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Appointment of Public Member and Alternate Public Member

Dear City, County and Special District Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City, County and Special District members reappoint Bob Short as the Public Member and Roger Welt as Alternate Public Member for terms of office from March 1, 1913 to March 1, 1017.

DISCUSSION

Bob Short was appointed as the public member on November 5, 2009 to complete the unexpired term of Marty Mariscal. Likewise, Roger Welt was appointed as the Alternate Public Member on February 4, 2010 to complete an unexpired term.

Commission's Rules and Procedures provide the following policy for selecting public members:

It is the intent that an individual not hold two consecutive four-year terms as the Public Member or as the Alternate Public Member. It is recognized that an individual may serve the remainder of an unexpired term of office as the Public Member or the Alternate Public Member before serving a full four-year term in that position.
(Emphasis added)

It is the intent that an individual after serving as the Alternate Public Member be appointed to the position of Public Member. Coincident with that appointment, a new Alternate Public Member shall be selected and appointed.

Bob Short and Roger Welt are completing unexpired terms and are eligible to be reappointed. The meeting is properly noticed to allow the City, County and Special District members to appoint Commissioners Short and Welt to four-year terms in their current positions.

We have received the following messages from Commissioners Short and Welt.

Follow Members of the Commission,

I have enjoyed serving an unexpired term as the Public Member of the Commission. If you wish to appoint me to full four-term term, I am most willing to continue.

Sincerely, Bob Short

Members of the Santa Barbara County LAFCO

My experience as the 'alternate' Public member of the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission has been very rewarding. The experience has been educational as well as providing me with an opportunity to serve the Santa Barbara County 'public.'

My 'unexpired' term is ending in March and I would like to volunteer to serve a full four- year term. Thank you for your consideration.

Roger Welt, Ed.D.

Government Code Section 56325 provides that selection of a public member and alternate public member be supported by at least one of the members in each of the other categories, i.e., City, County and Special District members.

As an alternative, the City, County and Special District members could appoint Commissioner Welt as the Regular Public Member and begin a recruitment process to choose a new Alternate Public Member. The standard selection process would include the following steps

- Public announcement of a vacancy to solicit letters of interest.
- The Chair appoints a committee consisting of a City member, County member and Special District member to screen applications and letters of interest.
- Finalists are selected and interviewed by the committee, which shall recommend an appointment to the Commission.
- Commission, in open session, considers the recommendation and appoints an individual as the Alternate Public Member.

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Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer