

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

Please direct any questions you have about the election process to Executive Director Pamela Miller at [pmiller@calafco.org](mailto:pmiller@calafco.org) or by calling her at 916-442-6536; or to the Election Committee Chair Shiva Frentzen at [sfrentzen@calafco.org](mailto:sfrentzen@calafco.org) or by calling her at 530-621-5390.



**The nomination forms and materials must be received by the CALAFCO Executive Director no later than Tuesday, September 22, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.** Here is a summary of the deadlines for this year's nomination process:

- **June 23** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **September 22** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **September 22** – Request for an absentee/electronic ballot due
- **September 22** – Voting delegate name due to CALAFCO
- **October 7** – Distribution of the Election Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **October 7** – Distribution of requested absentee/electronic ballots.
- **October 19** – Absentee ballots due to CALAFCO
- **October 22** - Elections

Returning the nomination form prior to the deadline ensures your nominee is placed on the ballot. Names will be listed in the order nominations were received should there be multiple candidates. Electronic filing of nomination forms and materials is encouraged to facilitate the recruitment process. Please send e-mails with forms and materials to [info@calafco.org](mailto:info@calafco.org). Alternatively, nomination forms and materials can be mailed or faxed to the address or fax number below. Please forward nominations to:

CALAFCO Election Committee c/o Executive Director  
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions  
1020 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, California 95814  
FAX: 916-442-6535  
EMAIL: [info@calafco.org](mailto:info@calafco.org)

Questions about the election process can be sent to the Chair of the Committee, Shiva Frentzen, at [sfrentzen@calafco.org](mailto:sfrentzen@calafco.org) or by calling her at 530-621-5390. You may also contact CALAFCO Executive Director Pamela Miller at [pmiller@calafco.org](mailto:pmiller@calafco.org) or by calling 916-442-6536.

Members of the 2020/2021 CALAFCO Election Committee are:

Shiva Frentzen, Chair <a href="mailto:sfrentzen@calafco.org">sfrentzen@calafco.org</a>	El Dorado LAFCo (Central Region) 530-621-5390
David Couch <a href="mailto:dcouch@cityofarcata.org">dcouch@cityofarcata.org</a>	Humboldt LAFCo (Northern Region) 530-242-1112
Jo MacKenzie <a href="mailto:jmackenzie@calafco.org">jmackenzie@calafco.org</a>	San Diego LAFCo (Southern Region) 858-614-7755
Tom Murray <a href="mailto:tmurray@calafco.org">tmurray@calafco.org</a>	San Luis Obispo LAFCo (Coastal Region) 805-781-5795

Attached please find a copy of the CALAFCO Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures as well as the current listing of Board Members and corresponding terms of office.

*Please consider joining us!*

Enclosures

# **Board of Directors Nomination and Election Procedures and Forms**

The procedures for nominations and election of the CALAFCO Board of Directors [Board] are designed to assure full, fair and open consideration of all candidates, provide confidential balloting for contested positions and avoid excessive demands on the time of those participating in the CALAFCO Annual Conference.

The Board nomination and election procedures shall be:

## **1. APPOINTMENT OF AN ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- a. Following the Annual Membership Meeting the Board shall appoint an Election Committee of four members of the Board. The Election Committee shall consist of one member from each region whose term is not ending.<sup>8</sup>
- b. The Board shall appoint one of the members of the Election Committee to serve as Chairman. The CALAFCO Executive Officer shall appoint a CALAFCO staff member to serve as staff for the Election Committee in cooperation with the CALAFCO Executive Director.<sup>8</sup>
- c. Each region shall designate a regional representative to serve as staff liaison to the Election Committee.<sup>8</sup>
- d. Goals of the Committee are to provide oversight of the elections process and to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFCoS across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban suburban and rural population if there is an open seat for which no nominations papers have been received close to the deadline.<sup>8</sup>

## **2. ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEMBER LAFCoS:**

- a. No later than three months prior to the Annual Membership Meeting, the Election Committee Chair shall send an announcement to each LAFCo for distribution to each commissioner and alternate. The announcement shall include the following:<sup>8</sup>
  - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
  - ii. A regional map including LAFCoS listed by region.
  - iii. The dates by which all nominations must be received by the Election Committee. The deadline shall be no later than 30 days prior to the opening of the Annual Conference. Nominations received after the closing date shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Elections Committee action."<sup>8</sup>
  - iv. The names of the Election Committee members with the Committee Chairman's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.<sup>8</sup>
  - v. The address to send the nominations forms.
  - vi. A form for a Commission to use to nominate a candidate and a candidate resume form of no more than one page each to be completed for each nominee.
- b. No later than four months before the annual membership meeting, the Election Committee Chairman shall send an announcement to the Executive Director for distribution to each member LAFCo and for publication in the newsletter and on the web site. The announcement shall include the following:<sup>8</sup>

### **Key Timeframes for Nominations Process**

Days*	
90	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released

\*Days prior to annual membership meeting

- i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
  - ii. The specific date by which all nominations must be received by the Election Committee. Nominations received after the closing dates shall be returned to the proposing LAFCo marked "Received too late for Election Committee action."<sup>8</sup>
  - iii. The names of the Election Committee members with the Committee Chair's LAFCo address and phone number, and the names and contact information for each of the regional representatives.<sup>8</sup>
  - iv. Requirement that nominated individual must be a commissioner or alternate commissioner from a member in good standing within the region.
- c. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

### **3. THE ELECTION COMMITTEE:**

- a. The Election Committee and the regional representatives have the responsibility to monitor nominations and help assure that there are adequate nominations from each region for each seat up for election. No later than two weeks prior to the Annual Conference, the Election Committee Chair shall distribute to the members the Committee Report organized by regions, including copies of all nominations and resumes, which are received prior to the end of the nomination period.<sup>8</sup>
- b. At the close of the nominations the Election Committee shall prepare regional ballots. Each region will receive a ballot specific to that region. Each region shall conduct a caucus at the Annual Conference for the purpose of electing their designated seats. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the conference. The Executive Director or assigned staff along with a member of the Election Committee shall tally ballots at each caucus and provide the Election Committee the names of the elected Board members and any open seats. In the event of a tie, the staff and Election Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.<sup>8</sup>
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Delegate by the beginning of the Annual Conference.
- d. Make available blank copies of the nomination forms and resume forms to accommodate nominations from the floor at either the caucuses or the annual meeting (if an at-large election is required).
- e. Advise the Executive Director to provide "CANDIDATE" ribbons to all candidates attending the Annual Conference.<sup>8</sup>
- f. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board near the registration desk.
- g. Regional elections shall be conducted as described in Section 4 below. The representative from the Election Committee shall serve as the Presiding Officer for the purpose of the caucus election.<sup>8</sup>
- h. Following the regional elections, in the event that there are open seats for any offices subject to the election, the Election Committee Chair shall notify the Chair of the Board of Directors that an at-large election will be required at the annual membership meeting and to provide a list of the number and category of seats requiring an at-large election.<sup>8</sup>

**4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING<sup>6</sup>**

Limited to the elections of the Board of Directors

- a. Any LAFCo in good standing shall have the option to request an electronic ballot if there will be no representative attending the annual meeting.
- b. LAFCos requesting an electronic ballot shall do so in writing no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting.
- c. The Executive Director shall distribute the electronic ballot no later than two weeks prior to the annual meeting.
- d. LAFCo must return the ballot electronically to the executive director no later than three days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCos voting under this provision may discard their electronic ballot if a representative is able to attend the annual meeting.
- f. LAFCos voting under this provision may only vote for the candidates nominated by the Election Committee and may not vote in any run-off elections.<sup>8</sup>

**5. AT THE TIME FOR ELECTIONS DURING THE REGIONAL CAUCUSES OR ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING:**

