

SPECIAL MEETING

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION MEETING AGENDA

Wednesday, August 24, 2011
9:00 a.m.

Room 381B
Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles 90012

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- 1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER.**
- 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WILL BE LED BY CHAIRMAN GLADBACH.**
- 3. INTERVIEW FINALISTS FOR THE ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER**
- 4. COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

Commissioners' questions for staff, announcements of upcoming events and opportunity for Commissioners to briefly report on their LAFCO-related activities since last meeting.

- 5. EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT**

Executive Officer's announcement of upcoming events and brief report on activities of the Executive Officer since the last meeting.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission on items that are not on the posted agenda, provided that the subject matter is within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limitation.

7. **FUTURE MEETINGS**

September 14, 2011
October 12, 2011
November 9, 2011
December 14, 2011

8. **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Items not on the posted agenda which, if requested, will be referred to staff or placed on a future agenda for discussion and action by the Commission, or matters requiring immediate action because of an emergency situation or where the need to take immediate action came to the attention of the Commission subsequent to the posting of the agenda.

9. **ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

Staff Report

August 24, 2011

Agenda Item No. 3

Interview Finalists for the Alternate Public Member

Earlier this year LAFCO's Chair appointed a committee to screen all candidates for the position of Alternate to the Public member. The committee met and narrowed the candidate pool down to six finalists.

The six finalists have been invited to the August 24th LAFCO meeting to be interviewed by the Commission. Staff has confirmed that all 6 will be in attendance.

Staff recommends that the names of candidates be drawn at random to determine the order of interviews.

Consideration of the appointment of an Alternate to the Public Member will be placed on the September 14, 2011 Commission meeting agenda.

Recommended Action:

Interview the finalists for the position of Alternate to the Public Member.

Harold James Bissner III

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May 2, 2011

Local Agency Formation Commission
ATTN: Paul Novak
700 N. Central Ave Suite 445
Glendale, CA 91203

Application for appointment; Alternate Public Member

I am employed as a building contractor and forensic expert witness related to construction related disputes. See attached curriculum vitae for details, work background and qualifications as well as community volunteer service.

My desire to serve on LAFCO results from volunteer service to my community over the preceding 14+ years and an aspiration to become more knowledgeable in matters affecting the County and its future related to change, growth, and services. I wish to be involved in a commission that will be at the forefront of working with municipalities and the difficulties they face with current financial shortfalls. I am most interested in aiding the County in streamlining the numerous agencies related to economy, efficiency, and effectiveness. I am aware that several communities are failing for various reasons and would like to be a part of their renewal so that our region will burgeon.

LAFCO's were instituted to bring order to the chaotic growth that much of California experienced in the post-World War II era. They have been effective in this endeavor in consolidating services as well as their oversight of municipal expansions and dissolutions/absorptions. Regarding the LA County commission there is a macroscopic view of the region and its collective municipalities, a critical function. A function I desire to be a part of with the enormous challenges facing all of our communities and critical services.

As a third generation resident of LA County I have much knowledge both personally and anecdotally to draw from. I have been a builder since 1984 and a judicial expert since 1996. These endeavors lend me broad insight to all aspects of municipal and county functions and shortcomings therein. Additionally I have volunteered in my community for many years serving on boards related to land use, town council, law enforcement and crime prevention.

Submitted 5/3/2011

Sincerely,



Harold J. (Jamie) Bissner III
Enclosures

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Curriculum Vitae for Harold Bissner Synopsis

