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Chair and Members
Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 I Street, Suite 100
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Agenda for September 3, 2014
Item 5

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members:

We urge you to rescind the current policy limiting the terms of the public member appointed by the LAFCo board. The public deserves to be represented on LAFCo by the most qualified applicant available. The current policy arbitrarily excludes qualified candidates because of past service.

Please vote to return to an open process for recruiting and considering candidates for LAFCo service.

Sincerely,

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Via Email

SUBJECT: Agenda Item 5 - Your Meeting of September 3, 2014
Public Member/Alternate Public Member

Dear LAFCo Commission Members:

Your Commission appears to be scheduled to consider two matters: (a) continuation of the existing Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/Alternate Public Member appointed by your Commission and (b) Initiation of the Nomination Process and a schedule for appointing the Public Member/Alternate Public Member. I appreciated the opportunity to address these matters at your September 3, 2014 meeting and continue to appreciate the opportunity to provide these comments and recommendations for your consideration.

As I stated at your meeting last month, I am opposed to continuing the existing Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/Alternate Public Member. First, based upon information available to me, other LAFCo Commissioners are NOT subject to term limits. Therefore limiting the tenure of the Public Member/Alternate Public Member is not consistent with the rules governing other LAFCo Commissioners. Second, the existing Term Limit Policy is arbitrary and precludes the incumbent(s) from reapplying for appointment by your Commission.

The incumbent Public Member, Mr. Chris Tooker has performed the duties of a LAFCo Commissioner in a way that I believe exceeds the standards of the position. By his actions on the Commission, Mr. Tooker has demonstrated that he is thoroughly familiar with LAFCo law and the intricacies of LAFCo policies and procedures. It is outrageous if he is precluded from applying for reappointment as the Public Member because of an ill conceived policy that is not applicable to all LAFCo Commissioners.

Accordingly, your Commission is urged to rescind the existing Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/Alternate Public Member so that ALL qualified candidates may apply for appointment.

In closing, I would point out that the Public Member/Alternate Member is appointed by your Commission. It would seem, therefore, that if the Public Member/Alternate Member was deemed to not be performing the duties of the position, the Commission, as the appointing power, could initiate proceedings to remove or not reappoint the person.

Thank you for your kind consideration of my comments and recommendations.

Sincerely,

Original signed by:

Bill Davis

August 27, 2014

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via E-mail

**SUBJECT: - LAFCO Meeting of September 3, 2014: Agenda Item 5
Public Member/Alternate Public Member**

Dear LAFCO Commission Members:

Your Commission appears to have scheduled for consideration two matters: (a) Continuation of the existing Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/ Alternate Public Member appointed by your Commission and (b) Initiation of the Nomination Process and a schedule for appointing the Public Member/ Alternate Public Member.

I recommend terminating the Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/ Alternate Public Member. Other LAFCO Commissioners are NOT subject to these term limits, thus limiting the tenure of the Public Member/ Alternate Public Member is not consistent with the rules governing other LAFCO Commissioners. In addition, the existing Term Limit Policy is arbitrary and precludes the incumbent(s) from reapplying for appointment by your Commission.

The incumbent Public Member, Mr. Chris Tooker has performed his duties as a LAFCO Commissioner in an exemplary way. Based on his Commission actions, Mr. Tooker has demonstrated that he is thoroughly familiar with LAFCO law and LAFCO policies and procedures. It is inappropriate if he is precluded from applying for reappointment due to a poorly conceived policy not applicable to ALL LAFCO Commissioners.

I am suggesting that LAFCO rescind the existing Term Limit Policy for the Public Member/ Alternate Public Member so that ALL qualified candidates may apply for appointment.

Based on LAFCO policy, it appears that if the Public Member/ Alternate Member was deemed to not be performing the duties of the position, the Commission, as the appointing power, could initiate proceedings to remove or not reappoint the person.

Thank you for taking my comments into consideration.

Very truly yours,

Warren V. Truitt