

EL DORADO LAFCO

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

AGENDA OF FEBRUARY 22, 2006

REGULAR MEETING

TO: Ted Long, Chairman, and
Members of the El Dorado County Local Agency Formation
Commission

FROM: José C. Henríquez, Executive Officer

AGENDA ITEM #5: SELECTION OF THE REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER TO LAFCO

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission select the Regular Public Member to LAFCO.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act specifies that the Commission must have one member who represents the public at-large (Government Code §56331). The individual must not be an officer or employee of the County or a city or district within El Dorado. The term of the new Regular Public Member will be from February 2006 to January 2010.

BACKGROUND

The term of the current Regular Public Member, Commissioner Aldon Manard, expired on January 2006 and, in addition, he has decided not to pursue re-appointment (refer to Attachment A). Consequently, once the Commission selects its candidate, it will have a new person in that role. The announcement of the opening for the Regular Public Member was posted in accordance with the Commission's Policies Guidelines and Procedures (PGP).

Process

According to the PGP, the Commission selects the new member according to the following process (Section 1.3.1, please refer to Attachment B):

- 1) All applicants shall be interviewed by the full Commission during the next regularly scheduled LAFCO meeting for which notice can be given.... All applicants are expected to attend interview sessions.

- 2) Selection of the public member and alternate public member shall be subject to the affirmative votes of at least one City, County, and District member seated on LAFCO [Government Code §56325(d)].
- 3) A written ballot containing the names of all qualified applicants and the names of each Commissioner will be distributed to all voting members of the Commission. The applicant receiving four (4) or more votes in the correct categories shall be appointed.

By the February 10, 2006 deadline, staff received four applications, Messrs. David B. Davinroy, Ross D. Johnson and Norman R. Rowett and the Commission's current Alternate Public Member, Francesca A. Loftis (for all applications, refer to Attachment C). All applicants have agreed to attend the February meeting for interviews. Staff has prepared a list of questions based upon previous interviews as well as questions used by other LAFCOs for selecting their public members (see below and refer to Attachment D).

Recommended Interview Procedure

LAFCO Policy does not specify a procedure for interviewing the Alternate Public Member applicants. Staff recommends the following procedure:

- 1) The candidates have agreed to be sequestered in a separate room and will be called into the Hearing Room individually by the Chair in alphabetical order.
- 2) The Chair calls each applicant to the podium and asks the applicant to state his or her name and place of residence for the record.
- 3) The Commissioners and Alternates take turns asking the applicant questions relating to the Regular Public Member position.
- 4) The applicant responds to each question individually before the next question is asked. A limit of five (5) questions per applicant is recommended by staff.
- 5) At the end of the interview, the Chair dismisses the applicant and calls the next applicant to the podium. The interviews will continue in this manner until all applicants have been interviewed.

Recommended Questions

Staff proposes the following interview questions:

- 1) Briefly explain why you want to be a LAFCO Commissioner and the ways your background has prepared you for this position.
- 2) What do you see as the connection between meeting regional housing goals and limiting urban sprawl?
- 3) What do you think are the biggest challenges facing this Commission?
- 4) Are you connected in any way with any current or probable LAFCO projects or actions? Please explain
- 5) What is your vision for El Dorado County, as a whole, in the next 5, 10, and 25 years?

Recommended Voting Procedure

After all applicants have been interviewed, the Chair recites the names of the eligible applicants on the ballot (omitting anyone who was not present for an interview).

- 1) The voting members of the Commission fill out their ballots and pass them to the Chair.
- 2) The Chair passes the ballots to the Clerk to be tallied.

The Clerk tallies the votes and announces whether a runoff vote is needed. The candidate who receives the most votes in the correct categories is appointed.

Alternatives

The Commission has the discretion, provided that it finds sufficient cause to do so, to bypass the interview process and use one of the following methods:

- 1) Appoint an Ad Hoc Committee to interview the candidates and return to the full Commission with a recommendation at the March 22, 2006 regular meeting; or,
- 2) The Commission may appoint one of the four candidates as the Regular Public Member based upon the submitted applications. Should the Commission appoint Commissioner Loftis to be the Regular Member, an opening for the Alternate Public Member will be created.

Attachments:

- Attachment A: Letter to Chair Long from Commissioner Manard
- Attachment B: Copy of the Commission's Policies Guidelines and Procedures Section 1.3.1
- Attachment C: David Davinroy Application
Ross Johnson
Francesca Loftis Application
Norman Rowett Application
- Attachment D: Recommended Interview Questions and Ballots