



AGENDA ITEM 6B

MEETING: July 17, 2024
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Appointment of a Regular Public Member**
The Commission will receive a report on the regular public member selection including a recommendation from the Public Member Selection Committee and consider appointing a Regular Public Member for the 2024-2028 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. All LAFCo terms are four years.

The Commission serves as the appointing authority for the regular and alternate public member seats on LAFCo. At the May 23, 2024 LAFCo meeting, the Chair appointed Commissioners Madrone, Losey and Nicolini to serve on a public member selection subcommittee for purposes of reviewing applications, interviewing candidates as desired, and providing a recommendation to the full commission.

DISCUSSION

Commissioner Lee's term of office on LAFCo expired at the end of June 2024. The upcoming term extends from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2028. A public notice and press release were distributed the first week of May and featured in the Lost Coast Outpost and other news outlets. The application deadline was June 14, 2024. A total of three applications were received before the deadline and one after. All four applications were provided to the Selection Committee for review.

Based on review of the applications received, the subcommittee choose to conduct interviews with two of the candidates. During the interview process, one of the candidates withdrew their application due to health reasons. The subcommittee interviewed their top candidate and is recommending Elaine Weinreb be considered for appointment as the new Regular Public Member. Each candidate was notified of the subcommittee's recommendation and invited to attend the Commission's July meeting. The Commission is invited to discuss this item and interview or otherwise ask questions of any attending candidate prior to taking action.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends the Commission consider the subcommittee's recommendation, obtain public comment, and appoint a new Regular Public Member for the 2024-2028 term. 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 meeting scheduled for September 18, 2024.

Attachments

Attachment A: Regular Public Member Applications Received



HUMBOLDT

Local Agency Formation Commission

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APPLICATION FORM: PUBLIC MEMBER

To be considered for the Public Member position, completed applications must be returned to the LAFCo Office, 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521, no later than 5:00 p.m. on June 14, 2024. Applications may also be submitted by email at info@humboldtlafo.org.

NAME:	Elaine Weinreb	ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
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TELEPHONE:	[REDACTED]	E-MAIL:	[REDACTED]
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	38 years
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ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE?	No
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PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:	Retired
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SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:	I am interested in planning issues, and respect LAFCO's role in making sure that growth is appropriate. I appreciate LAFCO's role as a gatekeeper for agencies that want to expand or incorporate. As a member of the public, I was impressed by the quality of instruction provided by LAFCO staff to McKinleyville residents. (I don't live in McKinleyville, but at the time, was following the story as a journalist.)
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SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	Freelance journalist covering planning and environmental issues in Humboldt County from 2003 to 2024. Published in North Coast Journal, McKinleyville Press, Humboldt Advocate, Econews. Served on Humboldt County Grand Jury 2011-2013. Worked at Caltrans as associate transportation planner from 1980-1992.
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LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	Attending live music concerts and theater Hiking, walking in nature, studying wildflowers and birds Participating in various community song circles. California Native Plant Society, Humboldt Mycological Society League of Women Voters
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PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):	[REDACTED]
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NAME:	Michele Fell-Casale	ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
TELEPHONE:	[REDACTED]	E-MAIL:	[REDACTED]
LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	24 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:	I am interested in local governance, and the processes which are needed to make it more effective.		
SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	BA geography, 30 years experience in land use and transportation planning at the local and state level (City of San Diego, Caltrans).		
LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	Lions Club, Access Humboldt, two terms on the Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury, Eureka Heritage Society, Humboldt County Historical Society, League of Women Voters of Humboldt County		
PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):	[REDACTED]		



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NAME:	Stephen Avis	ADDRESS:	[REDACTED]
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TELEPHONE:	[REDACTED]	E-MAIL:	[REDACTED]
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LENGTH OF RESIDENCE IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY:	twenty-four years
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ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE?	no
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PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION:	Retired land use planner
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SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:	There are many issues affecting open space in the County. Increased fire hazard, water supply, housing pressure, possible effects as a result to a warming climate, and perhaps an influx of climate refugees. Special districts face financial and workforce problems.
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SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:	I have served as a planning commissioner in Eureka and Calistoga. In Ferndale, a member of the City Council. Chair of the RCEA and board member of HCAOG. I am currently a member of the County's Civil Grand Jury. I hold degrees in Environmental Studies and Urban
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LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:	I learn a great deal about new things when traveling that are useful. I volunteer for the Ferndale Repertory Theatre and have been in performances trying to convince people
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PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):	[REDACTED]
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Humboldt County, Local Agency Formation Commission
670 9th Street, Suite 202
Arcata, CA 95521

May 10, 2024

Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is to apply to be appointed as the public member of the Humboldt County, Local Agency Formation Commission.

Attached please find an application form that summarizes my professional qualifications and a vita that presents more detail.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Lawrence L. Giventer, Ph.D.



APPLICATION LAFCO PUBLIC MEMBER
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LAWRENCE L. GIVENTER

LENGTH OF RESIDENCE
IN HUMBOLDT COUNTY: 3 years

ARE YOU A COUNTY, CITY OR
SPECIAL DISTRICT OFFICER OR EMPLOYEE? No

PRESENT EMPLOYER/OCCUPATION: Retired
(Professor Emeritus,
California State University, Stanislaus)

SUMMARIZE YOUR INTEREST IN SERVING ON THE COMMISSION:

After retirement from a 40-year career as a professor of political science and public administration, I continue to be active in public service organizations and maintain a teaching, research, writing, and presentation agenda in American government.

SUMMARIZE YOUR QUALIFICATIONS, INCLUDING EXPERIENCE, TRAINING, EDUCATION, OR BACKGROUND:

Brief Vita:

Lawrence L. Giventer is Professor Emeritus (retired) of Political Science and Public Administration at California State University, Stanislaus (Turlock, California). He is the author of *Governing California* (4/e, McGraw-Hill, 2015) and *Statistical Analysis for Public Administration* (2/e, Jones & Bartlett Publishers, 2008). Giventer joined CSU Stanislaus in 1975, founded the university's internationally accredited Master of Public Administration (MPA) program, and served as program director, department chairperson, Speaker of the Faculty, accreditation site-visitor, and book reviewer. He has been a member, consultant, and chair for state and local government advisory committees. Holding degrees from the New Jersey Institute of Technology (BSME, 1967), Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MS, 1968), University of Pittsburgh (PhD, 1977), and Humphreys University (JD, 2021), Giventer has been called upon as a political analyst by radio, television, print, and Internet media. He continues to be active in public service organizations as well as maintaining a teaching, research, writing, and presentation agenda in American government. Giventer was awarded the Law Day, Liberty Bell Award, by the Stanislaus County Bar Association (2015) and the CSU Stanislaus President's Medal of Distinction (2012). Giventer resides in Eureka, California.

LIST COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES AND INTERESTS:

Member: 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 Humboldt County Civil Grand Jury

Member: City of Eureka, Community Oversight of Police Practices (COPP) board (2023-present)

Referee Assignor & Trainer: Humboldt Youth Soccer League (Eureka)

President: Willow Wood Estates Homeowners Association (Eureka)

Member: Temple Beth El (Eureka)

PROVIDE THREE REFERENCES (NAME AND PHONE):



LAWRENCE L. GIVENTER

PROFESSOR EMERITUS (RETIRED)
DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION
CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, STANISLAUS • TURLOCK, CALIFORNIA 95382

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE

1975–2015 California State University, Stanislaus
One University Circle, Turlock, CA 95382
www.csustan.edu 209-667-3388

Professor Emeritus, Political Science and Public Administration

- Retired. July 2015
- Course subjects: Statistical Analysis, American Government, Politics in Film, Public Administration, Public Policy Analysis.
- President's Medal of Distinction. June 2012
- Performance awards: 1990, 1996, 2000.
- Speaker of the Faculty: 1988-1989
- Chairperson, Department of Political Science & Public Administration: 1989-1993.
- Director, Master of Public Administration (MPA) Program: 1977-1986 and 1993-1999
MPA program is accredited by the NASPAA (National Association of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration www.naspaa.org)

1968-1969 Westinghouse Electric Corp., Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory
Pittsburgh, PA

Engineer

1967 National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
Cleveland, OH

Mission Analyst

EDUCATION

2021 Humphreys University, Stockton, CA
Juris Doctor
Laurence Drivon School of Law
Collaborative Court, Superior Court of San Joaquin County, CA.

1977 University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA
Doctor of Philosophy, Public Administration
Graduate School of Public and International Affairs
NASA and University of Pittsburgh Fellowships

1968 Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, MA
Master of Science, Aeronautics/Astronautics
Aviation Week and Space Technology Fellowship.