- a. The Election Committee Chairman, another member of the Election Committee or the Chair's designee (hereafter called the Presiding Officer) shall:<sup>8</sup>
  - i. Review the election procedure with the membership.
  - ii. Present the Election Committee Report (previously distributed).
  - iii. Call for nominations from the floor by category for those seats subject to this election:
    1. For city member.
    2. For county member.
    3. For public member.
    4. For special district member.
- b. To make a nomination from the floor, a LAFCo, which is in good standing, shall identify itself and then name the category of vacancy and individual being nominated. The nominator may make a presentation not to exceed two minutes in support of the nomination.
- c. When there are no further nominations for a category, the Presiding Officer shall close the nominations for that category.
- d. The Presiding Officer shall conduct a "Candidates Forum". Each candidate shall be given time to make a brief statement for their candidacy.
- e. The Presiding Officer shall then conduct the election:
  - i. For categories where there are the same number of candidates as vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
    1. Name the nominees and offices for which they are nominated.
    2. Call for a voice vote on all nominees and thereafter declare those unopposed candidates duly elected.

- ii. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, the Presiding Officer shall:
  1. Poll the LAFCoS in good standing by written ballot.
  2. Each LAFCo in good standing may cast its vote for as many nominees as there are vacancies to be filled. The vote shall be recorded on a tally sheet.
  3. Any ballots submitted electronically for candidates included in the Election Committee Report shall be added to the tally.<sup>8</sup>
  4. With assistance from CALAFCO staff, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
  1. The nominee receiving the majority<sup>6</sup> of votes cast is elected.
  2. In the case of no majority, the two nominees receiving the two highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election. Electronic ballots are not included in the tally for any run-off election(s).<sup>6</sup>
  3. In case of tie votes<sup>6</sup>:
    - a. A second run-off election shall be held with the same two nominees.
    - b. If there remains a tie after the second run-off, the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.
  4. In the case of two vacancies, any candidate receiving a majority of votes cast is elected.<sup>6</sup>
    - a. In the case of no majority for either vacancy, the three nominees receiving the three highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
    - b. In the case of no majority for one vacancy, the two nominees receiving the second and third highest number of votes cast shall face each other in a run-off election.
    - c. In the event of a tie, a second run-off election shall be held with the tied nominees. If there remains a tie after the second run-off election the winner shall be determined by a draw of lots.

## **6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES**

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names will be listed in the order nominated.
- b. The Election Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected at the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.<sup>8</sup>
- c. In the event that Board seats remain unfilled after a Regional Caucus, an election will be held immediately at the annual business meeting to fill the position at-large. Nominations will be taken from the floor and the election process will follow the procedures described in Section 4 above. Any commissioner or alternate from a member LAFCo may be nominated for at-large seats.
- d. Seats elected at-large become subject to regional election at the expiration of the term. Only representatives from the region may be nominated for the seat.
- e. As required by the Bylaws, the members of the Board shall meet as soon as possible after



election of new board members for the purpose of electing officers, determining meeting places and times for the coming year, and conducting any other necessary business.

### 7. LOSS OF ELECTION IN HOME LAFCO

Board Members and candidates who lose elections in their home office shall notify the Executive Director within 15 days of the certification of the election.

### 8. FILLING BOARD VACANCIES

Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled by appointment by the Board for the balance of the unexpired term. Appointees must be from the same category as the vacancy, and should be from the same region.