- California Contractors license 468118 B. See note page 3
- Forensic analysis and testimony since 1996 related to construction and real estate related litigation and disputes for both plaintiff and defense. Trial testimony, mediation support, arbitration & dispute moderation
 - Construction defects, processes & techniques
 - Contracts, standards of care, succession of responsibilities & quality of workmanship. Industry standards
 - Municipal issues: Permits, zoning & land use
 - Manufacturing processes
 - Site inspection, testing, analysis & reports, written and photographic documentation, models & replications
 - Comprehensive damage assessments & cost to repair. Loss of use. All related & ancillary current/future financial liabilities
 - Moderation of issues and conflicts involving building department & related agencies v construction professionals, property owners & affected parties.
- Founded Systems Building Incorporated in 1984. Continue to maintain hands on involvement with all aspects of the Corporation's projects including estimating, project management, contracts, financials and design/build
- Specialist in the fields of commercial/manufacturing/institutional/ & residential construction. Common interest developments
 - Scope of projects include Prison Industry Authority, wood and furniture mills, speaker manufacturing facilities, dairy products production facilities, slaughterhouse, butcher room & meat production, corporate office expansions, manufacturing configuration & retooling, freezer facilities, material handling & storage, multiphase projects, restaurants, bakeries, veterinary hospitals, remodels, additions and tenant improvements. Fast track construction
 - Expert in manufacturing facilities, processes and equipment
 - Expert in food production processes, facilities and equipment
 - Successful expansions/renovations of occupied headquarters & manufacturing facilities without disruption to employee productivity
 - Experienced in veterinary hospital expansions, including surgical room construction
- Specialist in new residential construction as well as renovation of, addition to, and re-authenticating period homes in the Pasadena area
- The Bissner and Kaufman (maternal) families have conducted architecture and construction throughout California since 1924

Memberships,
volunteer work, civic
involvement

Affiliate member Pasadena Bar Association

Weekly columnist for six San Gabriel Valley daily newspapers
including the Pasadena Star News

Member of Forensic Expert Witness Association

Vice President of Sheriff's Support Group of Altadena

Councilman in Altadena. 1997-2007. 2009-current
Executive Committee Corresponding Secretary

Former Chair of Altadena Land Use Committee. 2 years Chair & 8
year member

Member of LA County Sheriffs Volunteer program 1997- current

Former member of the LA County Sheriff's Community Advisory
Committee

2006 Altadena Outstanding Citizen of the Year cited for crime
reduction efforts, volunteerism, and contributions of construction
projects to community nonprofit events.

Co-producer for Summer Community Concert Series in Altadena

Advisor to Flintridge Preparatory School related to expanding
communications in social networking

Please note:

California State Business and Professions code dictates that a real person appropriately licensed as a Contractor qualify for fictitious entities such as a Corporation. The qualifying individual's license is then required to be 'Inactive' in status by law.

Personal license #591704

Corporate license #468118



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Name (Last, First, Middle) Leon Harry A.	
Address (Number, Street, State, Zip Code) ---	Telephone: Home: --- Business: ---
Email Address: ---	
Current occupation and employer: (Self Employed) Plumber/Contractor, Biodiesel Eng. Environmental waste management	
Why do you wish to serve on LAFCO? To bring perspective views of the citizens of Crescenta Valley and other Towns of unincorporated areas in Los Angeles County.	
What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of LAFCO? LAFCO is in charge of developing and updating community services. Responsible for organizing changes for cities and special districts. LAFCO also holds public hearings on proposed changes.	
Statement of qualifications: List any abilities, skills, specialized training, or interests you have which are application to your service on this commission: Community activist and pursue for better life for the citizens. Good communicator, good listener, problem solver. Able To read mechanical/Civil plans. Able To solve environmental problem	
List all other Boards, commissions, or committees you are now a member of or have been in the past, including dates of service: Member of CV council Co-Chair Community Events, Co-Chair Scholarship Committee, Co-Chair Youth & Seniors Committee, co-chair Election & nominating Committee	
Please list community interest/activities: CV Youth organization, outreach Program, member of Chamber of Commerce, part of VFW (Veterans Group).	

HARRY LEON

May 25, 2011

LAFCO

LAFCO Commission - Alternate Member Opening

Dear LAFCO Commission,

It is with considerable pleasure that I write this letter on behalf of Mr. Harry Leon, a respected Crescenta Valley community leader, for consideration to the position of Alternate Member, LAFCO Commission.

I first met Mr. Leon while serving as President of the Crescenta Valley Town Council. Harry approached our Council with an interest in our Council's student scholarship program and offered a portion of his business proceeds to help ensure the program's success. It was an "offer from the heart" with no obligations and no attachments . . . typical Harry Leon. He did it because it needed to be done and because he understood the connection our community has with its youth.

