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Dear LAFCO Commissioners,

As members of the El Dorado Local Area Formation Commission, it is our responsibility to ensure the implementation of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. This Commission is comprised of seven regular members and four alternate members who each bring their own valuable perspective and experience to the board which is helpful in fulfilling the mission of El Dorado LAFCO. Diversity of opinion is a valuable tool, and we support and champion robust dialog and decision-making. To ensure that our process is productive and successful, it is our express duty as Commissioners to act and serve in the manner outlined in the approved Policies and Guidelines under which we operate. (<https://www.edlafco.us/files/162615f75/El+Dorado+LAFCO+Policies+%26+Guidelines.pdf>)

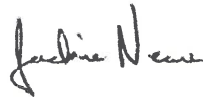
This is a difficult letter to write, and yet, after months of observation and careful thought, we respectfully ask the Commission to consider agendizing a discussion on the removal of Public Member Commissioner Powell. Government Code section 56334 provides that "Any member may be removed at any time and without cause by the body appointing that member", and yet, we would refer our fellow Commissioners to page 11 of our Policies and Guidelines. The Responsibilities of Commissioners clarifies the manner in which we are to carry out our duties, and we ask the Commissioners to specifically consider 1.8.1.4, 1.8.1.6 and 1.8.1.8.

El Dorado LAFCO is in a challenging position with a critical shortage of staff. We ask you to consider an agenda item to discuss this most unfortunate matter. As we work to recruit qualified personnel, it is our sacred obligation as Commissioners to safeguard a productive, efficient and supportive working environment, and this starts with leadership.

Respectfully,



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