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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 5, 2022

TO: Special District General Managers, Fire Chiefs and CEOs

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer



SUBJECT: Election of LAFCO Commissioners:
(1) First Ballot Results – Special District Regular Member
(2) Second Ballot For Your Action – Special District
Alternate Member (Due May 13, 2022)

I am writing with results of the first ballot election that concluded on April 1, and to request your help in conducting a second election for Special District representation on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County.

Special District Regular Member Election Results

Mary Ann Leffel, Board Member of the Monterey Regional Airport District, has been re-elected to a Special District Regular Member seat on LAFCO. She will be sworn in on April 25 to a term that will expire in May 2026. For your information, Warren E. Poitras, Board Member of the Monterey Regional County Fire Protection District, also serves as a Special District Regular Member in a seat that will expire in May 2024.

Special District Alternate Member Ballot (Due May 13)

A second election is now underway to fill the Special District Alternate Member seat for a four-year term that will expire in May 2026. This seat is currently held by Graig Stephens, Board Member of the Soledad Community Health Care District, who is retiring from LAFCO next month. Enclosed are a ballot and voting instructions for the second round of voting. The two candidates on the second ballot were also on the first ballot for the Regular Member position, and both agreed to run again for the Alternate Member position.

This sequential ballot process is intended to ensure diversity in representation. By policy, all three Special District LAFCO representatives should reflect a broad cross-section of services and geography, and no two Commissioners can be from agencies that provide like services.

Please scan and return the signed ballot to me at mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov and contact me with any questions at (831) 682-0157. Thank you for participating in this process.

Enclosures:
Ballot and Voting Instructions

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

April 5, 2022

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

FOR ELECTION OF ONE ALTERNATE SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO LAFCO

Voting Instructions:

1. The presiding officer of the legislative body of the District or the legislative body's alternate officer is authorized to vote. Please vote for one candidate. A majority of Districts must return ballots in order to conclude the election. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to an Alternate Member seat.
2. Please return a signed ballot to LAFCO of Monterey County by email to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **May 13, 2022, at 5:00 p.m.** LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

PLEASE VOTE FOR ONE CANDIDATE (ALTERNATE MEMBER SEAT):

David Kong (Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District)

Gail Morton (Marina Coast Water District)

VOTING MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM TO DECLARE CANDIDACY AND REQUEST NAME AND STATEMENT ON BALLOTS FOR ONE REGULAR POSITION AND ONE ALTERNATE POSITION ON THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Due Date: February 28, 2022

Nominations will be considered to fill the four-year term for one Regular seat (expiring May 2026) and the four-term for one Alternate seat (expiring May 2026) for Independent Special District Commissioners on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County.

Nomination Deadline and Process:

Nominations must be received in the LAFCO Office by February 28, 2022 at 5:00 p.m. Qualified persons may submit their own nominations using this form (no Board action is needed). You may email the completed form to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov OR mail it to P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 OR hand-deliver it to 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102 in Salinas.

Nomination Statement:

"I, David Kong, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: David Kong

Address: 348 Barbera Way

Phone and e-mail: 831-682-2812 davidrkong@gmail.com

District represented: Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District

Your position with the District: Board President

Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 3 years

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

I am interested in being an elected LAFCO Commissioner because I would like to represent the South Monterey Communities on the Commission

LAFCO makes many important decisions on matters concerning South Monterey County. I have been a lifelong resident of Monterey County. I have lived in Pacific Grove, Salinas, and now have been a South County Resident for 21 years. I have served as a city planning commissioner, County Redistricting Commissioner, and School Board member

and now serve on the Greenfield Public Recreation District and Greenfield Cemetery District as Board President. I am interested in having good land management of Monterey County. South Monterey County is mostly rural and agricultural. I am a good team player and I know a number of the current commissioners on LAFCO.

I would be honored to serve on the LAFCO Commission and asking for your vote.

Signed:

David Kong

Name (Print):

David Kong

Date:

02/25/2022

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.

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Nomination Statement:

"I, GAIL MORTON, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: GAIL MORTON
Address: 5 VIA JOAQUIN MONTEREY CA 93940
Phone and e-mail: 831 375-0100 gmorton@montereyfamilylaw.com or directormorton@mcwd.org
District represented: MARINA COAST WATER DISTRICT
Your position with the District: DIRECTOR
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 1 YEAR

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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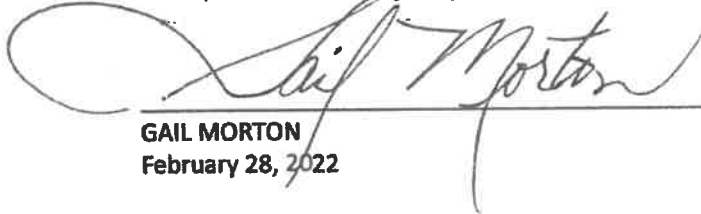
LAFCO's goal of preserving open space and agricultural land, discouraging urban sprawl, and delivering local and district services efficiently aligns well with the aims I have promoted in past decades as an activist, Marina councilmember, and a board member of Fort Ord Reuse Authority.

I currently serve as a director of the Marina Coast Water District (MCWD), the largest water district in County of Monterey. I focus on developing and implementing policies that will ensure a safe, clean, affordable water supply for current and future MCWD customers—*without* undermining affordable water for others throughout the County.

In their vital regional role, LAFCO commissioners must exercise prudence and diligence, anticipating unintended consequences, when shaping the development of local agencies advantageously for the present and future needs of our county. It is imperative that every board action reflect a holistic, countywide understanding of land and water resources; the practical demands of development in the decades to come; and the importance of protecting the County's economy, which depends on agricultural land and the attraction of open space for tourism.

I study issues carefully to bring as roundly informed a perspective to the table as possible. In my observation, cooperative, multiagency solutions with cross-jurisdictional benefit are key to successful governance. Some excellent strategies have been modeled in the past; this approach will continue to reap dividends when pursued.

LAFCO's independent and dependent special districts deserve fair and focused representation. As a leader at the city, FORA, and MCWD levels, I have a record of respect for the diverse interests of constituent groups and persons and a strong commitment to balanced, workable solutions. As a LAFCO commissioner, I will strive always to provide effective, equitable representation.



GAIL MORTON
February 28, 2022