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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403
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Terms of Office of Public Members and Alternate Public Members

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission amend the Commissioner Handbook by adopting the enclosed policy for the regular rotation of public members and alternate public members.

DISCUSSION

On November 1, 2007 the Commission conceptually approved the policy of elevating, following a four-year term of office, the alternate public member to the position of voting public member.

The Chair appointed an ad hoc committee of Commissioners Armendariz, Fox and Wolf to work with staff to prepare specific wording. The enclosed policy has been considered by the ad hoc committee and is presented for your consideration. If approved it will state:

It is the intent of the City, County and Special District members that the position of Public Member be rotated on a regular basis to allow qualified members of the community to serve on the Commission.

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.

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.

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As noted in November, the public member position on LAFCO is one of the few opportunities in local government for members of the community to serve equally with County Supervisors, City Councilmembers and Special District Directors.

Please contact members of the ad hoc committee for the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer