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SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
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May 2, 2019

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PLH*
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on Special District Commissioner Elections

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The Nomination Period for one Regular and one Alternate LAFCO Special District vacancy on the Commission expired on February 28, 2019. At the close of the Nomination Period, there were seven nominations for the Regular Member position and three for the Alternate Member position. One person applied for both the Regular and the Alternate position. The list of candidates is included as **Exhibit A**.

Ballots were sent to the 38 Independent Special Districts in Santa Barbara County on March 11, 2019. Ballots are due back to the LAFCO Office no later than May 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm. It is required that a majority of the Independent Special District cast ballots. The top voter getters for the Regular and the Alternate positions are elected.

The Election Notice is included as **Exhibit B**, the Election Ballots are included as **Exhibit C**, and Candidate Statements as included as **Exhibit D**.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A List of Candidates
Exhibit B Special District Election Notice
Exhibit C Election Ballots
Exhibit D Candidate Statements

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

2019 Special District Nominations

Regular Member Nominations

Cindy Allen – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

Jay Freeman – Isla Vista Community Services District

Myron Heavin -Mission Hills CSD

Judith Ishkanian – Montecito Fire District

Karen Jones - Santa Ynez Community Services District

Deborah Murphy – Carpinteria Sanitary District

David Novis - Summerland Sanitary District

Alternate Member Nominations

Cindy Allen – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District

David Beard – Santa Ynez Community Services District

Spencer Brandt, Isla Vista Community Services District

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March 11, 2019

TO: Presiding Officers of Independent Special Districts

Subject: Ballot for one Regular and one Alternate Special District Member to
Santa Barbara LAFCO

BALLOTS FOR ONE LAFCO REGULAR AND ONE ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER

As a result of the November 6, 2018 General Election, there are two Special District vacancies on the Commission. Based on past experience, the LAFCO Executive Officer has determined that a meeting of the Special District Selection Committee is not feasible and will conduct the business of the committee by mail. Two Ballots are attached to this notice.

1) **Ballots for the one LAFCO Regular and one Alternate Special District Member.**

There is currently one vacancy for the Regular Special District Member and one vacancy for the Alternate Special District Member. The terms of office end on March 1, 2022 and March 1, 2020, respectively.

2) **Voting Requirements:** The Special District Selection Committee, comprised of the presiding officers, or designee, of the 38 independent special districts in Santa Barbara County, needs to elect one Regular and one Alternate LAFCO Special District member.

3) **Nomination Period:** The nomination period, ended on February 28, 2019. Seven nominations for the Regular Special District Member and three Alternate Special District Member, were submitted before the end of the nomination period. One person was nominated for both the Regular and Alternate member vacancy. The list of candidates is attached to this notice as **Exhibit A**. Also attached as **Exhibit B**, are Candidate Statements, if they were submitted.

4) **Voting Period** Attached you will find two ballots, one for the Regular and one for the Alternate Special District member, containing the names of qualified nominees. Mailed ballots will also include voting instructions to each eligible district. **The voting period will be 60-days and will end on May 10, 2019 at 5:00 pm.** This will be followed by the tabulation of votes and the election of the top vote getters to the vacant seats. During the interim, LAFCO will operate with only one Regular Special District Member.

Commissioners: Steve Lavagnino, Chair ♦ Roger Aceves ♦ Craig Geyer, Vice-Chair ♦ Joan Hartmann ♦ Roger Welt
♦ Holly Sierra ♦ Shane Stark ♦ Etta Waterfield ♦ Das Williams Executive Officer: Paul Hood

EXHIBIT B

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Voting Process: The Presiding Officer of each Independent Special District is authorized to vote for one Regular Special District Member and one Alternate Special District Member. The legislative body of the district shall authorize the presiding officer, or his or her designee as designated by the governing of the eligible district, to sign the ballot. For an election to be valid, at least a quorum of the special districts must submit valid ballots. A quorum is 19 or more of the 38 independent special districts.

Call for Ballots for one LAFCO Regular Special District Member and one Alternate Special District Member:

Completed ballots, one Regular Special District Member and one the Alternate Special District Member, should be submitted to the LAFCO Executive Officer, at the following address, faxed, or emailed **no later than 5:00 pm, Friday, May 10, 2019.** Ballots are attached to this notice.

Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Rm 407, Santa Barbara CA 93101
FAX 805/568-2249
Email Address: lafco@sblafco.org

Exhibits:

Exhibit A List of Candidates
Exhibit B Candidate Statements

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



PAUL HOOD
Executive Officer

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
Submit No Later than 5:00 pm, May 10, 2019

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election of Regular Special District Member on Santa Barbara LAFCO

Vote for one of the following **Regular Special District Member** nominees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Allen – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay Freeman – Isla Vista Community Services District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Myron Heavin -Mission Hills Community Services District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Judith Ishkanian – Montecito Fire District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Karen Jones - Santa Ynez Community Services District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Deborah Murphy – Carpinteria Sanitary District
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Novis – Summerland Sanitary District

Name of Independent Special District

Signature of Voting Delegate

Print Name of Voting Delegate

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICTS SELECTION COMMITTEE
Submit No Later than 5:00 pm, May 10, 2019

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Election of Alternate Special District Member on Santa Barbara LAFCO

Vote for one of the following **Alternate Special District Member** nominees:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Cindy Allen – Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District
<input type="checkbox"/>	David Beard – Santa Ynez Community Services District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Spencer Brandt – Isla Vista Community Services District

Name of Independent Special District

Signature of Voting Delegate

Print Name of Voting Delegate

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POSITION SOUGHT: Alternate Special District Member

<p>NAME OF NOMINEE:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Cynthia Allen</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District</p>
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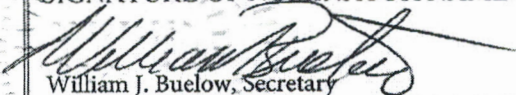
<p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">1217 Aster Lane</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">Lompoc, CA 93436</p>	<p>TELEPHONE:</p> <p>Home: 805-736-2349</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">805-733-3417</p> <p>Bus: _____</p> <p>Cell: 805-570-0089</p> <p style="margin-left: 20px;">805-733-2109</p> <p>Fax: _____</p>
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On this form or an accompanying letter, describe the nominee's personal interests, qualifications, experience, education, volunteer activities or community organization memberships that may bear on the nomination for the Alternate Special District Member: This information will be distributed to all independent special districts.

Cynthia has been employed by Vandenberg Village Community Services District (VVCSD) for 25 years and has worked her way up from an entry level position to Administrative Services Manager, reporting directly to the General Manager. In 2014, she completed her Ph.D. in Public Policy and Administration. Her dissertation is entitled "A Quantitative Analysis of the Effect of Cash-4-Grass Programs on Water Consumption." She was appointed to the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board of Directors in April 2015 and has been board president since March 2016.

In her free time, Cynthia is an officer in the Rancho Purisima Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a board member for the non-profit Companion Animal Placement Assistance (CAPA), and she is a volunteer at the La PAWS Animal Shelter in Lompoc.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT:



William J. Buelow, Secretary

Nominated by Motion and Vote of the Santa Ynez River Water Conservation District Board (5-0-0) on January 23, 2019.

Santa Barbara LAFCO Independent Special District Selection Committee,

Hello! My name is Jay Freeman and I am on the board of the Isla Vista Community Services District. I hereby express my intention to run for the position of Regular Special District Member.

I moved to Santa Barbara County in 1999, living in what later became Goleta until 2015 before moving to Isla Vista (where I live presently). I attended UCSB, graduating with a B.S. in Creative Studies with an emphasis in Computer Science. I continued with five years in UCSB's College of Engineering working on a Ph.D. in Computer Science before deciding to leave early to start my own company and develop Cydia, an alternative store for iOS that had tens of millions of users.

Continuing to live within walking distance of the University, I became involved in the efforts to establish a new government in Isla Vista, causing me to spend copious time researching the past efforts at incorporation, tracing through the archives of LAFCO, and eventually leading me to co-fund a financial feasibility study to explore governmental options for the area; this gave me eclectic background knowledge on the processes and procedures of this fascinating meta-entity.

In 2014, I began attending meetings of LAFCO, a habit I continued into 2016. During this time, I noticed a striking similarity amongst the experiences of the various unincorporated parts of Santa Barbara County; I'd always assumed Isla Vista's issues with the County were specific to Isla Vista, yet I saw similar patterns emerge in areas like Vandenberg Village and Santa Ynez.

Upon this realization, in 2016 I ran for 3rd District County Supervisor. My platform focussed on local control, stating an intention to fight to establish Municipal Advisory Councils in many of the key unincorporated areas of the County, as well as to work more closely with special districts as I had spoken with a number that felt that they were only tenuously connected with the County.

In the two years since, I have served on the board of the Isla Vista Community Services District, expanding my experience in practical local governmental affairs, and was recently appointed to the Goleta Valley Library Advisory Commission. I have occasionally attended local meetings of the SBCCSDA, regularly attend meetings of a handful of other special districts (including two in the Santa Ynez valley) while also randomly attending meetings of other varied special districts, and keep an eye focussed on what is being discussed at LAFCO and the Board of Supervisors.

In addition to this stated background, I have a specific interest in maps and aerial photography, and have built my own GIS systems to explore boundaries within the County of Santa Barbara.

I hope you believe, as do I, that I am a viable and useful candidate for this position, and thank you for taking the time to read this letter. I hope to also see many of you in person this month.

Sincerely,
Jay Freeman (saurik)
saurik@saurik.com

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<p style="text-align: center;">NOMINATION FOR <u>REGULAR</u> SPECIAL DISTRICT MEMBER</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Return to:</i> Executive Officer Santa Barbara LAFCO 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407 Santa Barbara CA 93101 Or FAX to 568-2249</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">LAFCO STAFF USE</p> <p>Date Received: _____</p>
<p>Please print in ink or type</p>	
<p>POSITION SOUGHT: Special District Member</p>	
<p>NAME OF NOMINEE:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 40px;">Myron Heavin</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 40px;">Mission Hills C.S.D.</p>
<p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 40px;">1550 E. Burton Mesa Blvd Lompoc, CA 93436-2100</p>	<p>TELEPHONE:</p> <p>Home: _____</p> <p>Bus: <u>805.733.4366</u></p> <p>Cell: <u>714.600.2698</u></p> <p>Fax: _____</p>
<p>ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: On this form <u>or</u> an accompanying letter, describe the nominee's personal interests, qualifications, experience, education, volunteer activities or community organization memberships that may bear on the nomination for Special District Member: This information will be distributed to all independent special districts.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">I am a graduate of Purdue University with a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering and retired from Boeing after 50 years as an Aerospace Engineer. I worked in a Boeing Company called "Phantom Works" where I worked on advanced engineering concepts, especially cost-cutting proposals dealing with using computer graphics to increase engineering efficiencies. I am also active in the Santa Ynez Gleaning Organization, the California Rare Fruit Growers Association, and the Santa Maria Orchard Society, and also tend a small home orchard. I continue to be an active member of the Vandenberg Village Rotary Club and a past president. I have published two books, and have lived in the Lompoc area along with my wife for over eight years.</p>	
<p>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT: </p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 40px;">Walt Fasold, President Mission Hills C.S.D.</p>	

Judith Ishkanian, Ph.D

Statement of Interest

Voting Commissioner, Santa Barbara County LAFCO

On January 28, 2019, I received an appointment to the Montecito Fire District Board of Directors. Previously, I served on the Montecito Sanitary District Board of Directors from 2006 to 2018, having been President of the Board four times. I have served on the SBC CSDA Board of Directors for eight years, and was President in 2016, I was the Alternate Commissioner for LAFCO in 2017 and a voting Commissioner in 2018.

I am dedicated to service in this community, and I would be very honored to complete my term on LAFCO. The position will remain open until March, 2019, and I am a candidate to be re-elected to finish my term to 2022. SBC LAFCO is the culmination of all the experience I have acquired in service to local government boards. All of these associations working together protects them all, and SBC LAFCO oversees the process of healthy local governments.

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EDUCATION

Ph.D, History, 1993
University of California, Santa Barbara

WORK AND/OR VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

1988-1998 and 2003
Adjunct Professor of History
University of California, Santa Barbara
And
Santa Barbara City College

2003-2015
President and Co-Founder 2005-2015
Neighborhood Defense League of Santa Barbara

2006-2018
Montecito Sanitary District

2011-2018
Board of Directors
Santa Barbara Special Districts Association (SBC CSDA)

2017
Alternate Commissioner
Santa Barbara County LAFCO

2018
Voting Commissioner
Santa Barbara County LAFCO

2019
Director
Montecito Fire Protection District

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POSITION SOUGHT: Special District Member

<p>NAME OF NOMINEE: <u>HAREN JONES</u></p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT: <u>SV CSD</u></p>
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<p>MAILING ADDRESS: <u>1120 Edison St Santa Ynez, CA 93460</u></p>	<p>TELEPHONE: Home: <u>805 688-7286</u> Bus: _____ Cell: <u>805 295-0258</u> 245-0258 Fax: _____</p>
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lifelong interest in civics. My father & mother raised us to take an active part in our community. My interest in LAFCO was inspired by my father serving on the Kern County LAFCO, eventually becoming chairman. Marrying a man who is a multiple generation native born Santa Ynezite has re-inspired my desire to participate in responsible development of this special place I now call home. My children & grandchildren live here. The beauty must be kept intact.

SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT:
Sol D'Amico Board Director SYCSID *Haren Jones*

Debbie Murphy
Carpinteria Sanitary District

Though I am a fairly new director on the Carpinteria Sanitary District Board, I am not new to community work. I was honored when the CSD board invited me to apply for the LAFCO board seat.

As a Real Estate Broker since 1979, I have a good understanding of issues regarding real property and boundaries.

As a community volunteer, I have always participated in organizing events. I was a founding member of the California Avocado Festival in Carpinteria. I lead that initiative for 17 years from a concept to an effective organization that 30+ years later is still considered one of the best festivals in California.

I have been a Rotarian with the Carpinteria Morning Rotary club for over 12 years having served in all club positions including President. Being a member of the club has taken me to several other countries where I have participated in project including assisting small villages in Mexico with having safe water for their communities and in India assisting with promoting immunizations to end Polio..

In addition, I was co-founder of the Carpinteria Farmer's Market, served on the building council of the Carpinteria Lion's Club, authored a column in the Coastal View for a year that brought awareness to our Franklin Trail, volunteer with Los Padres Forest Association to assist with fundraising for trails and trail maintenance, served as president of the Carpinteria Chamber of Commerce and board member and honored to be a recipient of the Carpinterian of the Year award.

I am a collaborator with everyone I serve with on committees or organizations. I ask how something can be moved forward and implemented when the consensus is to do so. I work to empower those around me so that work can be accomplished.

If elected to the LAFCO seat, you can count on me to be an effective board member who works effectively on behalf of the County of Santa Barbara.

David Novis

Summerland Sanitary District

I have lived in Santa Barbara County since 1982. I built my house in Summerland in 1988. I have been a board member of Summerland Sanitary District since 2011.

I have a BA in English from the University of Connecticut in 1960 and a MBA in Marketing from City College of New York in 1966. After serving in the military, I was an advertising salesman in NYC for various magazines. I bought my first newspaper in 1975 in Princeton NJ and sold it in 1980.

I moved to Santa Barbara County in 1982 to take over a Goleta newspaper and its printing operation. Sold the newspaper called the Goleta Sun in 1988. Started a new newspaper in 1993 called the Goleta Valley Voice in 1997. I retired in the same year 1997 from newspaper publishing.

While running the two Goleta newspapers I was on the board for the Goleta Valley Chamber of Commerce as well as the UCSB foundation. In addition, I worked with Bob Braitman the former Executive Director of Santa Barbara LAFCO during those years as Goleta attempted three times to incorporate. Also, I covered news of Goleta Water, Goleta Sanitary and Isla Vista West Districts so I have full knowledge of how LAFO works with special districts as well as incorporating towns such as Solvang, Buellton and eventually Goleta.

I have volunteered for the Santa Barbara Advisory Committee for mental health and alcohol and drug problems as well as for the Santa Barbara County libraries.

I'm currently on the board for the Santa Barbara YMCA on Hitchcock serving in various capacities, including overseeing the Haley Street YMCA.

I have the unique experience of being an entrepreneur as well as working well with other people and organizations to provide end results for various projects.

Spencer Brandt
ivcsd@spencerbrandt.com
(559) 805-0733

Greetings nominating officers,

I am honored to have been nominated by my colleagues to serve as the Alternate Commissioner representing Special Districts on the Santa Barbara County LAFCO. My name is Spencer Brandt, and I currently serve as President of the Isla Vista Community Services District. During my time on the inaugural Board of Directors, our District has formed and begun to provide services that range from additional law enforcement to community facilities management.

As the smallest unit of government in California, special districts are uniquely situated to provide quality services and are uniquely in-touch with the needs of their communities. It is important to me that LAFCO takes into account the unique circumstances and needs that districts and our communities have. As Alternate Commissioner, I want to be a bridge between district boards, your staff, and LAFCO in order to advocate for your needs when it comes to sphere of influence updates, annexations, and municipal service reviews.

Our agricultural resources are a tremendous asset to our region's economy, environment, and quality of life. I am a believer in smart growth policies that promote infill development, and preserve our prime agricultural land. As LAFCO's Ad Hoc Committee on Agricultural Policies prepares updates to existing agricultural policies, it will be very important to strike a balance that allows for growth and conservation.

I look forward to speaking more with each of you regarding my nomination.

Sincerely,

Spencer Brandt
President, Isla Vista Community Services District