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2022

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 1, 2022

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 April 1, 2022)

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 April 1. LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

A second ballot, for election of one Special District Alternate Member, will be issued after the election of a Regular Member. Sequential balloting is in accordance with adopted procedures to ensure diversity in representation.

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

Enclosures:

Ballot and Voting Instructions
Candidate Information

LAFCO of Monterey County

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM

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

Due Date: February 28, 2022

Nominations will be considered to fill the four-year term for one Regular seat (expiring May 2026) and the four-term for one Alternate seat (expiring May 2026) for Independent Special District Commissioners on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County.

Nomination Deadline and Process:

Nominations must be received in the LAFCO Office by February 28, 2022 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, GAIL MORTON, 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: GAIL MORTON
Address: 5 VIA JOAQUIN MONTEREY CA 93940
Phone and e-mail: 831 375-0100 gmorton@montereyfamilylaw.com or directormorton@mcwd.org
District represented: MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT
Your position with the District: DIRECTOR
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 1 YEAR

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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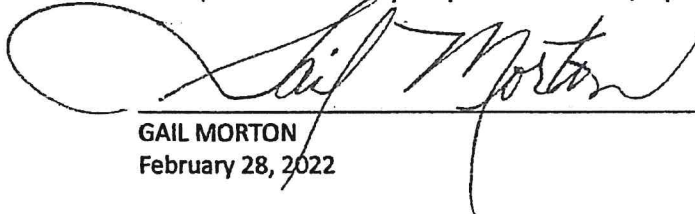
LAFCO's goal of preserving open space and agricultural land, discouraging urban sprawl, and delivering local and district services efficiently aligns well with the aims I have promoted in past decades as an activist, Marina councilmember, and a board member of Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

I currently serve as a director of the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), the largest water district in County of Monterey. I focus on developing and implementing policies that will ensure a safe, clean, affordable water supply for current and future MCWD customers—*without* undermining affordable water for others throughout the County.

In their vital regional role, LAFCO commissioners must exercise prudence and diligence, anticipating unintended consequences, when shaping the development of local agencies advantageously for the present and future needs of our county. It is imperative that every board action reflect a holistic, countywide understanding of land and water resources; the practical demands of development in the decades to come; and the importance of protecting the County's economy, which depends on agricultural land and the attraction of open space for tourism.

I study issues carefully to bring as roundly informed a perspective to the table as possible. In my observation, cooperative, multiagency solutions with cross-jurisdictional benefit are key to successful governance. Some excellent strategies have been modeled in the past; this approach will continue to reap dividends when pursued.

LAFCO's independent and dependent special districts deserve fair and focused representation. As a leader at the city, FORA, and MCWD levels, I have a record of respect for the diverse interests of constituent groups and persons and a strong commitment to balanced, workable solutions. As a LAFCO commissioner, I will strive always to provide effective, equitable representation.



GAIL MORTON
February 28, 2022

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Nomination Statement:

"I, David Kong, 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: David Kong
Address: 348 Barbera Way
Phone and e-mail: 831-682-2812 davidrkong@gmail.com
District represented: Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District
Your position with the District: Board President
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 3 years

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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

I am interested in being an elected LAFCO Commissioner because I would like to represent the South Monterey Communities on the Commission LAFCO makes many important decisions on matters concerning South Monterey County. I have been a lifelong resident of Monterey County. I have lived in Pacific Grove, Salinas, and now have been a South County Resident for 21 years. I have served as a city planning commissioner, County Redistricting Commissioner, and School Board member and now serve on the Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District as Board President. I am interested in having good land management of Monterey County. South Monterey County is mostly rural and agricultural. I am a good team player and I know a number of the current commissioners on LAFCO. I would be honored to serve on the LAFCO Commission and asking for your vote.

Signed:

David Kong

Name (Print): David Kong

Date: 02/25/2022

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

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Nomination Statement:

"MARYANN Leffel, 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: MARYANN Leffel
Address: 117 Cuesta Vista Dr. Monterey, CA 93940
Phone and e-mail: 831.402.4616 MAleffel@montereyairport.com
District represented: Monterey Peninsula Airport District
Your position with the District: Board Member
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:

Please see attached

Signed: Mary Ann Loffel

Name (Print): MARY ANN LOFFEL

Date: 2.25.22

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

To Special Districts, Monterey County

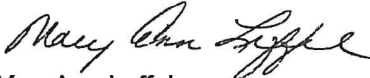
I would truly be honored to receive your vote for another term, representing the Monterey County special districts on Lafco, Monterey County.

Since moving to Monterey County in 1982, I have served in a variety of positions on numerous boards, commissions and community groups. I have chaired Natividad Hospital Bd of Trustees, Monterey Peninsula Chamber of Commerce, Monterey County Business Council, Leadership Monterey Peninsula, Chartwell School, Monterey County Special Districts and several other commissions and groups.

Currently, I serve as the Vice Chair of Monterey County Lafco, and Monterey County Workforce Development Board and Chair, Monterey County Special Districts. I also serve as an elected member of the Monterey Peninsula Airport District, and as a board member of Carmel Valley Art Association and Legal Services for Seniors. I co founded the Monterey Bay Economic Partnership, the Monterey County Business Council, Leadership Monterey County, the CSUMB Institute for Innovation and Economic Development, the Monterey Bay Defense Alliance, Competitive Clusters Monterey, the Monterey County Revolving loan fund and served on each for several years. There are many more community groups and boards, where I held positions and seats.

I strive to represent the districts, their clients and communities they serve. In doing so, there are many needs, desires and voices. Listening to the community as a whole, I intend to represent the districts and their constituents fairly and to the best of my ability. Please reelect me as your representative. I appreciate your consideration.

Best,


MaryAnn Leffel
Vice Chair
LAFCO, Monterey County

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

March 1, 2022

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 email to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **April 1, 2022, 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):

- David Kong (Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District)
- Mary Ann Leffel (Monterey Peninsula Airport District)
- Gail Morton (Marina Coast Water District)

VOTING MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____