1967 New Jersey Institute of Technology, Newark, NJ
Bachelor of Science, Mechanical Engineering
Magna Cum Laude

BOOKS

2015 *Governing California*
Fourth edition, McGraw-Hill Education, ISBN: 978-1-308-45329-3
(1/e 2004, 2/e 2007, 3/e 2013)

2008 *Statistical Analysis for Public Administration*
Second edition, Jones and Bartlett Publishers, ISBN: 978-0-7637-4076-4
(1/e Wadsworth: 1996)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Civil Grand Jury, Superior Court of Humboldt County, CA, Jan 2024-present.

Civil Grand Jury, Superior Court of Humboldt County, CA, 2022-2023
Final Report: <https://humboldt.gov/Archive.aspx?ADID=1536>

Wray Ladine American Inn of Court (Stanislaus County, CA) and **Judge Consuelo M. Callahan American Inn of Court** (San Joaquin County, CA), September 2017-2022. Association of lawyers, judges, academicians, and other professionals working to advance the rule of law through example, education and mentoring.

Liberty Bell Award, Law Day, Stanislaus County Bar Association, CA, May 2015. Presented to a non-lawyer for promoting better understanding and respect for law and the courts, and contributing to good government in the community.

Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA), Superior Court of Stanislaus County, CA, 2013-2015.

Civil Grand Jury, Superior Court of Stanislaus County, CA, 2011-2012.
Final Report: <https://www.stanct.org/final-reports-july-2011-june-2012>

Commission on Peer Review and Accreditation (COPRA) Network of Schools of Public Affairs and Administration (NASPAA): national decision-making panel on accreditation of post-graduate public administration programs 2002-2005. Accreditation Site Visitor/Reviewer. Assessed the MPA program at several universities for compliance with national standards.

California Faculty Association (CFA), Faculty Rights Representative for CSU, Stanislaus 1985-2010. Chairperson, CFA Statewide Representation Committee 1992-1995

Citizens Elections Review Committee, Stanislaus County, CA, Co-chairperson appointed by the Board of Supervisors, January 2002-May 2002. Investigation and oversight of elections procedures in Stanislaus County. Committee report, May 2002.

Elections Field Inspector, Supervision of several precincts in primary and general elections, Registrar of Voters, Clerk/Recorder Office, Stanislaus County, CA primary and general elections: 2002-2020.

CSU Stanislaus Emeritus & Retired Faculty & Staff Association (CSUStan-ERFSA), President, 2015-2021.

OTHER PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

Member. City of Eureka, Commission for the Oversight of Police Practices (COPP), 2023-present

Member. American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California (ACLUNC- Stanislaus County Chapter). Convenor of working group to draft model ordinances to create a Civilian Police Review Board and Independent Police Auditor for the City of Modesto, CA. 2021-2022

Lecturer. Department of Political Science & Public Administration, California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, CA. PSCI1201-11 American Government (Fall 2020); PADM5000 Administration in Public Affairs (Fall 2021).

Co-Lecturer. University Extended Education. California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, CA. SSCI3010 Introduction to Social Science Methodology, Summer 2020, with Prof. Fred Hilpert.

Lecturer. Modesto Institute for Continued Learning, Modesto Junior College, Modesto, CA. Public Opinion Polling, Fall 2019.

Co-Lecturer. Drivon School of Law, Humphreys University, Stockton, CA. LAW614 Political Process, Summer Quarter 2019, with Mr. Greg Aghazarian.

Lecturer. Department of Political Science & Public Administration, California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, CA. PSCI3330 California Politics, Spring 2019.

Participant. Police Department. City of Turlock. Community/Citizens Police Academy. Fall 2016.

Presenter. Academic Council, Education Effectiveness Workshop Series, Humphreys University (Stockton, CA) "Democracy? California Elections and Voting," August 18, 2016.

Principal Investigator. Awarded California State University Technology-Related Project Grant for "Instructional Technology Applications for Public Administration Education." May 1997-April 1998.

Co-Investigator. "Dynamics of Unemployment in Stanislaus County" Center for Public Policy Studies, California State University Stanislaus, May 1997-February 1998.

Presenter. California County Planning Commissioners Association, Murphys, CA, 1995.

