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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 31, 2020

TO: Independent Special District General Managers, Fire Chiefs, and CEOs

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer



SUBJECT: Ballot for Election of LAFCO Commissioner – Special District
Regular Member (Due May 8, 2020)

This memorandum transmits a ballot, voting instructions and candidate information for the election of one Independent Special District Regular Member to serve a four-year term on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. Please forward the ballot and information to the legislative body of your District for voting and signature by the presiding officer (Board President) or designee. Vote for one of the three candidates. The deadline to return the ballot is May 8, 2020. LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

Thank you for participating in the election process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Enclosures:

Ballot and Voting Instructions
Candidate Information

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March 31, 2020

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

FOR ELECTION OF ONE REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO LAFCO

Voting Instructions:

1. The presiding officer of the legislative body of the District or the legislative body's alternate officer is authorized to vote. Please vote for one candidate. A majority of Districts must return ballots in order to conclude the election. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to a Regular Member seat.
2. Please return this ballot to LAFCO of Monterey County at P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 or at 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102, Salinas, CA 93901, or by FAX at 831-754-5831.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **May 8, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

PLEASE VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE (REGULAR MEMBER SEAT):

- Peter Le (Marina Coast Water District)
- Warren ("Pete") Poitras (Monterey County Regional Fire District)
- Jacqueline Simon (North Monterey County Fire Protection District)

VOTING MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____

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KATE McKENNA, AICP
Executive Officer

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM TO DECLARE CANDIDACY AND REQUEST NAME AND STATEMENT ON BALLOTS FOR ONE REGULAR POSITION ON THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Due Date: March 30, 2020

Nominations will be considered to fill one Independent Special District Representative (Regular) seat on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. The seat has a four year term that will expire in May 2024.

Nomination Deadline and Process:

Nominations must be received in the LAFCO Office by March 30, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. Qualified persons may submit their own nominations using this form (no Board action is needed). You may email the completed form to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov OR mail it to P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 OR hand-deliver it to 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102 in Salinas.

Nomination Statement:

"I, PETER LE, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: PETER LE
Address: 3282 BEGONIA CIR, MARINA, CA 93933
Phone and e-mail: (831) 402-2455 PETER381@SBCGLOBAL.NET
District represented: MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT
Your position with the District: DIRECTOR
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 5

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

I HAVE LIVED IN MARINA FOR 39 YEARS. I AM A CALIFORNIA LICENSED CIVIL ENGINEER. I AM RETIRED NOW. PREVIOUSLY, I WORKED FOR CITY OF SALINAS, CITY OF MARINA, COUNTY OF MONTEREY, AND CITY OF SOLEDAD.

LAFCO COULD USE MY KNOWLEDGE OF LOCAL GOVERNMENTS,
INFRASTRUCTURES, DEVELOPMENTS, SPHERES OF INFLUENCE, AND ANNEXATION
IN PERFORMING ITS FUNCTIONS.
I SERVED MY FIRST TERM AS DIRECTOR OF MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT
FROM 2012 TO 2015. I WAS RE-ELECTED IN 2018 FOR 4-YEAR TERM.
PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU NEED ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.

Signed: Peter Le

Name (Print): PETER LE

Date: MARCH 17, 2020

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.

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"I, Warren "Pete" Poitras, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: Warren "Pete" Poitras
Address: 13 Via Las Encinas Carmel Valley, CA 93924
Phone and e-mail: (831) 659-3837 – email: info@weddingphotographercarmel.com
District represented: Monterey County Regional Fire District
Your position with the District: Board President
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 11 years

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

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In addition, the pending dissolution of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), which will cease to exist effective July 1, 2020, also represents significant challenges for LAFCO, and by extension special districts. State law in the form of the FORA Act has mandated that LAFCO shall "provide for the orderly dissolution of the authority" by June 30, 2020. As a result, significant LAFCO exposure to future litigation involving FORA-related actions, including but not limited to: transition plan implementation steps, enforcement of FORA contracts, or transfer of FORA's assets and/or liabilities which LAFCO will be obligated to defend as it undertakes its dissolution oversight role. Currently, FORA has allocated only \$500,000 for litigation-related costs that are likely to be incurred as LAFCO carries out its obligations under the law. As a commissioner, my goal is to keep special districts' annual LAFCO costs as low as possible.

I have now served eight years as a commissioner, including one as the Commission's Chair. This has provided invaluable experience, enabling me to effectively represent the interests of all special districts as a LAFCO Commissioner.

For more than 10 years I have served as a board member of the Monterey County Regional Fire District (MCRFD), the last six as its president. The District encompasses more than 400 square miles of unincorporated area, including the Chualar and Gonzales areas in the south, northward surrounding the City of Salinas, west along the Highway 68 corridor and over the hill to Carmel Valley. I am the current Vice President of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County, and have served two years as its President. I would be honored to continue representing Special Districts as a Monterey County LAFCO Commissioner and humbly ask for your endorsement.

Signed:  _____

Name (Print): Warren "Pete" Poitras

Date: 03-05-20

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.

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Executive Officer

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Nomination Statement:

"I, Jacqueline P. Simon, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: Jacqueline P. Simon
Address: Simon Park 191 HWY 156 Bldg. 32 Castroville, Ca 95012
Phone and e-mail: 831-240-6829 Email: jcs.ventures.INC@gmail.com
District represented: North Monterey County Fire Protection District
Your position with the District: VICE PRESIDENT
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 14 years

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

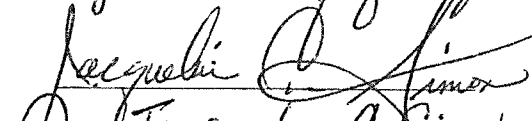
I have enjoyed providing 14 years of service as an elected Board member with North County Fire Protection District. I would appreciate the opportunity to continue my service to the Public and the Local Agency

Formation Commission. I have experience
and expertise in organizational development
and strategic planning. I am a Team Player,
a good listener. THANK YOU for taking the time to
Review my attached qualifications.

Signed:

Name (Print):

Date:


Jacqueline C. Simon
March 22, 2020

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.

MONTEREY COUNTY REGIONAL FIRE DISTRICT

19900 Portola Drive Salinas, California 93908 (831) 455-1828 FAX (831) 455-0646

www.mcrfd.org

April 9, 2020

Ms. Carrie Theis, Chair
Monterey Regional Waste Management District
P.O. Box 1670
14201 Del Monte Blvd.
Monterey County, CA 93933-1670

Dear Ms. Theis:

LAFCO Monterey County is currently conducting an election for a seat on the commission representing special districts. I have held the seat now for nearly eight years. I am writing to solicit the continued support of your board of directors as an incumbent candidate for the next four year term.

One issue of serious concern is the pending dissolution of the Fort Ord Reuse Authority (FORA), which will cease to exist effective July 1, 2020. This represents significant challenges for LAFCO, and by extension special districts. State law has mandated that LAFCO shall "provide for the orderly dissolution of the authority" by June 30, 2020. As a result, significant LAFCO exposure to future litigation involving FORA-related actions, including but not limited to: transition plan implementation, enforcement of FORA contracts and transfer of FORA's assets and/or liabilities which LAFCO will be obligated to defend as it undertakes its dissolution oversight role. Currently, FORA has allocated only \$500,000 for litigation-related costs that are likely to be incurred as LAFCO carries out its obligations under the law. As a commissioner, my goal is to keep special districts' annual LAFCO costs as low as possible.

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Sincerely,

Warren "Pete" Poitras

Warren "Pete" Poitras, Board President
Monterey County Regional Fire District

Serving Carmel Valley and the Northern Salinas Valley, the Highway 68 Corridor, and the Community of Chualar