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Date: 19 June 2009

To: LAFCo Commissioners and Staff

From: Ted Novelli, Chair
CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

RE: 2009 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations

Each year, at the annual conference, CALAFCO announces awards that recognize outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals to LAFCo and LAFCo principles throughout the State. Last year in Los Angeles, the Association's awards ceremony was conducted at a unique evening banquet honoring the awardees. The conference planning committee is organizing a special awards event for this year's conference at Tenaya Lodge near Yosemite.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who go above and beyond in their work to advance the principles and goals of Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg and LAFCo. I invite you to use this opportunity to nominate the people and agencies that you feel deserve this important recognition.

This year I am particularly please to announce a new CALAFCO award – *The Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award*. The award is honor the memory of Assembly Member, LAFCo Executive Officer and CALAFCO Executive Director Mike Gotch.

To make a nomination, please use the following procedure:

1. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo or other organization. There is no limit to the number of nominations.
2. Please use a separate form for each nomination.
3. Please submit any supporting information (e.g. reports, newspaper articles, etc.) that would be helpful to the Awards Committee in evaluating the nomination.
4. Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than **Friday, 2 October 2009**.
5. Send nominations via e-mail, fax, or U.S. mail to:

Roseanne Chamberlain
Amador LAFCo
Post Office Box 22-1292
Sacramento, CA 95822-1292
Fax (916) 454-5028
E-mail amador.lafco@gmail.com

5. Please contact Roseanne with any questions at (209) 418-9377.

A list of the 2008 and previous Achievement Award recipients is attached to this notice.

Nomination Form**NOMINEE**

Person or Agency Being Nominated:

Name

Organization

Address

Phone/E-mail

NOMINATION CATEGORY (check one – see category detail on attached sheet)

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding CALAFCO Member | <input type="checkbox"/> Project of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Distinguished Service Award | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Leadership Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Most Effective Commission | <input type="checkbox"/> Legislator of the Year |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding Commissioner | <input type="checkbox"/> Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation
in Local Government Award |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding LAFCo Professional | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Outstanding LAFCo Clerk | |

NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:

Name:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

ACHIEVEMENTS

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (Use additional sheets as needed):

CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES

CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCo community by presenting the *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are being accepted until 2 October 2009 in the following categories:

Outstanding CALAFCO Member	Recognizes a CALAFCO Board Member or staff person who has provided exemplary service during the past year.
Distinguished Service Award	Given to a member of the LAFCo community to recognize long-term service by an individual.
Most Effective Commission	Presented to an individual Commission to recognize innovation, streamlining, and/or initiative in implementing LAFCo programs; may also be presented to multiple Commissions for joint efforts.
Outstanding Commissioner	Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission.
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, or Legal Counsel for exemplary service during the past year.
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	Presented to a LAFCo Clerk for service above and beyond the call of duty.
Project of the Year	Recognition for a project-specific program that involved complex staff analysis, community involvement, or an outstanding solution.
Government Leadership Award	Presented to a decision-making body at the city, county, special district, regional or state level which has furthered good government efforts in California.
Legislator of the Year	Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals. Selected by CALAFCO Board.
Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award	Presented to an individual who has taken extraordinary steps to improve and innovate local government. This award is named for Mike Gotch: former Assembly Member, LAFCo Executive Officer and CALAFCO Executive Director responsible for much of the foundations of LAFCo law and CALAFCO. He is remembered as a source of great inspiration for staff and legislators from throughout the state.