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## **Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**

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May 6, 2004 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission

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### **Dates for Commissioner Terms of Office**

Dear Members of the Commission:

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission consider this matter and provide direction as appropriate.

#### DISCUSSION

In March the Commission discussed the possibility of changing the terms of office of LAFCO to coincide more closely with terms of elective office, which often begin near the first of the calendar year. The matter was continued to this meeting.

To remind the Commission, Government Code §56334 states in part:

The expiration date of the term of office of each member shall be the first Monday in May in the year in which the term of the member expires, unless procedures adopted by the commission specify an alternate date to apply uniformly to all members. However, the length of a term of office shall not be extended more than once.

As a suggestion, the following wording could be added to the Commissioner Handbook section on "Rules and Procedures" One Commission that has modified the dates of office for its members is the Ventura LAFCO. Its Commissioner Handbook states:

Term of Office- The term of office for each member appointed after January 1, 2005 shall expire on March 1 of the year in which the term of that member expires. For any member appointed prior to January 1, 2005, the term of office for that member shall be extended from the first Monday in May in the year that member's current term expires to March 1 of the following year.

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The Ventura LAFCO adjusted its terms of office to expire on January 1 and I understand that if they able to do it again there would be interest in having terms start later a month or two later to allow newly constituted Boards of Supervisors and City Councils to be seated and organized before being called on to make appointments to the Commission.

This subject is a matter of policy for the Commission. Only the Public Member's term of office is scheduled to expire in 2004. All other terms will not expire until 2005, 2006 or 2007.

If members of the Commission wish to act on this matter a resolution to amend the Commissioner Handbook is enclosed for your deliberation.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN  
Executive Officer

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY  
FORMATION COMMISSION ESTABLISHING TERMS OF  
OFFICE FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission operates pursuant to the Cortese/Knox/Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (Section 56000 et seq. of the Government Code); and

WHEREAS, this statute specifies the term of office of each member ends on the first Monday in May in the year the term expires, unless the Commission adopts procedures to specify an alternate expiration date to apply uniformly to all members, and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes to provide that the term of office for each member shall expire on March 1 of the year in which the term of that member expires.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Barbara County as follows:

1. The term of office for each member appointed after January 1, 2005 shall expire on March 1 of the year in which the term of that member expires.
2. For any member appointed prior to January 1, 2005, the term of office for that member shall be extended from the first Monday in May in the year that member's current term expires to March 1 of the following year.

This resolution was adopted on May 6, 2004 and is effective immediately.

AYES:

NOES:

ABSTAINS:

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Chair, Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission