



May 5, 2023



**To:** Local Agency Formation Commission  
Members and Alternate Members

**From:** Wendy Root Askew, Committee Chair  
CALAFCO Board Election Committee  
CALAFCO Board of Directors

**RE: Nomination Period Now Open for 2023/2024 CALAFCO Board of Directors**

Nominations are now open for the fall elections of the CALAFCO Board of Directors for the following seats:

CENTRAL REGION	COASTAL REGION	NORTHERN REGION	SOUTHERN REGION
City Member	City Member	County Member	County Member
Public Member	Public Member	District Member	District Member

Please inform your Commission that the CALAFCO Election Committee will be accepting nominations for the above-cited seats until:

**MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2023 at 5:00 PM**

Serving on the CALAFCO Board is a unique opportunity to work with other commissioners throughout the state on legislative, fiscal, and operational issues that affect us all. The Board meets four to five times each year, with half of the meetings currently held virtually and the rest being held at alternate sites around the state.

Board seats span a two-year term, with no term limits, and any LAFCo commissioner or alternate commissioner is eligible to run for a Board seat. Elections are conducted during Regional Caucuses at the CALAFCO Annual Conference prior to the Annual Membership Meeting on Thursday, October 19, 2023 at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Monterey, California.

*Should your Commission nominate a candidate, please return a completed Nomination Form and Candidate’s Résumé Form by the deadline.*



**Please note that completed nomination forms and all materials must be RECEIVED by the CALAFCO Executive Director no later than **Monday, September 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.****

Returning the completed nomination and resume forms prior to the deadline ensures your nominee is placed on the ballot. Names will be listed in the order nominations were received.

Electronic filing of nomination forms is **highly encouraged** to facilitate the recruitment process (please email to [info@calafco.org](mailto:info@calafco.org)). However, hard copy forms and materials may also be mailed to:

CALAFCO Election Committee c/o Executive Director  
California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions  
1129 Firehouse Alley  
Sacramento, CA 9581

Nominations received by the September 18th deadline will be included in the Election Committee's Report and will be on the ballot. The Report will be distributed to LAFCo members no later than October 5, 2023, with ballots made available to Voting Delegates at the Annual Conference.

Nominations received after the deadline will be returned; however, nominations may be made from the floor during the Regional Caucuses or during at-large elections, if required, at the Annual Membership Meeting.

For those member LAFCos who cannot send a representative to the Annual Meeting, an electronic ballot will be made available *if requested in advance*. **Ballot requests must also be received no later than 5:00 pm on Monday, September 18, 2023, with completed absentee ballots returned by 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, October 12, 2023.**

#### NOMINATION/ELECTION PROCESS DEADLINES AND TIMELINES

- **May 5** – Nomination Announcement and packet sent to LAFCo membership and posted on the CALAFCO website.
- **September 18** – Completed Nomination packet due
- **September 18** – Request for an absentee/electronic ballot due
- **September 18** – Voting delegate name due to CALAFCO
- **October 5** – Distribution of the Election Committee Report (includes all completed/submitted nomination papers)
- **October 5** – Distribution of requested absentee/electronic ballots.
- **October 12** – Absentee ballots due to CALAFCO
- **October 19** - Elections

If you have any questions about the election process, please contact CALAFCO Executive Director René LaRoche at rlaroche@calafco.org or by calling 916-442-6536.

Members of the 2023/2024 CALAFCO Election Committee are:

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Additionally, you will also find attached for your reference 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.

*I sincerely hope that you will 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.
- b. The Board Chair shall appoint one of the members of the Election Committee to serve as Committee Chair. The CALAFCO Executive Director shall either serve as staff to the Election Committee or appoint a CALAFCO regional officer to serve as staff in cooperation with the Executive Director.
- c. Each regional officer shall serve as staff liaison to the Election Committee specifically to assist in conducting the election as directed by the Executive Director and Committee.
- d. Goals of the Committee are to encourage and solicit candidates by region who represent member LAFCoS across the spectrum of geography, size, and urban-suburban-rural population, and to provide oversight of the elections process.

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

- a. No later than four 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:
  - i. A statement clearly indicating which offices are subject to the election.
  - ii. A regional map including LAFCoS listed by region.
  - iii. The specific date 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 Election Committee action."
  - iv. The names of the Election Committee members and the name of their LAFCo, regional representation, email address and phone number. The name, email address and phone number of the Executive Director shall also be included.
  - v. The email address and physical 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.
  - vii. The specific date by which all voting delegate names are due.
  - viii. The specific date by which absentee ballots must be requested, the date CALAFCO will

**Key Timeframes for  
Nominations Process**

<u>Days*</u>	
120	Nomination announcement
30	Nomination deadline
14	Committee report released

\*Days prior to annual membership meeting

distribute the absentee ballots, and the date by which they must be received by the Executive Director.

- b. A copy of these procedures shall be posted on the web site.

