




Local Agency Formation Commission
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Date: July 18, 2019
To: LAFCo Commissioners
From:  Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer
RE: Appointment of Alternate Public Member (**Agenda Item VI.A**)

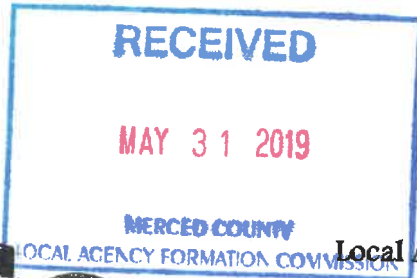
The term of the Alternate Public Member of the Commission (Scott Hunter) expired in May 2018. In compliance with Section 56325(d) of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000, notification of the vacancy has been sent to all cities, independent special districts and the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors for the required 21 day posting, along with a copy of the application form for interested candidates.

The requested deadline for filing the application form was May 31, 2019. The only valid application received was from the current alternate Public Member of the Commission, Scott Hunter, confirming his interest and qualifications in continuing to serve as the Commission's alternate Public Member (copy of application attached). One other application was received from a person who is currently serving on the Board of Directors of an independent special district. In accordance with Government Code section 56331, due to the representation on a special district, this individual does not qualify to serve as a public member on LAFCo.

REQUESTED ACTION

Reappoint Commissioner Hunter as the Alternate Public Member of the Commission for the balance of a four year term to May 2022.

Attachment: Candidate application form



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**APPLICATION FOR LAFCO
"ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER"**

Name: Scott M. Hunter Date of Birth: October 4, 1969
Address: 6109 Hampshire Dr.
City: ATWATER State: CA Zip: 95301
Phone: 209-277-5841

REASON YOU ARE APPLYING FOR THIS POSITION:

I have served as an Alternate Public member of the Merced County LAFCO for two terms. I would like to continue to serve our community in this position as I feel that my institutional knowledge & professional background bring perspective to our County LAFCO.

WHAT QUALIFICATIONS DO YOU HAVE FOR THIS POSITION?

As an Alternate Public Member of the Merced County LAFCO for two terms, I feel that I have a well established understanding of the importance LAFCO plays in the future growth/development of our community. As a farmer & businessman I feel that I have a clear & unique understanding of the importance of orderly growth of our cities & the preservation of open spaces & ag lands have to our community.

PROVIDE A BRIEF STATEMENT HOW YOU FEEL LAFCO CAN BALANCE ITS RESPONSIBILITIES TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORDERLY AND LOGICAL EXPANSION OF URBAN BOUNDARIES WHILE DISCOURAGING URBAN SPRAWL AND PRESERVING OPEN SPACE AND PRIME AGRICULTURAL LANDS.

To ensure the prosperous future of our state, we must shift to a more conscientious approach to land use planning - one that balances the needs of conservation & development. We must implement a variety of strategies focusing on compact growth in existing neighborhoods while preserving wildlife habitat & farmland. There are many benefits to this type of focused growth: 1st infill growth reduces the carbon footprint of a community as well as facilitating energy & water conservation. 2nd protecting open spaces helps fuel California's agriculture & tourism engine. LAFCOs play a critical role in planning growth. With authority to determine most efficient growth patterns through the SDI & MSR process, LAFCOs can support a better decision making process & have a positive long term impact on the viability of our community.

Signature

5-31-2019
Date