



FINAL MINUTES

LAFCO STRATEGIC PLANNING SESSION

Wednesday, August 12, 2009 9:00 a.m.

Ebell Society of Santa Ana

625 French Street

Santa Ana, CA

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chair Wilson called the Strategic Planning Session meeting of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Susan Wilson led the pledge of allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

The following Commissioners and alternates were present:

- **Chair Susan Wilson**
- **Vice Chair Peter Herzog**
- **Commissioner Cheryl Brothers**
- **Commissioner John Moorlach**
- **Commissioner Arlene Schafer**
- **Commissioner John Withers**
- **Alternate Commissioner Derek J. McGregor**

The following Commissioners were absent at roll call:

- **Commissioner Bill Campbell** (arrived at 9:22 am)
- **Alternate Commissioner Pat Bates**
- **Alternate Commissioner Patsy Marshall** (arrived at 9:46 am)
- **Alternate Commissioner Charley Wilson**

The following LAFCO staff members were present:

- Legal Counsel Clark Alsop
- Executive Officer Joyce Crosthwaite
- Assistant Executive Officer Bob Aldrich
- Senior Project Manager Carolyn Emery
- Commission Clerk Esther Garcia-Negrete
- Policy Analyst Benjamin Legbandt

- Financial Analyst Joe Serrano
- Administrative Assistant AJ Cully

Prior to consideration of the agenda items, **Chair Wilson** welcomed everyone and thanked them for their attendance.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

July 8, 2009 – Regular Commission Meeting Minutes

Chair Wilson called for any changes and approval of the July 8, 2009 meeting minutes. There were none.

MOTION: Approve July 8, 2009 meeting minutes without revision
(John Withers)
SECOND: Peter Herzog
FOR: Cheryl Brothers, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene
Schafer, Susan Wilson and John Withers
AGAINST: None
ABSTAIN: None
MOTION PASSED

5. PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Wilson requested public comments on any non-agenda item. There were none.

6. CONSENT CALENDAR

None

7. PUBLIC HEARING

None

8. COMMISSION DISCUSSION AND ACTION

8a. – CALAFCO Nominations and Voting Delegate Selection

Executive Officer Crosthwaite reminded the Commission that it is customary for the Chair and Vice Chair to be the voting delegates at the annual CALAFCO conference. She noted that because **Vice Chair Herzog** will not be attending the conference, the Commission needs to designate an alternate voting member. Executive Officer Crosthwaite also announced that Commissioner Brothers' term as the city member on the CALAFCO Board is ending and she is interested in continuing to serve as a Board member. She added that the Commission would need to nominate **Commissioner Brothers** to run for another term.

Chair Wilson invited **Commissioner Brothers** to share her experience and update the Commission on current activities of the CALAFCO board.

Commissioner Brothers discussed the CALAFCO Board's recent adoption of a two-year plan to ensure regional representation of all LAFCOs on the Board.

Commissioner Withers asked if there might be an existing model that the CALAFCO Board could consider regarding regional representation. **Commissioner Brothers** stated that there are many existing models but choosing one has served to be difficult for the subcommittee.

Commissioner Brothers noted the importance of equitable representation. **Commissioner Herzog** concurred.

Commissioner Moorlach shared his past experience regarding regional representation when he presided as the Treasurer-Tax Collector for Orange County.

Executive Officer Crosthwaite informed the Commission that there is now a LAFCO representative on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) technical advisory board.

MOTION: **Nomination of Commissioner Cheryl Brothers to serve on CALAFCO Executive Board. (Peter Herzog)**
SECOND: **Cheryl Brothers**
FOR: **Bill Campbell, Cheryl Brothers, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Susan Wilson, and John Withers.**
AGAINST: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**
MOTION PASSED

MOTION: **Designate Chair Susan Wilson as the OC LAFCO voting delegate and Commissioner Withers as the Alternate voting delegate. Approve submittal of CALAFCO achievement award nominations. (John Moorlach)**
SECOND: **Bill Campbell**
FOR: **Bill Campbell, Cheryl Brothers, Peter Herzog, John Moorlach, Arlene Schafer, Susan Wilson, and John Withers.**
AGAINST: **None**
ABSTAIN: **None**
MOTION PASSED

8b. – 2009-2010 Strategic Planning Session

Executive Officer Crosthwaite presented the 2009-2010 Strategic Plan and highlighted the Commission's achievements of the year.

Commissioner Campbell directed staff to do an exhaustive search on potential partners for the preparation and standardizing of benchmark data.

Commissioner Schafer noted that many special districts currently report data to both the Center for Demographic Research and the Rose Institute of State and Local Government. She also stated that many LAFCOs have become members of California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and suggested Orange County LAFCO consider joining.

Commissioner Withers stated that he supported LAFCO assisting the OC Division of the League of Cities to reinstitute the Orange County Leadership Symposium. He expressed his desire for the symposium to be streamlined and held locally.

Commissioner Campbell and **Commissioner Moorlach** excused themselves from the meeting.

Vice Chair Herzog commented that he did not support a report on coordinating street sweeping schedules in Orange County. He noted that data on this service may be relatively minor in comparison with other major services such as police or fire.

Commissioner McGregor suggested that the leadership symposium may be a good forum to discuss street sweeping, fire, and police services.

Vice Chair Herzog stated that he would like to see staff explore with cities the annexation of all unincorporated islands that are less than 150 acres. The Commission directed staff to complete fiscal analyses on all of the unincorporated areas.

Sergio Prince, Supervisor Bates Executive Director of Public Affairs, commented on the South Governance Study and stated that a hiring a facilitator for discussions involving the County, the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, the Coto De Caza HOA and Las Flores would be helpful and may prevent any breakdowns in communication.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

None

10. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

None

11. CLOSED SESSION

None

13. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 11:21 am.

Susan Wilson, Chair
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission

By: Esther Garcia-Negrete
Esther Garcia-Negrete
Commission Clerk