



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: March 15, 2023

TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners

FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Appointment of Alternate Public Member to Commission**

The Commission will receive a report identifying the three candidates for the alternate public member seat and receive the subcommittees recommendation. The Commission will consider and potentially take action on the appointment. This appointment requires a majority vote of the Commission, and the affirmative vote of at least one county, city, and district member.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 states the composition of Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) shall generally include seven regular commissioners consisting of two county members, two city members, two special district members, and one public member. There are also alternates for each category. The Commission serves as the appointing authority for the regular and alternate public members, which are appointed by the other regular members of the Commission (county, city, and special district).

In March 2022, a subcommittee was appointed including one county, one city, and one special district member in order to review any applications that were received for the open alternate public member seat. However, no applications were received until January/February 2023. The subcommittee was reappointed in January 2023 to include Commissioners Lake, Losey, and Madrone.

DISCUSSION

The alternate public member seat previously held by Skip Jorgensen is currently vacant. Three applications were received and reviewed by the public member selection subcommittee. The three candidates include former commissioners Stephen Avis, Virginia Bass, and Gordon Johnson. The subcommittee has chosen to not conduct interviews at this time and is recommending Gordon Johnson be appointed to the Commission. Each candidate was notified of the subcommittees recommendation and was invited to attend the Commission's March meeting. The Commission is invited to discuss this item and interview or otherwise ask questions of any attending candidates prior to taking action on appointing a new alternate public member to LAFCo.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission consider the subcommittee's recommendation for Alternate Public Member, obtain public comment, and appoint a new Alternate Public Member to the Commission. This appointment requires a majority vote of the Commission, and the affirmative vote of at least one county, city, and district member. Alternatively, the Commission may choose to continue this item to the next regular Commission scheduled for May 17, 2023.

Attachments

Attachment A: Alternate Public Member Application Materials



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Local Agency Formation Commission

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APPLICATION FORM: ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER

To be considered for the Alternate Public Member position, completed applications must be returned to the LAFCo Office, 1125 16th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521, or via email to krystleh@humboldtlafo.org, no later than 4:30 p.m. on February 10, 2023.

NAME:	Stephen Avis	ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:		E-MAIL:	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	25 years		
ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE?	no		
PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:	Retired		
SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:	Municipal Service Report, promoting land use decisions that foster open space and agricultural land preservation. Monitoring the growth of cities through annexation applications.		
SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	Current member of the LAFCo. Former City Council member. Former Planning Commissioner. Retired land use planner.		
LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	Travel for education, live music performance and spending time with friends		
PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES	George Williamson		



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NAME:	Virginia Bass	ADDRESS:	
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TELEPHONE:		E-MAIL:	
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	61 years
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ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE?	Not after January 1st
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PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:	County now/ unknown about future
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SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:	I have had the pleasure of serving on the commission for nearly 12 years and served as chair a good portion of that time. While attending the most recent conference, I realized that many former elected officials come back as public members when they retire (we don't disappear into the sunset). Like me, they have the knowledge and experience to do the job and after years in the position And they understand the process and enjoy the interesting challenges the Commission deals with.
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SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	As member of the commission for many years, I believe I am well suited for the commission. I have attended many LAFCo conferences and took advantage of the educational opportunities at them.
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LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	Hard to list as I feel like I am in multiple places at one time.
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PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):	Forthcoming (I am filling this out while traveling and want to confirm with my references prior to listing them)
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NAME:	Gordon Johnson	ADDRESS:	
TELEPHONE:		E-MAIL:	
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	Born in Eureka, last 44 yrs in Rio Dell		
ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE?	No		
PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:	semi-retired civil engineer		
SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:	I have the greatest respect for Humboldt LAFCo. I served 4-yrs as a regular city member and 2-yrs as an alt " " .		
SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	See above. BS civil engineering Humboldt State College (1968), 50-yrs registered engineer in CA.		
LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	Prior member Rio Dell Planning Comm. and City Council. (11+yrs total)		
PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):	Kyle Knopp - 1 Terry Rexford Mel Brim		