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June 2, 2022 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Consider Santa Barbara LAFCO Legislative Committee

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission consider adoption of Resolution rescinding the Santa Barbara LAFCO Legislative Committee.

DISCUSSION

At the April 7, 2022 meeting, the Commission requested the consideration of rescinding the Standing Committee on Legislation by request of Alternate Public Member Richardson.

The resolution establishing the SBLAFCO Legislative Committee, was adopted on July 2, 2015 after consideration of a Standing Committee on June 4, 2015. The Commission requested creation of resolution to formally establish the committee. If the Commission wishes to rescind the Legislative Committee an enclosed resolution prepared by Legal Counsel Bill Dillon is presented for adoption by the Commission.

Commission Budget and Financial Procedures specify members of standing committees are eligible to receive a stipend of \$200 for attending committee meetings. Based on no more than five (5) stipends total per member in any month. As a Standing Committee all requirements of the Ralph M. Brown Act, Government Code section 54950 et seq., including open meetings, agenda, and notice requirements must be followed. The Legislative Committee is staffed by the Executive Officer and, as necessary, Counsel.

BACKGROUND

The Legislative Committee has been used over the last six years a handful of times when important legislation has been introduced. For example, Assembly Bill 722 (Isla Vista CSD) in 2017. Prior to establishment of the Legislative Committee, Assembly Bill 3 (Williams) was scheduled for action in early part of 2015, which may have led to Legislative Committee establishment. In general, most Legislation is brought forward for full Commission consideration of opposition or support such as the April 7th Business Item No. 4 regarding AB 2957 (Omibus Bill) and SB 938 (Hertzberg) Protest Provisions re-write.

However, the Commission's regular monthly meetings are not always sufficient to allow the Commission to be fully briefed on all important legislative proposals. Not all legislative proposals warrant immediate action or rise to level of importance that ever proposal be considered by the Legislative Committee. Most of the time, briefing the Commission on the understanding of the legislative proposal can be aligned with a regular Commission meeting. On limited occasions significant legislative proposals such as those described above require immediate action that assembling the Legislative Committee can be more effective under shorter notice than would otherwise require by calling for a Special Commission meeting. All legislative proposal affecting LAFCOs are brought to the Commission, typically, with CALAFCO input from CALAFCO Legislative Committee that briefs each LAFCO and makes a recommendation. This process would not change. The Santa Barbara LAFCO Legislative Committee, if kept in place, would continue to be made available if such immerging needs arise to seek direction on fast moving legislation proposals.

Attachments:

Attachment A: Resolution Rescinding the Legislative Standing Committee

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Mike Prater
Executive Officer

LAFCO RESOLUTION

In the matter of dissolving the Legislative Committee)
as a standing committee of the Commission;) Resolution No. _____
repeal of Resolution 15-4, dated July 2, 2015)
_____)

WHEREAS, the Commission previously adopted Resolution 15-4 on July 2, 2015 to establish the Legislative Committee as a standing committee of the Commission for the purpose of reviewing and analyzing pending legislation.

WHEREAS, over the last several years, the the Legislative Committee has had few or no meetings each year.

WHEREAS, the Commission adequately tracks pending legislation through Executive Officer reports to the Commission on the Commission’s regular agenda.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Local Agency Formation Commission of Santa Barbara County as follows:

(1) There is no need for the Legislative Committee as a standing committee of the Commission, as the Commission adequately tracks pending legislation through Executive Officer reports on the Commission’s regular meeting agendas.

(2) The Legislative Committee is hereby dissolved.

This resolution is adopted on June __, 2022, and is effective when signed.

AYES:
NOES:
ABSTAIN:

Santa Barbara County Local Agency
Formation Commission

By: _____
Shane Stark, Chair

Date: _____

ATTEST:

By: _____
Natasha Carbajal, Deputy
Santa Barbara County Clerk’s Office
Local Agency Formation Commission