



AGENDA ITEM 7A

MEETING: May 20, 2026
TO: Humboldt LAFCo Commissioners
FROM: Colette Santsche, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **Appointment of Alternate Public Member Selection Committee**
The Commission will consider appointing representatives (one County, one City, and one Special District member) to a Selection Committee for the upcoming Alternate Public Member vacancy on LAFCo.

BACKGROUND

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 establishes that Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) generally consist of seven regular members: two county members, two city members, two independent special district members, and one public member. Each category is also represented by one alternate member.

While county, city, and special district members are appointed by their respective appointing authorities, the Commission serves as the appointing authority for the public member and alternate public member positions, which are appointed by the other regular members of the Commission.

DISCUSSION

The term of alternate public member Commissioner Johnson is scheduled to expire on June 30, 2026. LAFCo staff issued a public notice and press release in March 2026 to solicit applications for the expiring alternate public member seat. To date, no applications have been received. Additional information on staff recruitment efforts is provided in Agenda Item 8A.

Humboldt LAFCo typically appoints a Public Member Selection Committee made up of one county member, one city member, and one special district member to review applications and conduct interviews of applicants, as necessary. The Selection Committee develops a recommendation for consideration by the full Commission. Commissioner Nicolini, former Commissioner Losey, and Chair Madrone were appointed to the last Selection Committee for the regular public member seat in June 2024.

The alternate public member position will remain open until filled. Applications received by June 19, 2026 at 5:00 p.m. will be considered for potential appointment at the July 15, 2026, LAFCo meeting.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission appoint one county member, one city member, and one district member to the Public Member Selection Committee and authorize the Committee to review applications and conduct interviews of applicants as needed.