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DATE: September 17, 2020 (Agenda)
TO: LAFCO Commissioners
FROM: *Bh*
Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer
RE: Appointment of regular voting Delegate and alternate voting Delegate for elections of the 2020-21 California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) Board of Directors, and any other business requiring a vote at any virtual business meeting held by CALAFCO **(Agenda Item VII.D.)**

Correspondence received from the CALAFCO Election Committee Chair dated July 7, 2020, confirms that the annual fall CALAFCO Conference and related annual CALAFCO Business meeting will no longer be held in person in Monterey on October 22, 2020. However, the Board Election Committee must still accept nominations for open seats on the CALAFCO Board, and conduct the election even though it will be done through email this year. The vacant seats on the Central Section of CALAFCO where Merced is located are for County and Special District positions, and none of our County Commissioners on LAFCO desired to place their hat in the ring. Since we don't have special districts represented on our Commission, there are no eligible candidates from Merced LAFCO.

The Commission is requested to nominate a voting delegate and alternate voting delegate and direct the Executive Officer to forward the selections and their email addresses to CALAFCO by September 22, 2020.

Action Requested

Nominate a Voting Delegate for the 2020-21 CALAFCO Board of Director election and an Alternate Voting Delegate, and authorize the Delegate to make the appropriate Board member selections and to vote on any other business items at a regional caucus that CALAFCO will conduct, and instruct the Executive Officer to forward the selections to CALAFCO.

Enclosure: Notice from CALAFCO Board Election Committee dated July 7, 2020

July 7, 2020

To: Local Agency Formation Commission
Members and Alternate Members

From: Shiva Frentzen, Committee Chair
CALAFCO Board Election Committee
CALAFCO Board of Directors



RE: IMPORTANT UPDATE - Elections for 2020/2021 CALAFCO Board of Directors

As you know, nominations are now open for the fall elections of the CALAFCO Board of Directors. Please refer to the announcement and nomination packet sent out to you on June 19, 2020 for details on which seats are open and other important information.

In that announcement we advised you that if we are unable to have an in-person annual conference due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the elections will be conducted by all mail ballot. **As the in-person annual conference has been cancelled, the 2020 Board of Directors elections will be an electronic ballot procedure.**

- ✓ We will use the timelines outlined in CALAFCO policies as detailed in the June 19 announcement with some slight modifications as provided below.
- ✓ CALAFCO still needs the name of your voting delegate. Please also provide their title and email address as the ballot will be emailed directly to your voting delegate. The voting delegate will also cast votes on behalf of your LAFCo at whatever virtual annual business meeting we may have.

Since there will be no caucus, there is no ability to nominate a candidate from the floor. All nominations must come from the nomination packets submitted and acknowledged as received by the deadline of September 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Election Committee is accepting nominations until Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. and that this is the only way to get your name on the ballot and be considered for election.

The election committee and CALAFCO staff will meet virtually the morning of October 22 for purposes of tabulating the results and certifying the election. All election documents will be available for member LAFCo inspection upon request.

- **June 19** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **September 22** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **September 22** – Voting delegate name and email address due to CALAFCO
- **October 7** – Distribution of the Election Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **October 7** – Distribution of ballots by email to voting delegate
- **October 21** - Ballots due to CALAFCO by 4:00 p.m. – **NO LATE BALLOTS WILL BE ACCEPTED**
- **October 22** – Elections tabulated by the Elections Committee and an announcement made to the membership