

LAFCO MEMORANDUM

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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January 6, 2022 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Mike Prater
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on Special Districts Election

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

The term of Regular Special District member Jay Freeman, will expire on March 1, 2022. Commissioners can continue to serve until they are re-elected or someone else is elected.

Staff will be working with the Independent Special District Selection Committee to determine if a quorum can be held to select a member or if sending out nomination forms to each Independent Special District if a quorum cannot be achieved. The CSDA Chapter will meet on January 24, 2022 to hold an election. If a quorum cannot be achieved then staff will follow the mailed-ballot election process. Regular Commissioner Freeman may be interested in being re-elected. GC Section 56332(c)(2) indicates that if only one nominee is submitted during the nomination period, then that nominee shall be deemed appointed to the Commission.

In the past, because there are 39 independent Special Districts, assembling a quorum (20) of the special districts for a meeting of the Special District Selection Committee, has proved to be problematic. Therefore, the Executive Officer may provide a notice of a 30–60-day nomination period followed by a mailed ballot election as the best option. A notice was issued on November 22, 2021 for nominations to be received by January 14, 2022.

Staff will keep the Commission apprised of the progress of the Pending Commissioner Elections.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.