



LAFCO - San Luis Obispo - Local Agency Formation Commission
SLO LAFCO - Serving the Area of San Luis Obispo County

TO: MEMBERS, FORMATION COMMISSION

FROM: DAVID CHURCH, EXECUTIVE OFFICER 

DATE: JUNE 16, 2011

SUBJECT: APPOINTMENT OF VOTING DELEGATES FOR THE
CALAFCO 2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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Recommendation: It is respectfully recommended that the Commission appoint one voting member and one alternate member as voting delegates at the 2011 CALAFCO Annual Conference. Also, consider nomination of any Commissioner interested in running for a position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors.

Discussion: The California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Annual Conference will be held on August 31 through September 2, 2011 at the Silverado Resort in Napa County. Positions on the CALAFCO Board of Directors are elected at the business meeting portion of the conference by member LAFCOs based on their respective regions. San Luis Obispo LAFCO is part of the Coastal Region which will be considering two candidates from the City and Public member categories.

A Commissioner who wishes to run for one of these positions should express interest at this meeting. The nomination needs to be submitted to the Recruitment Committee by August 2, 2011. A form signed by the Chair of SLO LAFCO is required for submittal. The procedures and forms are attached for your review. The incumbents for these positions are Susan Vicklund-Wilson, a Public member from Santa Clara County and Chair of CALAFCO, and Juliana Inman, a City member from Napa County. Ms. Vicklund-Wilson has indicated she will serve only if no other candidates are nominated. Ms. Inman intends to run again for her position.

Each LAFCO is required to designate voting delegates to elect candidates to the Board of Directors. It is recommended that SLO LAFCO decide which Commissioners attending the conference will be the voting delegate and alternate voting delegate. Last year Richard Roberts was the designated voting delegate and the Executive Officer, David Church was the alternate. If the Chairman is in attendance, he should be designated as the voting delegate with another Commissioner who is attending the conference or the Executive Officer designated as an alternate.

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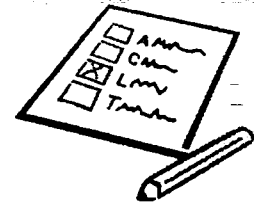
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20 May 2011

To: Local Agency Formation Commission
Members and Alternate Members

From: Gay Jones, Co-Chair
Cathy Schlottmann, Co-Chair
Recruitment Committee
CALAFCO Board of Directors



RE: **Nominations for 2012 CALAFCO Board of Directors**

Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the Board of Directors. Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four times each year at alternate sites around the state. The time commitment is small and the rewards great! Any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat.

The following offices on the CALAFCO Board of Directors are open for nominations.

<u>Northern Region</u>	<u>Central Region</u>	<u>Coastal Region</u>	<u>Southern Region</u>
County Member	City Member	City Member	County Member
District Member	Public Member	Public Member	District Member

The election will be conducted during regional caucuses at the CALAFCO annual conference prior to the Annual Membership Meeting held on Thursday, September 1st, 2011 at the Silverado Resort in Napa.

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Recruitment Committee is accepting nominations for the above-cited offices until Tuesday, 2 August 2011. Incumbents are eligible to run for another term. Nominations received by August 2nd will be included in the Recruitment Committee's Report, copies of which will be available at the Annual Conference. Nominations received after this date will be returned; however, nominations will be permitted from the floor during the Regional Caucuses or during at-large elections, if required, at the Annual Membership Meeting.

The Board has made several changes to the elections process to be more inclusive for all members. For those member LAFCos who cannot send a representative to the Annual Meeting, a new electronic ballot will be made available. In the past nominees receiving the most votes were elected. With the smaller number of voters in the regional system that could result in members elected with less than majority support. Therefore the system has been changed to a majority election with run offs in the

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event of a tie or no majority. These two changes to the process are underlined in the attached procedures.

Should your Commission nominate a candidate, the Chair of your Commission must complete the attached Nomination Form and the Candidate's Resume Form, or provide the specified information in another format other than a resume. Commissions may also include a letter of recommendation or resolution in support of their nominee. *The nomination forms and materials must be received by the Recruitment Committee Chair no later than Tuesday, 2 August 2011.*

Please forward nominations to:

CALAFCO Recruitment Committee
c/o Sacramento LAFCo
1112 I St, Suite 100
Sacramento, California 95814-2836
FAX: 916/874-2939

Electronic filing of nomination forms and materials is encouraged to facilitate the recruitment process. Please send e-mails with forms and materials to Diane.Thorpe@saclafco.org. Alternatively, nomination forms and materials can be mailed or Faxed to the above address.

Attached please find a copy of the CALAFCO Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures. Members of the 2011 CALAFCO Recruitment Committee are:

Gay Jones, Co-Chair, Sacramento LAFCo (Central Region)
Cathy Schlottmann, Santa Barbara LAFCo (Coastal Region)
Kay Hosmer, Colusa LAFCo (Northern Region)
Jon Edney, Imperial LAFCo (Southern Region)

If you have any questions, please contact Gay at (916) 208-0736 or Cathy at (805) 733-2964.

Please consider joining us!

Enclosures

Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures and Forms

The procedures for nominations and election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors [Board] are designed to assure full, fair and open consideration of all candidates, provide confidential balloting for contested positions and avoid excessive demands on the time of those participating in the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Board nomination and election procedures shall be:

1. APPOINTMENT OF A RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. Following the Annual Membership Meeting the Board shall appoint a Committee of four members of the Board. The Recruitment Committee shall consist of one member from each region whose term is not ending.
- b. The Board shall appoint one of the members of the Recruitment Committee to serve as Chairman. The CALAFCO Executive Officer shall appoint a CALAFCO staff member to serve as staff for the Recruitment Committee in cooperation with the CALAFCO Executive Director.
- c. Each region shall designate a regional representative to serve as staff liaison to the Recruitment Committee.
- d. Goals of the Committee are to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFCoS across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban-suburban-rural population, and to provide oversight of the elections process.

2. ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBER LAFCoS

- a. No later than three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall send an announcement to each LAFCo for distribution to each commissioner and alternate. The announcement shall include the following:
 - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. A regional map including LAFCoS listed by region.
 - iii. The dates by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. The deadline shall be no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. Nominations received after the closing date shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Nominations Committee action."
 - iv. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - v. The address to send the nominations forms.
 - vi. A form for a Commission to use to nominate a candidate and a candidate resume form of no more than one page each to be completed for each nominee.
- b. No later than four months before the annual membership meeting, the Recruitment

**Key Timeframes for
Nominations Process**

<u>Days*</u>	
90	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released

**Days prior to annual membership meeting*

Committee Chair shall send an announcement to the Executive Director for distribution to each member LAFCo and for publication in the newsletter and on the website. The announcement shall include the following:

- i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
 - ii. The specific date by which all nominations must be received by the Recruitment Committee. Nominations received after the closing dates shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Recruitment Committee action."
 - iii. The names of the Recruitment Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.
 - iv. Requirement that nominated individual must be a commissioner or alternate commissioner from a member in good standing within the region.
- c. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

3. THE RECRUITMENT COMMITTEE

- a. The Recruitment Committee and the regional representatives have the responsibility to monitor nominations and help assure that there are adequate nominations from each region for each seat up for election. No later than two weeks prior to the Annual Conference, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall distribute to the members the Committee Report organized by regions, including copies of all nominations and resumes, which are received prior to the end of the nomination period.
- b. At the close of the nominations the Recruitment Committee shall prepare regional ballots. Each region will receive a ballot specific to that region. Each region shall conduct a caucus at the Annual Conference for the purpose of electing their designated seats. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the conference. The Executive Director or assigned staff along with a member of the Recruitment committee shall tally ballots at each caucus and provide the Recruitment Committee the names of the elected Board members and any open seats. In the event of a tie, the staff and Recruitment Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Member by the beginning of the Annual Conference.
- d. Make available blank copies of the nomination forms and resume forms to accommodate nominations from the floor at either the caucuses or the annual meeting (if an at-large election is required).
- e. Advise the Annual Conference Planning Committee to provide "CANDIDATE" ribbons to all candidates attending the Annual Conference.
- f. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board near the registration desk.
- g. Regional elections shall be conducted as described in Section 4 below. The representative from the Recruitment Committee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the caucus election.
- h. Following the regional elections, in the event that there are open seats for any offices subject to the election, the Recruitment Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of the Board of Directors that an at-large election will be required at the annual membership meeting and to provide a list of the number and category of seats requiring an at-large election.

4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING
Limited to the elections of the Board of Directors

- a. Any LAFCo in good standing shall have the option to request an electronic ballot if there will be no representative attending the annual meeting.
- b. LAFCOs requesting an electronic ballot shall do so in writing no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- c. The Executive Director shall distribute the electronic ballot no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d. LAFCo must return the ballot electronically to the executive director no later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCOs voting under this provision may discard their electronic ballot if a representative is able to attend the annual meeting.
- f. LAFCOs voting under this provision may only vote for the candidates nominated by the Recruitment Committee and may not vote in any run-off elections.

5. AT THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS DURING THE REGIONAL CAUCUSES OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

- a. The Recruitment Committee Chairman, another member of the Recruitment Committee, or the Chair's designee (hereafter called the Presiding Officer) shall:
 - i. Review the election procedure with the membership.
 - ii. Present the Recruitment Committee Report (previously distributed).
 - iii. Call for nominations from the floor by category for those seats subject to this election:
 1. For city member.
 2. For county member.
 3. For public member.
 4. For special district member.
- b. To make a nomination from the floor, a LAFCo, which is in good standing, shall identify itself and then name the category of vacancy and individual being nominated. The nominator may make a presentation not to exceed two minutes in support of the nomination.
- c. When there are no further nominations for a category, the Presiding Officer shall close the nominations for that category.
- d. The Presiding Officer shall conduct a "Candidates Forum". Each candidate shall be given time to make a brief statement for their candidacy.
- e. The Presiding Officer shall then conduct the election:
 - i. For categories where there are the same number of candidates as vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
 1. Name the nominees and offices for which they are nominated.

2. Call for a voice vote on all nominees and thereafter declare those unopposed candidates duly elected.
- ii. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
1. Poll the LAFCoS in good standing by written ballot.
 2. Each LAFCo in good standing may cast its vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The vote shall be recorded on a tally sheet.
 3. With assistance from CALAFCO staff, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
1. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast is elected.
 2. In the case of no majority, the two nominees receiving the two highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 3. In case of tie votes:
 - a. A second run-off election shall be held with the same two nominees.
 - b. If there remains a tie after the second run-off, the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.
 4. In the case of two vacancies, any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is elected.
 - a. In the case of no majority for either vacancy, the three nominees receiving the three highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - b. In the case of no majority for one vacancy, the two nominees receiving the second and third highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
 - c. In the event of a tie, a second run-off election shall be held with the tied nominees. If there remains a tie after the second run-off election the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.

6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names will be listed in the order nominated.
- b. The Recruitment Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected at the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.
- c. In the event that Board seats remain unfilled after a Regional Caucus, an election will be held immediately at the annual business meeting to fill the position at-large. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the election process will follow the procedures described in Section 4 above. Any commissioner or alternate from a member LAFCo may be nominated for at-large seats.



Board of Directors Nominations Form

Nomination to the CALAFCO Board of Directors

In accordance with the Nominations and Election Procedures of CALAFCO,

_____ LAFCo of the _____ Region

Nominates _____

for the (check one) City County Special District Public

Position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors to be filled by election at the next Annual
Membership Meeting of the Association.

LAFCo Chair

Date

NOTICE OF DEADLINE

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CALAFCO Recruitment Committee
c/o Sacramento LAFCo
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Date Received _____

Board of Directors Candidate Resume Form

Nominated By: _____ LAFCo Date: _____

Region (please check one): Northern Coastal Central Southern

Category (please check one): City County Special District Public

Candidate Name _____

Address _____

Phone Office _____ Mobile _____

e-mail _____ @ _____

Personal and Professional Background:

LAFCo Experience:

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Availability:

Other Related Activities and Comments:

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