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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

January 11, 2023

Present:

Donald Dear, Chair

Kathryn Barger

John Lee

Gerard McCallum

John Mirisch

Francine Oschin

Anthony Bell, Alternate

Mel Matthews, Alternate

Paul Novak, Executive Officer

Carole Suzuki, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Margaret Finlay

Holly Mitchell

Michael Davitt, Alternate

Hilda Solis, Alternate

Vacant:

City of Los Angeles, Alternate Member

Independent Special District, Voting Member

Alternate General Public Member

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:13 a.m. as both an in-person and virtual meeting.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Dear.

The EO, and on behalf of staff, welcomed the Commission back to its' first in-person meeting since March of 2020.

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).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The EO swore in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

5 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

6 CONSENT ITEM(S)

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Item(s):

- a. Approved Minutes of November 9, 2022.
- b. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of November 2022.
- c. Received and filed update on Pending Proposals.
- d. Information Item(s) – Government Code §§ 56751 & 56857 (None).
- e. Miscellaneous Communications –
 - i. Letter of December 5, 2022, from David J. Lesser to Donald Dear, resigning his position as the Alternate Public Member.
 - ii. Letter of December 7, 2022, from Paul Novak to Paul Krekorian, concerning the City of Los Angeles Alternate Member vacancy.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Matthews (Alt. for VACANT) APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Barger, Lee, Matthews (Alt. for VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin,
Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Finlay, Mitchell

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

(None).

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None).

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

- a. Proposed Filing Fee Schedule.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

Commissioner McCallum asked how fees are recovered. The EO stated that LAFCO requires all applicants to pay filing fees. Currently, the fees—which have not changed since their enactment in 2006—do not adequately recover the costs for staff to process, review, and analyze a typical application. Because the filing fees do not cover the actual costs, the applications are in effect indirectly subsidized by those agencies (Los Angeles County, the cities in Los Angeles County, and the independent special districts in Los Angeles County) which are required, by State law, to pay annual assessments to LAFCO. The EO further noted that the new filing fee schedule would result not only in a more accurate recovery of actual costs but that the proposed fees would be more consistent with filing fees currently charged by several other LAFCOs.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Considered the Schedule of Filing Fees;
- Directed staff to transmit the proposed filing fee schedule to representatives of Los Angeles County and the cities and independent special districts in Los Angeles County; and
- Directed staff to schedule a public hearing for the February 8, 2023 Commission Meeting, consistent with Government Code § 66016.

MOTION: McCallum SECOND: Barger APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Barger, Lee, Matthews (Alt. for VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin,
Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: Finlay, Mitchell

9 OTHER ITEMS

The following item was called for consideration:

b. Alternate Public Member Vacancy.

Commissioner Mirisch indicated that he would be interested in joining the Ad Hoc Committee for the Alternate Public Member vacancy.

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission took the following actions:

- Directed the Executive Officer to post the Notice of Vacancy of Alternate Public Member and transmit copies as described in the staff report;
- Directed the Executive Officer to publicize the Alternate Public Member vacancy as described in the staff report;
- Authorized the Chair to appoint a 4-member Ad Hoc Committee of the Commission to screen the initial round of applicants, and make recommendations for a group of no more than 8 finalists for consideration by the Commission;
- Directed staff to agendize the interview of finalists for the Regular Meeting of the Commission on Wednesday, April 5, 2023; and
- Nominate and appoint an Alternate Public Member at the regular meeting of the Commission on Wednesday, May 10, 2023.

MOTION: Mirisch SECOND: McCallum APPROVED: 7-0-0
AYES: Barger, Lee, Matthews (Alt. for VACANT), McCallum, Mirisch, Oschin,
Dear
NOES: None.
ABSTAIN: None.
ABSENT: Finlay, Mitchell

10 LEGISLATION

The EO noted that the Legislature recently reconvened, therefore, a legislative update will be provided at next month's meeting.

11 COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Commissioner Dear indicated that former Commissioner Gladbach, who recently passed away, will be greatly missed and that the meeting would be adjourned in his honor.

12 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

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

The EO summarized the staff report on this item.

The Commission, with no objection, received and filed the Written Update (no motion).

13 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

14 FUTURE MEETINGS

February 8, 2023

March 8, 2023

April 12, 2023

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

The Commission adjourned the in-person and virtual meeting, in memory of former Commissioner Gladbach, at 9:29 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Paul Novak, AICP
Executive Officer