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SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
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July 11, 2019

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PH*
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Report on Special District Commissioner Elections

This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary

DISCUSSION

There is a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes for the Regular Special District Member election that ended on May 10, 2019.

There were 30 votes cast for the Regular Special District member in the mailed ballot election. Jay Freeman received 13 votes (43.3%) and Judith Ishkanian received 11 votes (36.7%). Pursuant to Section 9(c) of the Special District Selection Committee Bylaws, a winning candidate must receive a majority of the votes cast. Where no candidate receives a majority, the election must go to a runoff between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes.

Notice: Notice for the Runoff Election was sent out to each Independent Special District on June 2, 2019 (**Exhibit A**). The Ballots and Candidate Statements for the two candidates were included with the Notice (**Exhibits B and C**)

Voting Period. The voting period will be 60-days and will end on August 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.

Exhibits:

Exhibit A Notice
Exhibit B Ballot
Exhibit C Candidate Statements

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

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Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

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www.sblafco.org ♦ lafco@sblafco.org

June 3, 2019

TO: Santa Barbara County Independent Special Districts

Subject: Notice of Runoff Election for the Regular Special District Member to
LAFCO – **Ballots are due no later than 5:00 pm, August 5, 2019.**

Attached please find a ballot for the Special District Selection Committee election for one of the two Regular Special District members on LAFCO. This is a runoff election between the two candidates receiving the highest number of votes in the mailed ballot election that ended on May 10, 2019.

For an election to be valid, at least a quorum of the special districts must submit valid ballots. A quorum is 20 or more of the 38 independent special districts.

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Voting Period Attached you will find a ballot for the Regular Special District member, containing the names of two nominees receiving the highest number of votes. **The voting period will be 60-days and will end on August 5, 2019 at 5:00 pm.**

Voting Process: The Presiding Officer of each Independent Special District is authorized to vote. If the presiding officer is unable to participate in the election of the Special District Selection Committee, the legislative body of the district may appoint one of its members as an alternate to participate in the selection committee in the presiding officer's place.

Voting members should submit ballots directly to LAFCO, attention Jacquelyne Alexander. Ballots may be mailed, hand delivered, faxed or emailed to LAFCO at the contact information

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 A

Local Agency Formation Commission
June 3, 2019
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shown below. Ballots must be **received by the deadline**; ballots postmarked on or before August 5 but received after the deadline are not sufficient.

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

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, August 5, 2019

OFFICIAL BALLOT

Runoff Election for Regular Special District Member on Santa Barbara LAFCO

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

<input type="checkbox"/>	Jay Freeman – Isla Vista Community Services District
<input type="checkbox"/>	Judith Ishkanian – Montecito Fire Protection District

Name of Independent Special District

Signature

Print Name of Voting Delegate

Title (please check one)

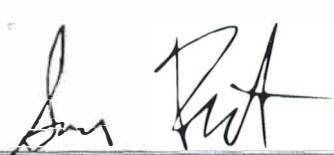
- Chair of the Special District Board
- Board member, designated by Special District Board to vote in this election. (Gov. Code sec. 56332(a).)

Date: _____

The voting member should submit his or her ballot directly to LAFCO by hand or U.S. mail to Jacquelyne Alexander, SANTA BARBARA LAFCO, 105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407, Santa Barbara CA 93101, via email to lafco@sblafco.org, or Fax (805) 568-2249

EXHIBIT B

**SANTA BARBARA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

<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: 20px;">Jay Freeman</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 20px;">Isla Vista Community Services District</p>
<p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; margin-left: 20px;">6533 El Greco Road #A Isla Vista, CA 93117</p>	<p>TELEPHONE:</p> <p>Home: _____</p> <p>Bus: _____</p> <p>Cell: <u>(805) 895-7209</u></p> <p>Fax: _____</p>
<p>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 Special District Member: This information will be distributed to all independent special districts.</p>	
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: flex-end;"> <div style="width: 40%;">  </div> <div style="width: 30%; text-align: center;"> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA CLERK OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS</p> <p style="font-size: 0.8em; margin: 0;">2019 FEB 28 PM 1:02</p> </div> </div>	
<p>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT:</p>	

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>POSITION SOUGHT: Special District Member</p>	
<p>NAME OF NOMINEE:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Judith Ishkanian</p>	<p>NAME OF DISTRICT:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Montecito Fire Protection District</p>
<p>MAILING ADDRESS:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">1480 San Leandro Park Road</p> <p style="font-size: 1.2em; font-family: cursive;">Santa Barbara, CA 93108</p>	<p>TELEPHONE:</p> <p>Home: <u>(805) 969-6020</u></p> <p>Bus: _____</p> <p>Cell: <u>(805) 680-5412</u></p> <p>Fax: _____</p>
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<p>SIGNATURE OF NOMINATOR/NAME OF SPECIAL DISTRICT:</p> <p style="font-size: 1.5em; font-family: cursive;">Silvia Easton Montecito Fire Protection District</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.

RESUME

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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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