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Appointment or Reappointment of Alternate Public Member

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City, County and Special District Members of the Commission reappoint Alternate Public Member Penny Leich for a four-year term of office through May 7, 2007 or begin the process to select and appoint a new Alternate Public Member.

DISCUSSION

Members of the Commission are appointed to four-year terms of office and may be reappointed. Government Code §56325 states the Commission shall include:

(d) One representing the general public appointed by the other members of the commission. The other members of the commission may also designate one alternate member who shall be appointed and serve pursuant to Section 56331. Selection of the public member and alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative vote of at least one of the members selected by each of the other appointing authorities.

Government Code §56331 states:

When appointing a public member . . . the commission may also appoint one alternate public member who may serve and vote in place of a regular public member who is absent or who disqualifies himself or herself from participating in a meeting of the commission.

If the office of a regular public member becomes vacant, the alternate member may serve and vote in place of the former regular public member until the appointment and qualification of a regular public member to fill the vacancy.

No person appointed as a public member or alternate public member pursuant to this chapter shall be an officer or employee of the county or any city or district with territory in the county, provided, however, that any officer or employee serving on January 1, 1994, may complete the term for which he or she was appointed.

The Commissioner Handbook has the following to say about Selection of Members.

5. Selection of Public members

Government Code Section 56325 requires that selection of the public and alternate public members be supported by at least one of the members in each of the other categories, i.e., City, County and Special District members.

The method for selecting Public members is determined by the regular City, County and Special District members. They may reappoint the incumbent public member or alternate public member without recruitment.

If they choose to recruit for a public member or alternate public member the following procedure is used:

- a. There is a public announcement of the vacancy to solicit letters of interest.
- b. A committee appointed by the Chairman consisting of a City member, County member and Special District member screens applications and letters of interest.
- c. The finalists are interviewed by the Commission.

Commissioner Leich was first appointed to the Commission as Alternate Public Member in 1991 and was reappointed to subsequent terms of office. Regular Public Member Tom Umenhofer was first appointed in 1993 and has been reappointed to subsequent terms.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer