

# LAFCO

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## **Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission**

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### **Assignment of LAFCO Legal Counsel**

Dear Members of the Commission:

#### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission receive and file this report.

#### DISCUSSION

Alan Seltzer, an attorney in the County Counsel's office, has served as Commission legal counsel for several years. This is predicated on the Commissioner Handbook that states, "The County Counsel provides legal advice and support for LAFCO."

The Commissioner Handbook also provides that, "If a conflict of interest ever occurs between LAFCO and the County the Commission can obtain outside counsel." Accordingly, there is an arrangement between the Ventura County Counsel, which advises the Ventura LAFCO, and the Santa Barbara County Counsel to provide legal services for the opposite LAFCO if there is ever a conflict of interest. This exchange of counsels has occurred on rare occasion.

I am consulting with County Counsel Shane Stark regarding the attorney he may assign the duty of providing legal services to the Commission.

Sincerely,

**BOB BRAITMAN**  
Executive Officer