! Happy trails my friend!

Sincerely,



Lou Ann Texeira
Executive Officer

July 16, 2020

Mr. Tom Murray, Chair
San Luis Obispo LAFCo
1042 Pacific Street, Suite A
San Luis Obispo, CA 93401

Dear San Luis Obispo LAFCo Commission:

It seems only fitting that today we should all be honoring the many years of dedicated public service and countless contributions of David Church. I am sorry that we are not able to be there together in person, but the CALAFCO membership are all certainly there in spirit.

David spent many years in service to his community and along the way has amassed a vast treasure chest of knowledge and expertise that will be hugely missed. He leads San Luis Obispo LAFCo with great passion and a level of integrity that speaks volumes.

David's professionalism and dedication touched many well beyond his local community – in fact he has had a positive impact on the LAFCo community statewide. CALAFCO remains grateful for his four years of service as our Deputy Executive Officer representing the coastal region from 2014 through 2017.

In 2019, David was the recipient of the *Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award* from CALAFCO, and in 2014 he received the *Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award*. Additionally, David served on countless event planning committees for CALAFCO over the years including chairing the CALAFCO University program for two years. He has participated as panelist, moderator, and speaker at many a CALAFCO U, Staff Workshop and Annual Conference, and has become our “go-to guy” for our traditional and famous LAFCo 101 pre-Conference session. He volunteered for six years on the CALAFCO Legislative Committee, thoughtfully contributing to improve legislation to strengthen LAFCos' ability to fulfill its statutory mission.

David is always willing to share his knowledge, expertise, and sense of humor with his colleagues throughout the state. His sage advice and examples of “how to get it done” or “here's what not to do” shared through the Executive Officer list serve are invaluable and will be greatly missed.

These are but a sample of the countless contributions David has made during his years of dedicated service to LAFCo and CALAFCO. While I've had the privilege of knowing David only about eight years – in that short time he has made a significant and lasting impression on me. Over the past eight years, whenever I have emailed or called him with a request for information or assistance, he has never said “no”. In fact, I have always been greeted with, “I'm here to help, what can I do for you?”. I suspect that everyone else who has made those same requests were greeted in the same positive and upbeat manner. David is just a joy to be around.

I know David is a bit uncomfortable today being in the spotlight – because it just doesn't fit his nature as I know it. He prefers to just get things done without any desire for acknowledgement. His satisfaction comes from knowing things got done – from knowing he made a difference – and from leading his team to individual and collective successes.

Allow me to share with you, and with David, that he has made a significant and lasting difference. CALAFCO is better from having David a part of our family, and I am a better person because of knowing David. We will keep him close as he begins his new journey of retirement and enjoying life in a new way. We wish he and his family all the best.

In deep respect and with great appreciation on behalf of CALAFCO,



Pamela Miller
Executive Director

July 15, 2020

Mr. Tom Murray, Chair
San Luis Obispo LAFCO

Dear Chair Murray and Honorable Commissioners of San Luis Obispo LAFCO:

It is with great pleasure that I write to congratulate David Church on his retirement from the position of Executive Officer of SLO LAFCO.

As a long-time staff member of Sonoma LAFCO, I have known David since he first came to work at SLO LAFCO as an analyst. Since that time, I have watched as he's gained knowledge and wisdom regarding the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act, negotiated his way through often challenging situations working with local governments, community groups and other communities of interest, stepped seamlessly into the EO role, succeeding the late Paul Hood, and carried on resourcefully ever since then.

Among many other talents, David has demonstrated the unique and very effective skill of bringing people together to achieve better outcomes for all. His manner, his behavior, his ability to listen to others' opinions and, more than that, his acceptance and frequent inclusion of others' perspectives have, no doubt, resulted in better quality and more complete final determinations for those involved.

David's sense of humor is legendary in the LAFCO staff world. We have always been able to count on him to find something to smile about in a situation that defies logic or explanation.

You all are aware, I am sure, of David's continued involvement with CALAFCO over the years. I worked with David on a number of CALAFCO committees and presentations and have always valued his contributions, his work ethic, and his interest in and commitment to making a difference – whether that was for people in San Luis Obispo County or CALAFCO as an organization. Our most recent effort was at last fall's CALAFCO Annual Conference where we, along with Paula deSouza, of Best, Best & Krieger, and David West, Public Member from Imperial LAFCO, conducted the LAFCO 101 session...it was such fun! People outside the LAFCO world might wonder at that last statement, but, for those of us who want to immerse themselves in the law and its interpretation, when you surround yourself with people who also want to learn – which was the case with the LAFCO 101, it is very enjoyable...David made it so.

I know that LAFCO staff from throughout the State will be sorry to lose David for all the qualities I've described above. Personally, I have appreciated the many opportunities I've had to work with David. I wish him only the best as he moves into his next chapter.

Sincerely,



Carole Cooper
Assistant Executive Officer
Sonoma LAFCO
(Retired as of June 30, 2020)