Harry is a current member of our community's Town Council and very active within the Council. He has developed a reputation within our community for being a "go to" individual. Have a concern or a community issue which needs to be address . . . go talk to Harry. Need a helping hand with a project . . . go see Harry. Have a special event which needs fundraising assistance, Harry's the individual you need to get involved. Every community has people like this and Harry is among the handful of people in our community who manage to get it done. Every time!

Harry understands our community and its needs. He is a long time Los Angeles County resident, a local businessman, and an active and involved community member. He would bring experience, understanding, enthusiasm, and commitment to the LAFCO Member position. More important, Harry would bring a "team first" mindset to the Commission. He would vigorously defend his position on an issue, but after the Commission settled on its decision Harry would support it 100% . . . exactly what the Commission should expect from its members.

I strongly urge the selection procedure for the Alternate Member position to seriously include Mr. Harry Leon in that process. He is a dedicated individual who would bring great respect and community knowledge to the LAFCO Commission.

Sincerely,

Steve Pierce

Past President Crescenta Valley Town Council
Past Crescenta Valley Honorary Mayor
Crescenta Valley Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors
Crescenta Valley Sheriff Support Group Board of Directors



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Name (Last, First, Middle) Martínez, Adriana	
Address (Number, Street, State, Zip Code), , , 	Telephone: Home: Business:
E-mail Address:	
Current occupation and employer: Consultant, Self-Employed	
Why do you wish to serve on LAFCO? I am interested in learning more about the operation and organization of local governments, especially in LA County which is so vast and dynamic.	
What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of LAFCO? LAFCO is a State entity that oversees the growth and organization of local cities in LA County. It is a new entity that I am not yet familiar with; and I hope to learn more.	
Statement of qualifications: List any abilities, skills, specialized training, or interests you have which are application to your service on this commission: I have diverse and extensive experience in managing people and organizations across various sectors, including the government, non-profit and business/private sectors. I am skilled in listening and	
List all other Boards, commissions, or committees you are now a member of or have been in the past, including dates of service: Appointed 2011: CA State Dem. Party Delegate (Mike Eng, 49th ASM) facilitator Appointed 2006: HACA (Housing Authority), Commissioner (Supervisor Gloria Molina)	
Please list community interest/activities: • HOPE (Hispanics Organized for Political Equality), Guardian (sponsor) • Stanford Latino Alumni Association, Member	

ADRIANA MARTINEZ

Summary of Qualifications

Visionary leader, manager and self-starter with a proven track record of improving the organizational and financial stability of organizations across diverse sectors. Particularly effective in leveraging resources, developing partnerships and finding common ground toward policy solutions. Proven professional with a passion for increasing educational and socio-economic opportunities for underserved communities. Fully bi-lingual in English and Spanish.

Education

MBA, The Anderson School at UCLA, Los Angeles, CA, 2002

Honors: Goldman Sachs Fellow, Dean's Fellow

BA, International Relations, Stanford University, Stanford, CA, 1993

El Colegio de Mexico Irvine Foundation Fellow, Mexico City, 1992

Stanford Overseas Studies Program, Florence, Italy, 1992

Undergraduate Opportunities Fellow, Mexico City, 1991

Fellow, CORO Program in Public Affairs, San Francisco, CA, 1994

Work Experience

Adriana Martinez Group, LLC

2007-present

President

- Provide professional services in public affairs, external affairs, project management and policy analysis for private and public sector clients. Currently provide full-time consulting for AT&T Public Affairs, So. CA.
- Past clients include Capri Capital Partners, LLC (Chicago, IL), Forest City, LLC (Los Angeles, CA), Moso Investments, LLC (Los Angeles, CA), the County of Los Angeles Community Development Commission and the City of Los Angeles Housing Authority (HACLA).
- Served as consultant for County Supervisor Gloria Molina on the BioMed project in East L.A.

Mayor Antonio R. Villaraigosa's Office of Economic Development, Los Angeles, CA

2005-2007

Associate Director of Housing & Economic Development/LA Business Team Director

- Created, supervised and managed Mayor Villaraigosa's L.A. Business Team, consisting of ten staff.
- Worked with the Deputy Mayor in providing day-to-day and long-term policy direction to city departments within the economic development portfolio, including Planning, Building & Safety, and Housing and Community Development.
- Prepared the Mayor for speaking engagements in the areas of economic and community development.