*These policies and procedures were adopted by the CALAFCO Board of Directors on 12 January 2007 and amended on 9 November 2007<sup>1</sup>, 8 February 2008<sup>2</sup>, 13 February 2009<sup>3</sup>, 12 February 2010<sup>4</sup>, 18 February 2011<sup>5</sup>, 29 April 2011<sup>6</sup>, 11 July 2014<sup>7</sup> and 27 October 2017<sup>8</sup>. They supersede all previous versions of the policies.*

## CALAFCO Regions

### FOUR REGIONS



The counties in each of the four regions consist of the following:

**Northern Region**

Butte  
Colusa  
Del Norte  
Glenn  
Humboldt  
Lake  
Lassen  
Mendocino  
Modoc  
Nevada  
Plumas  
Shasta  
Sierra  
Siskiyou  
Sutter  
Tehama  
Trinity  
Yuba

**CONTACT:** Steve Lucas  
Butte LAFCo  
slucas@buttecounty.net

**Southern Region**

Orange  
Los Angeles  
Imperial  
Riverside  
San Bernardino  
San Diego

**CONTACT:** Gary Thompson  
Riverside LAFCo  
gthompson@lafco.org

**Coastal Region**

Alameda  
Contra Costa  
Marin  
Monterey  
Napa  
San Benito  
San Francisco  
San Luis Obispo  
San Mateo  
Santa Barbara  
Santa Clara  
Santa Cruz  
Solano  
Sonoma  
Ventura

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**Central Region**

Alpine  
Amador  
Calaveras  
El Dorado  
Fresno  
Inyo  
Kern  
Kings  
Madera  
Mariposa  
Merced  
Mono  
Placer  
Sacramento  
San Joaquin  
Stanislaus  
Tulare  
Tuolumne  
Yolo

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# Board of Directors 2020/2021 Nominations Form

## *Nomination to the CALAFCO Board of Directors*

In accordance with the Nominations and Election Procedures of CALAFCO,

\_\_\_\_\_ LAFCo of the \_\_\_\_\_ Region

Nominates \_\_\_\_\_

for the (check one)     City     County     Special District     Public

Position on the CALAFCO Board of Directors to be filled by election at the next Annual Membership Meeting of the Association.

\_\_\_\_\_  
LAFCo Chair

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

### **NOTICE OF DEADLINE**

Nominations must be received by **September 22, 2020** at 5:00 p.m. to be considered by the Election Committee. Send completed nominations to:  
CALAFCO Election Committee  
CALAFCO  
1020 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814

## Board of Directors 2020/2021 Candidate Resume Form

Nominated By: \_\_\_\_\_ LAFCo Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Region (please check one):  Northern  Coastal  Central  Southern

Category (please check one):  City  County  Special District  Public

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Office \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile \_\_\_\_\_

e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Personal and Professional Background:

LAFCo Experience:

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Availability:

Other Related Activities and Comments:

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**CALAFCO Board Members 2019-20***(as of June 19, 2020)*

<b>Board Member Name</b>	<b>LAFCo - Region</b>	<b>Type (Term Expires)</b>
Cheryl Brothers	Orange - <i>Southern</i>	City (2020)
Bill Connelly - <b>Treasurer</b>	Butte - <i>Northern</i>	County (2021)
David Couch	Humboldt - <i>Northern</i>	District (2021)
Shiva Frentzen	El Dorado - <i>Central</i>	County (2020)
Blake Inscore	Del Norte - <i>Northern</i>	City (2020)
Gay Jones	Sacramento - <i>Central</i>	District (2020)
Michael Kelley – <b>Vice Chair</b>	Imperial - <i>Southern</i>	County (2021)
Michael McGill - <b>Chair</b>	Contra Costa - <i>Coastal</i>	District (2020)
Jo MacKenzie	San Diego - <i>Southern</i>	District (2021)
Margie Mohler	Napa - <i>Coastal</i>	City (2021)
Tom Murray	San Luis Obispo - <i>Coastal</i>	Public (2021)
Anita Paque - <b>Secretary</b>	Calaveras - <i>Central</i>	Public (2021)
Jane Parker	Monterey - <i>Coastal</i>	County (2020)
Daniel Parra	Fresno - <i>Central</i>	City (2021)
Josh Susman	Nevada - <i>Northern</i>	Public (2020)
David West	Imperial - <i>Southern</i>	Public (2020)