Principal Investigator. Survey of Parent and Teacher Opinion Regarding "Year-Round School," Turlock Joint Union School District, 1986

Principal Investigator. Evaluation of Instructional Television Fixed Station (ITFS) System at California State University, Stanislaus. Survey of student and faculty experience and reactions to instructional television, 1985-1986.

Henry W. Coe State Park General Plan Advisory Committee.
Chairperson. Appointed by Director, Department of Parks and Recreation, State of California. 1983-1985.

Instructional Council, Turlock Joint Union School District. Advisory committee to district superintendent and school board about instructional programs and policies 1984-1986.

Environmental Review Committee, Stanislaus County, CA. Appointed by the Board of Supervisors. Advised county staff and Planning Commission regarding potential environmental impact of development proposals, 1983-1985.

Citizens Advisory Committee for General Plan Revision, Turlock, CA
Chairperson. Advised city staff and consulting firm regarding development of the city's General Plan, 1981-1983.

Consultant. Clients have included Turlock Joint Union School District, Modesto Irrigation District, Merced County Association of Governments, City of Lathrop,

Sonoma State University, Stanislaus County, and Stanislaus County Economic Development Corporation.

Manuscript and text reviewer. Clients have included Oxford University Press, Harper-Collins Publishing Company, Dorsey Press, West Publishing Company, Greenwood Publishing Company, Addison Wesley Longman, Wadsworth Publishing Company, McGraw-Hill Publishing Company, Houghton-Mifflin Company, Bedford/St. Martins, CQ Press, and *American Review of Public Administration*.

U.S. Soccer Federation (USSF) youth soccer referee and Northern California Soccer Officials Association (NCSOA) high school soccer referee 1991-2012 (475 matches); USSF youth soccer referee instructor 2016-2020. Referee Assignor, Humboldt Youth Soccer League, 2021-present.

Media interviews and quotations in local, regional, and national print, broadcast, and Internet news media regarding California politics and government, June 2001-present: *National Public Radio, Associated Press, Boston Globe, Los Angeles Times, Sacramento Bee, Modesto Bee, Fresno Bee, Stockton Record, San Jose Mercury, KCRA-TV, CNSNews, NBC, CNN, FoxNews*.

Commentator and analyst. Election night results. Live television broadcasts. KAZV-TV, Channel 14, Modesto, CA: November 3, 1998; November 2, 1999; November 7, 2000; March 5, 2002; and November 4, 2003.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

L.L. Giventer, *San Joaquin County, California, Collaborative Courts: An Introduction and Orientation for Certified Law Students*, Drivon School of Law, Humphreys University, Stockton, CA, January 2018.

K. Entin, L. Giventer, and others, *Critical Links: Employment Growth, Unemployment, and Welfare-to-Work in Stanislaus County*, Center for Public Policy Studies, California State University Stanislaus, Turlock, CA, November 1998.

K. Entin, N. Aly, J. Sumser, and L. Giventer, *Strategic Directions: An Economic Needs Assessment and Industry Targeting Analysis for Stanislaus County*, (Stanislaus County, CA, Economic Development Corporation, September 1996).

L.L. Giventer, "Kolmogorov-Smirnov One and Two Variable Tests," *STATA Technical Bulletin*, STB-2, Volume 1, Issue 2 (Stata Corporation, College Station, TX, July 1991). <http://www.stata.com/products/stb/journals/stb2.pdf>

L.L. Giventer, *Turlock Joint Union School District Long Range Facility Plan: Update*, March 1985.

K. Entin and L.L. Giventer, *Turlock Joint Union School District Long Range Facility Plan*, (Turlock, CA: Institute of Public and Governmental Affairs, California State University, Stanislaus, March 1984)

L.L. Giventer and W.E. Neeley, "County Problem and Decision-Making Perceptions: California Supervisors Compared with Georgia and Florida Commissioners," *Public Administration Quarterly*, 7, n. 4, Winter 1984, pp. 498-516.

L.H. Fishbach, L.L. Giventer, and E.A. Willis, Jr., *Approximate Trajectory Data for Missions to the Major Planets*, National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), Lewis Research Center, Cleveland, OH, Report No. NASA-TN-D-6141 (NTIS Document No. N71-20502), March 1971.

L.L. Giventer, "Transient Pool-Boiling of Nitrogen Due to a Square-Wave Heat Flux," K.D. Timmerhaus, ed., *Advances in Cryogenic Engineering*, 15, Plenum Press, 1970.