

**EL DORADO LAFCO  
REGULAR/ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER  
SUGGESTED INTERVIEW QUESTIONS**

**Candidate Background**

1. Briefly describe your background and experience as it relates to the position of Public Member on LAFCO and what motivated you to consider service on LAFCO.
2. What unique skills, background, or attributes do you think you would bring as the LAFCO Alternate Public Member?
3. The LAFCO Public Members cannot be employees or officers of the County or any city or special district within the County - this includes service on an advisory body to the County, a city or special district in El Dorado County. Would appointment to LAFCO present any potential conflicts?
4. In our efforts to become a paperless agency, we frequently communicate electronically (i.e., send e-mails and links to websites, transmit PDF and Word documents, etc.). Do you have regular access to e-mail and the Internet?
5. Those of us who are conducting this interview are currently involved in LAFCO. What questions do you have of us that would help in your understanding of LAFCO?
6. If you were selected as the Alternate Public Member of the Commission, what would you like to accomplish or what would be your goals?

**Professional Background**

7. What experience, if any, do you have interacting with LAFCO or the LAFCO process?
8. What knowledge/experience do you have regarding organization and operation of local government? (such as a Special District Board, Planning Commission, Grand Jury)?

9. The Alternate Public Member can participate in Commission discussions and deliberations but votes only if the Public Member is absent or recuses himself from voting. What professional or community obligations or potential conflicts do you have that may prevent you from voting on LAFCO matters?
  
10. The majority of LAFCO commissioners are experienced elected officials who represent hundreds of constituents. Their exhaustive records of public service provide expertise, credibility, and recognition. Given their stature, would you be hesitant to challenge your colleagues on issues before LAFCO?
  
11. LAFCO usually meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 5:30 pm and periodically schedules "special meetings." Do you have any work constraints or other conflicts that might prevent you from attending LAFCO's regular and special meetings and any additional committee meetings that may be necessary?

**Familiarity with Government Procedures**

12. Are you familiar with public disclosure laws like the Brown Act and the Public Records Act, and do you understand how these laws impact your actions as a LAFCO Commissioner?
  
13. In your words, what is a special district?
  
14. LAFCO is simultaneously responsible for ensuring logical and orderly boundaries that lead to growth *and* for the preservation of agriculture and open space. How do you believe that this incongruity can be best resolved?
  
15. What significance, if any, should LAFCO give to the wishes and desires of residents and landowners when determining the appropriate boundaries of a proposed annexation?
  
16. What role should LAFCO have in balancing agricultural interests vs. urban pressures?
  
17. There have been times when the Commission has denied a request from a city or district to annex territory for the purpose of accommodating new development. As a result, LAFCO is sometimes criticized for interfering with the local government autonomy. If you were a Commissioner, how would you respond to such a criticism?

**Policy Questions**

18. What do you think is the role of the LAFCO Alternate Public Member?
19. What is your understanding of LAFCO's function and responsibility in El Dorado County?
20. How would you describe LAFCO's legislative mandate?
21. What issues do you feel are important to LAFCO?
22. What would you identify as the most significant issues facing El Dorado LAFCO in the next several years?
23. The LAFCO Public Members are expected to represent the broadest interest of the public. How do you interpret and how will you meet this objective?
24. What policy objectives should LAFCO attempt to achieve with regard to special districts?
25. How do you think LAFCO might encourage annexation to cities of areas needing urban services?
26. The "public" member is sole member of the Commission who is not from a specific public agency like a city or special district. What would be your perspective as the voice of the 180,000 residents of El Dorado County?