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

- a. The Election Committee and the Executive Director 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.
- b. At the close of the nomination period, 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 representatives. Caucus elections must be held prior to the annual membership meeting at the Conference. The assigned regional officers 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 regional officer and Election Committee member shall immediately conduct a run-off ballot of the tied candidates.
- c. Make available sufficient copies of the Committee Report for each Voting Delegate by the beginning of the Annual Conference. Only the designated Voting Delegate, or the designated Alternate Voting Delegate shall be allowed to pick up the ballot packet at 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.
- f. Advise the Executive Director to provide "VOTING DELEGATE" ribbons to all voting delegates attending the Annual Conference.
- g. Post the candidate statements/resumes organized by region on a bulletin board or other easily accessible location near the registration desk.
- h. 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 and shall be assisted by a regional officer from a region other than their own, as assigned by the Executive Director
- i. 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.

### **4. ELECTRONIC BALLOT FOR LAFCO IN GOOD STANDING NOT ATTENDING ANNUAL MEETING**

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 to the Executive Director 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 working days prior to the annual meeting.
- e. LAFCos voting by electronic ballot 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 as noted on the ballot and may not vote in any run-off elections.

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

- a. The Presiding Officer shall:
  - i. Review the election procedure with the membership of their region.
  - 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. If a candidate is absent from the regional caucus, they may ask someone in their region to make a brief statement on their behalf.
- 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.
  4. With assistance from the regional officer, tally the votes cast and announce the results.
- iii. Election to the Board shall occur as follows:
1. A majority of the total number of LAFCos in a given region are required for a quorum. Returned absentee ballots shall count towards the total required for a quorum.
  2. The nominee receiving the majority of votes cast is elected.
  3. 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).
  4. In case of tie votes:
    - 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.

## **6. ADDITIONAL PROCEDURES**

- a. For categories where there are more candidates than vacancies, names shall be listed on the ballot in the order the nomination was received and deemed complete.
- b. The Election Committee Chair shall announce and introduce all Board Members elected during the Regional Caucuses at the annual business meeting.
- 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.

# CALAFCO's 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  
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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

**CONTACT:** Dawn Longoria  
Napa LAFCo  
dlongori@napa.lafco.ca.gov

**Central Region**

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

**CONTACT:** José Henriquez  
Sacramento LAFCo  
henriquezj@saccounty.net

## CURRENT BOARD MEMBERS AND TERMS

<b>NAME</b>	<b>REGION</b>	<b>TYPE &amp; TERM</b>
Bill Connelly, <b>Chair</b>	Butte <i>Northern</i>	County (2023)
Rodrigo Espinosa	Merced <i>Central</i>	County (2024)
Blake Inscore	Del Norte <i>North</i>	City (2024)
Gay Jones	Sacramento <i>Central</i>	District (2024)
Michael Kelley	Imperial <i>Southern</i>	County (2023)
Debra Lake	Humboldt <i>Northern</i>	District (2023)
Jo MacKenzie	San Diego <i>Southern</i>	District (2023)
Michael McGill	Contra Costa <i>Coastal</i>	District (2024)
Derek McGregor	Orange <i>Southern</i>	Public (2024)
Margie Mohler, <b>Vice Chair</b>	Napa <i>Coastal</i>	City (2023)
Anita Paque	Calaveras <i>Central</i>	Public (2023)
Daniel Parra	Fresno <i>Central</i>	City (2023)
Wendy Root Askew	Monterey <i>Coastal</i>	County (2024)
Shane Stark	Santa Barbara <i>Coastal</i>	Public (2023)
Josh Susman	Nevada <i>Northern</i>	Public (2024)
Acquanetta Warren, <b>Treasurer</b>	San Bernardino <i>Southern</i>	City (2024)

Date Received

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## Board of Directors

### **2023/2024 Nomination Form**

*(Must accompany the Candidate Résumé 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**

Nomination Packets must be received by **September 18, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.** to be considered by the Election Committee.

Send completed nominations to  
[info@calafco.org](mailto:info@calafco.org)

Or, mail to:

CALAFCO Election Committee  
CALAFCO  
1129 Firehouse Alley  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Date Received  
\_\_\_\_\_

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## Board of Directors 2023/2024 Candidate Résumé Form (Complete both pages)

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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## 2023 CALAFCO VOTING DELEGATE

*The Local Agency Formation Commission of the below named county, hereby names and appoints the following Commissioners to be its duly authorized voting delegate and alternate for purposes of the 2023 CALAFCO Board of Directors election to be held on Thursday, October 19, 2023, during the CALAFCO Regional Caucus and Annual Meeting in Monterey, California.*

County Name:

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Delegate:

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Alternate:

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Appointment Authorized by:

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Name of individual completing form on behalf of the LAFCo:

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Will your delegate or alternate be attending the CALAFCO Annual Conference?

Yes:            No:

**PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM BY 5:00 PM ON SEPTEMBER 18, 2023**

**TO: René LaRoche via email to: [rlaroch@calafco.org](mailto:rlaroch@calafco.org)**

**Late submissions will NOT be accepted.**