Office of Councilmember Antonio R. Villaraigosa, Los Angeles, CA

2003-2005

Director, Boyle Heights Field Office & Economic Development Deputy

- Supervised all operations in Boyle Heights and downtown (CD14), from constituent services to capital development projects. Gained support for the Councilman from all major community stakeholder groups.
- Managed economic development, redevelopment and business development opportunities, including the Sears site, the BioMedTech Park master plan, Eastside Gold Line projects and industrial downtown redevelopment.

Mayor James Hahn's Office of Economic Development/LA Business Team, Los Angeles, CA

2002-2003

Director, Industrial Development Policy Initiative (IDPI) & Manager, East/Northeast LA

- Designed and managed the Mayor's IDPI to maximize the use of industrial zoned land citywide.
- Facilitated entitlements and financing to develop housing, industrial and other real estate projects.
- Designed and Co-Chaired the Neighborhood Development Cabinet to leverage and maximize public and private resources in a targeted geographic area in the Eastside.

Goldman Sachs & Co., New York, NY

2001

Associate, Investment Management Division

- Developed a marketing strategy for the firm's high yield fund and assisted with new business development.



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Name (Last, First, Middle) McCallum, Gerard	
Address (Number, Street, State, Zip Code) ---	Telephone: Home: Business:
E-mail Address:	
Current occupation and employer: Senior Project Manager, Real Estate Development Hollywood Park Wilson, Meany, Sullivan, LLP	
Why do you wish to serve on LAFCO? I believe that my experience serving on the Planning Commission and understand the long range planning objectives for growth and city services, coupled with my profession of developing a large scale residential & retail planned community could be use to help meet the objectives of LAFCO and the community in which I live.	
What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of LAFCO? Responsibilities include the reviewing/approval of proposed jurisdictional boundaries, annexations & incorporations of new cities, as well as the formation, merger & dissolution of new & existing special districts there contractual service agreements, and determination of spheres influence for each city and district.	
Statement of qualifications: List any abilities, skills, specialized training, or interests you have which are application to your service on this commission: The Professional skills include: Understanding demographic analysis for determination of residential and retail development. Skilled negotiator and Public Affairs capabilities for interface between elected officials, private enterprise and the community at large. Ran successful ballot initiative for the City of Inglewood for the preservation of Utility taxes.	
List all other Boards, commissions, or committees you are now a member of or have been in the past, including dates of service: Past Commissions: City of Los Angeles Department of Water & Power City of Los Angeles Quality and Productivity Commission City of Los Angeles Planning Commission	
Please list community interest/activities: Board Member: Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust -Developing Urban Parks City of Inglewood Chamber of Commerce USC Ross School of Minorities In Real Estate	

Gerard McCallum II

Gerard McCallum has over 20 years of experience in marketing, public affairs, community development and strategic planning. At Wilson Meany Sullivan, Gerard is responsible for Entitlement, Governmental Affairs as well as Community Outreach for the Hollywood Park Tomorrow project in Inglewood California. Previously, he was Executive Vice President and General Manager for Forum Enterprises, Inc. where he led the acquisition of the Great Western Forum and transformed it into a leading entertainment and sports venue. Prior to his position at Wilson Meany Sullivan, he was Director of Development and Fundraising for Faithful Central Bible Church in Inglewood where he raised more than \$10 million and implemented a number of social outreach programs. He previously served as commissioner with the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, as well as a commissioner for the City of Los Angeles Planning Department. Gerard currently serves on numerous boards including the USC Advisory Board for the Ross Minority Program in Real Estate, The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, The Inglewood Chamber of Commerce, and Partners for Progress. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from Biola University, Summa Cum Laude.



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Name (Last, First, Middle)

TEPPER, RONALD

Address (Number, Street, State Zip Code)

Telephone:

Home:

Business:

Email Address:

Current occupation and employer:

RETIRED MARKETING WRITER / Public Relations Specialist

Why do you wish to serve on LAFCO?

With the financial (and other) difficulties many cities in L.A. County are having, LAFCO's role has become more vital along with the issues (annexation, fiscal responsibility, boundaries) that are impacting every city in the County.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of LAFCO?

Representing the consumer, public will be more challenging in the future. Consumers question government and the reason for LAFCO's actions will be questioned frequently by citizens within these communities. Negative incidents (such as Bell, CA) will be more under scrutiny than ever.

Statement of qualifications: List any abilities, skills, specialized training, or interests you have which are application to your service on this commission:

PRESIDENT, WAKEFIELD HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION (UNDERSTAND ZONING & PLANNING needs). REPRESENTED PALO WOODS & WAKEFIELD AT BOARD OF SUPERVISORS in variety of zoning, planning cases. Veteran public Affairs (publicity) specialist. Understand media & how to get government story out.

List all other Boards, commissions, or committees you are now a member of or have been in the past, including dates of service:

Civil GRAND JURY member, 2009-2010, Los Angeles County. OFFICER Wakefield Homeowners Association. HAVE DEALT WITH 17 major cities across country and have earned proclamations from each.

Please list community interest/activities:

Zoning, planning regulations as well as proposed annexation activities in County Strip.

May, 23, 2011

Mr. Paul Novak
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Dear Mr. Novak:

This letter and application is in response to your search for an Alternate Public Member for LAFCO. I am excited about the position and the opportunity, and believe my background and experience are a perfect fit for the Alternate position.

First, I am familiar with Los Angeles County government and LAFCO. I served on the Los Angeles Civil Grand Jury for a year, was responsible for the editorial report that was created, and became familiar with all aspects of County government. I was also involved with a high profile LAFCO case—the unincorporated County strip and the City of Carson.

Additionally, I served several terms as president of Wakefield Homeowner's Association, where I became more familiar with LAFCO.

I know the media and dealing with the press—I spent four years as a writer/reporter for the Los Angeles Times.

I believe we are in an era that will continue to be challenging to all government agencies, as well as LAFCO. Spheres of influence will be scrutinized as well as decisions pertaining to cities and special districts. I have an enormous interest in County government, LAFCO, and planning.

My background in media (vice president of Entrepreneur Magazine as well as the position I held at the Times), and my knowledge of government would be a definite asset in dealing with LAFCO's many "customers."

I have listed a reference, and would be happy to supply others at your convenience. In the meantime, if there is anything else I can supply, please let me know. Thank you for your time and interest.

Sincerely,


Ron Tepper



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Name (Last, First, Middle)

Yacovone, Joan E.

Address (Number, Street, State, Zip Code)

Telephone:

Home:

Cell:

Email Address:

Current occupation and employer:

Retired

Why do you wish to serve on LAFCO?

I first became aware of the function and importance of LAFCO in the early 1980's when communities in the Las Virgenes area began to think about incorporation. Once Agoura Hills became a city, my interest in local and regional issues developed into a commitment to community service which I still enjoy.

What is your understanding of the role and responsibilities of LAFCO?

To assure the orderly growth of cities, determine the ability of jurisdictions to provide needed government services, to determine an agency's sphere of influence, and to review the functions of special districts in Los Angeles County.

Statement of qualifications: List any abilities, skills, specialized training, or interests you have which are application to your service on this commission:

City of Agoura Hills Planning Commission – 1982 to 1990; Established first General Plan, Wrote initial Hillside and Grading Ordinances and Oak Tree Ordinance. Agoura Hills City Council – 1991 to 1995; Served as Mayor 1994 to 1995.

List all other Boards, commissions, or committees you are now a member of or have been in the past, including dates of service: Assemblywoman – California Senior Legislature – 2010 to present; Los Angeles County North Area Plan, Policy Committee – from its inception to present; Las Virgenes

Homeowners Federation – 1995 to the present; Trustee - Conejo Las Virgenes Future Foundation – 1996 to present.

Please list Community interest/activities:

Volunteer – Thousand Oaks Civic Arts Plaza; Friends of the Agoura Hills Library – Former President and current Board Member; Conejo Las Virgenes Future Foundation Senior Congress – Annual program – 2003 to present