SANTA BARBARA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF PUBLIC ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission LAFCO) is selecting an Alternate Public Members to serve on the Commission. LAFCO is an independent government agency charged with encouraging the orderly formation and development of local governmental agencies, preserving agricultural resources, discouraging urban sprawl, and encouraging the efficient provision of local government services. The key State Law that governs LAFCO is the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act as well as other laws. The Commission has the authority to approve or disapprove all annexations of land to and from Cities and Special Districts in Santa Barbara County.

LAFCO has the authority to approve or disapprove the incorporation of new Cities and the formation of new Special Districts. LAFCO also establishes Spheres of Influences (a 20-year growth boundary) for all Cities and Special Districts in the County. The Commission is composed of seven voting members representing local government and the public: two members are from the County Board of Supervisors, two members represent the City Councils, two members represent Special Districts, and one representative serves as the Public Member.

The Public Member is to be selected by the six other Commission members at the January 7, 2027 LAFCO meeting. **The Application Form and Resume are due by 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2026.** The Alternate Public Member position is a four-year term ending March 1, 2031. The regular public member appointed would serve as a "voting member". The alternate member serves as the "voting member" when the regular member cannot attend the meeting. Regular LAFCO meetings are scheduled every month on the first Thursday at 1:00 p.m. LAFCO rotates our meetings between the Board of Supervisors hearing room, located at 105 East Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor, Santa Barbara, California, and the Board of Supervisors hearing room in the Betteravia Government Center at 511 Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria, with special meetings held as needed. The current alternate member is Mr. Roger Aceves and has expressed interest in being re-appointed.

Interested individuals must be residents of Santa Barbara County and be able to regularly attend LAFCO meetings. The individuals selected cannot be a current officer or employee of the County, a City or Special District within the County. Previous involvement in or experience with local government issues in Santa Barbara County is helpful. The public member is a public official and is required to file a standard financial disclosure statement annually with the California Fair Political Practices Commission, AB1234 Ethics Training, and SB 827 Fiscal and Financial Compliance Training.

Candidates for the position must complete an application form and provide a resume indicating applicable experience and qualifications. Application forms are available at the LAFCO office or online at www.sblafco.org. Application materials must be received by Santa Barbara LAFCO office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101, on or before Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 5:00 pm. The application may be submitted via e-mail to LAFCO Executive Officer, Mike Prater at lafco@sblafco.org. For more information, please contact Mr. Prater at 805-568-3391 or by e-mail at lafco@sblafco.org. Thank you for your interest.

Initial interviews by the selected Ad-Hoc Committee will be held on Friday, December 18, 2026. Final interviews and selection would occur at the January 7, 2027, LAFCO meeting at 1:00 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, 105 East Anapamu Street, Fourth Floor, Santa Barbara, California, to consider an appointment to fill an Alternate Public Member vacancy. This appointment would be for the new four-year term that end on March 1, 2031.

Remote Testimony is Permitted - Persons may address the Commission in person or by using the remote video testimony system in the Board of Supervisors hearing room in the Betteravia Government Center at 511 Lakeside Parkway, Santa Maria. A Zoom link will also be available.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions – LAFCO Commissioners are disqualified and are not able to participate in proceedings involving an "entitlement for use" if, within the 12 months preceding the LAFCO decision, the Commissioner received more than $500 in campaign contributions from the applicant, an agent of the applicant or a financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the LAFCO decision on this matter.

Those who have made such contributions are required to disclose that fact for the official record of the proceedings. Disclosures must include the amount of the contribution and the recipient Commissioner and may be made either in writing to the Executive Officer of the Commission prior to the hearing or by an oral declaration at the time of the hearing.

The foregoing requirements are set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974, specifically in Government Code section 84308.

Disability Accommodations - Persons with a disability who require any disability-related modification or accommodation, including auxiliary aids or services, in order to participate in the meeting are asked to contact the LAFCO office at least three (3) days prior to the meeting by telephone at 805.568.3391 or by email at lafco@sblafco.org.

Additional information. – Additional information regarding items to be considered at the meeting may be obtained by contacting the LAFCO office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 or by calling 805/568-3391. The agenda and staff report for the hearing will be available at the LAFCO website at www.sblafco.org. 5 days before the hearing.

Dated this 9th day of November 2026

Mike Prater, Executive Officer
Santa Barbara LAFCO