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for the County of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
LIVE VIRTUAL MEETING

February 9, 2022

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Kathryn Barger
Donald Dear
Margaret Finlay
John Lee
Gerard McCallum
John Mirisch

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Michael Davitt, Alternate
David Lesser, Alternate
Mel Matthews, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer
Tiffani Shin, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Holly Mitchell

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member
San Fernando Valley, Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:04 a.m. as a live virtual Commission meeting, with public comment accepted via e-mail, computer, or phone through the conclusion of public testimony.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Gladbach.

WELCOMING OF NEW COMMISSIONER

Chair Gladbach introduced new Commissioner John Lee (Los Angeles City Councilmember, Twelfth Council District) as a voting member representing the City of Los Angeles. Commissioner Lee thanked the Commission for the opportunity to serve on LAFCO and said that he looks forward to working with the Commission.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (EO) read an announcement, asking if any Commissioners had received a campaign contribution that would require disclosure or any other issue requiring recusal from any item on today's agenda (None).

ANNOUNCEMENT

The EO noted that today's meeting was conducted pursuant to the provisions of Government Code § 54953 relative to virtual meetings, as well as the County of Los Angeles "Best Practices to Prevent COVID-19". LAFCO's legal counsel reviewed the provisions and has confirmed that the conduct of the meeting is consistent with State law as modified by the Governor and County orders.

The EO noted that all public hearing notices, and the agenda, clearly stated that interested persons were afforded the opportunity to submit written opposition or comments by e-mail, or via United States mail. For any communications received after the agenda was posted, staff has forwarded copies via e-mail to the Commission (None). LAFCO staff continued to monitor e-mail and comments received during the meeting and prior to the conclusion of each hearing item were read to the Commission (None).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

(None).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Approved Minutes of January 12, 2022.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of January 2022.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.
- d. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 & 56857.
 - i. Reorganization No. 2019-04 to the City of La Verne (21-768)
 - ii. Annexation No. 2022-01 to the Los Angeles County Waterworks District No. 40, Antelope Valley.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Approved Consent Items 6.a through 6.c.; and
- Received and filed Information Items 6.d.i. and 6.d.ii.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt. for Vacant), Dear, Finlay, Lee, McCallum,
Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Mid-Year Budget Report.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Mid-Year Budget Status Report for FY 2021-2022.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Mirisch APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt. for Vacant), Dear, Finlay, Lee, McCallum,
Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

- b. Fiscal Year 2021-22 Mid-Year Investment Report.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Mid-Year Investment Report for FY 2021-2022.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: Barger APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt. for Vacant), Dear, Finlay, Lee, McCallum,
Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell

10 LEGISLATION

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Legislative Update.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The EO indicated that there was an error in the staff report regarding AB 1195 (Christina Garcia). The staff report indicated that because AB 1195 passed out of the Assembly in 2021, it is not subject to a January 31st deadline, and it will remain as an active bill.

The EO noted that Senator Hertzberg is currently drafting a bill that would consolidate several protest provisions into one section of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Reorganization Act of 2000

("the Act"). Currently the protest provisions are in separate sections of the Act, which makes it difficult to navigate through. There is also a provision being considered to change the protest threshold for a Commission initiated dissolution, from the current 10% protest threshold to a 25% protest threshold. The EO indicated that he expects to agendize the bill at next month's meeting for the Commission's consideration.

The Commission took the following action:

- Received and filed the Legislative Update.

MOTION: Finlay SECOND: Barger APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt. for Vacant), Dear, Finlay, Lee, McCallum,
Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell

11 MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE

- a. CALAFCO Quarterly Report – 4th Quarter 2021.

No action was required by the Commission.

12 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

(None).

13 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

- a. Written Update.
- b. Verbal Update.

The EO welcomed, on behalf of staff, new voting member Commissioner Lee.

The EO indicated that the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) has a new Executive Director. The CALAFCO Board of Directors has appointed René LaRoche as the new Executive Director (she is currently the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors in Mariposa County).

The EO indicated that, given noticing requirements, staff was obligated to notice the March 9th meeting as a virtual meeting. Most elected bodies continue to meet in a virtual format, given on-going COVID concerns.

The EO noted that given on-going COVID concerns, and after discussion with Adriana Romo (Deputy Executive Officer), Chair Gladbach, and Legal Counsel, it was decided not to send staff

to the CALAFCO Annual Staff Workshop in Newport Beach, scheduled for March 23rd through March 25th.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Received and filed the Executive Officer's Written Update and Verbal Update.

MOTION: Dear SECOND: Barger APPROVED: 8-0-0
AYES: Barger, Brogin-Falley (Alt. for Vacant), Dear, Finlay, Lee, McCallum,
Mirisch, Gladbach
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Mitchell

14 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

15 FUTURE MEETINGS

March 9, 2022
April 13, 2022
May 11, 2022

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

Chair Gladbach adjourned the live virtual meeting, in memory of former Commissioner Richard Close (who recently retired from LAFCO with 25 years of service), at 9:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer