



AGENDA ITEM 6A

MEETING: July 15, 2020
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Metz Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Status of Commissioner Terms and Appointment of Regular Public Member for 2020-2024 Term**

The Commission will receive a status report regarding expiring commissioner terms in 2020. As the appointing authority for public members on LAFCo, the Commission will consider a selection committee recommendation to appoint Ali Lee as the new public member for the 2020-2024 term.

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 members consisting of county (two), city (two), special district (two), and public (one) representation. Each category represented on LAFCo also has one alternate member. Appointments for the county, city, and special district seats are made by the board of supervisors, city selection committee, and independent special district selection committee, respectively. Appointments for the public seats are made by the other regular members. All LAFCo terms are four years.

DISCUSSION

Humboldt LAFCo has three members whose terms of office expire in June 2020. These members are as follows:

Paul Pitino (city)
Debra Lake (special district)
Bob McPherson (public)

City Member Selection:

Staff previously requested a meeting of the City Selection Committee for purposes of appointing a regular city member to serve on LAFCo. Staff has been notified that the City Selection Committee is scheduled to meet on Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. (via zoom). Commissioner Pitino will continue to serve "until the appointment and qualification of his or her successor" (Government Code section 56334). The new city appointment will be seated at the September 16th LAFCo meeting.

District Member Selection:

In accordance with G.C. Section 56332, the Executive Officer is authorized to conduct a special district nomination and election process by mail. LAFCo recently received notice that Desiree Davenport resigned her seat on the Humboldt Community Services District Board

of Directors and is no longer eligible for the Regular Special District seat on LAFCo. As such, the election is considered closed and incumbent Debra Lake, Fruitland Ridge Fire Protection District, will serve the next four-year term through June 30, 2024.

Public Member Selection:

In accordance with G.C. Section 56325(d), the Commission is the appointing authority for public members on LAFCo. A notice of vacancy for the public member position was distributed in April 2020 and applications were received from three candidates: Bob McPherson (incumbent), Elizabeth Burks, Ali Lee. Application materials for each candidate are attached. An ad hoc committee was previously designated at the January LAFCo meeting (Fennell, Avis, and Lake) for purposes of reviewing applications, interviewing candidates, and making a recommendation prior to the Commission voting on the public member appointment. The committee interviewed candidates on June 26 and June 29, and is recommending that Ali Lee be appointed for the public member position. Each candidate was notified of the committee's recommendation and was invited to attend the Commission's July meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission consider action on the selection committee's recommendation to appoint Ali Lee as the new public member for the 2020-2024 term. The Commission is invited to discuss the item, ask follow-up questions of candidates in attendance, and provide direction to staff as needed. This appointment requires a majority vote, and the affirmative vote of at least one county, city, and district member.

Attachments

Attachment A: Public Member Candidate Application Materials