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Appointment of Replacement Public Member

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the City, County and Special District members determine a method to select a replacement for Public Member Tom Umenhofer who is resigning from the Commission.

DISCUSSION

On October 7 I provided a report to the Commission outlining the options available and statutes that apply to appointing Public and Alternate Public Members. A copy of that report is attached. It was the result of Commissioner Tom Umenhofer's announcement of his intention to resign this year following 12 years of service.

Since that meeting Commissioner Umenhofer has submitted the attached letter resigning from the Commission at the conclusion of the November 4 Commission meeting.

It appears that two options available to the Commission at this time are to:

- Appoint current Alternate Public Member Penny Leich to complete the unexpired term of Public Member Tom Umenhofer and immediately begin a recruitment for a new Alternate Public Member to complete Commissioner Leich's unexpired term, or
- Begin a recruitment to appoint an individual to complete the unexpired term of the position being vacated by Commissioner Umenhofer.

Inasmuch as a new Public Member has not been selected in 12 years, the City, County and Special District Members may want to use this opportunity to establish a predictable process for appointing future Public and Alternate Public Members.

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In his letter of resignation Commissioner Umenhofer proposes limiting public members to a total of two terms: one 4-year term as the Alternate Public Member followed by one 4-year term as the Public Member (for eight years in total). In his words this would create “continuity (institutional memory) with regard to LAFCO actions over the years while setting up a predictable recruitment process for new Public Members.”

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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Executive Officer