

KATHRYN FRESHLEY

LAFCO ALTERNATE COMMISSIONER

CURRENT TERM OF OFFICE: 2013 - 2017

Commissioner Freshley was first appointed by the Commission as a Public Member Alternate in 2013.

Commissioner Freshley notes that it's an honor for her to serve on the Commission. She has always been interested in government and has honored that interest whenever possible within her career. During her years with the General Electric Company, she moved frequently and spent over 40% of her time working and living in Europe. Since 1984, she has lived in Southern California. With the south county expansion and merging many of the unincorporated islands into established cities, she understands Orange County LAFCO's objective towards helping civic agencies achieve more cost effective delivery of services to their citizens.

Both her education as an electrical engineer and business education and experience are especially applicable to LAFCO's expanded objectives. Having worked in a large multi-division corporation in engineering, strategic and operational planning as well as general management, she understands the challenges, which result in more effective operations. Her understanding of operating issues and the ability to address possible problem solving strategies should be a service to the commission.

After leaving GE, she worked as a management consultant for businesses ranging in size from \$10 to \$500 million. They operated in construction, engineering, manufacturing, distribution and service industries. She worked with their executive and management teams in setting up financial and project management systems, financial controls, quality assurance programs, and production scheduling. She is a strong advocate of developing benchmarks for leadership on which to focus towards achieving results previously considered impossible. Commissioner Freshley states, "Providing data and helping select areas in which to focus should be one of the objectives of OC LAFCO. Citizens deserve the best service for the least amount of tax dollars and that's the challenge of everyone in public service today. It exists in each and every city, agency, and special district management teams. OC LAFCO can serve as the guide and assist many if not all in adapting to change."

Commissioner Freshley has served as President of Laguna Woods Village's Golden Rain Foundation and was on one of the village's homeowner boards for 6 years. In addition, as a golfer, she organizes and participates in running golf tournaments and events for the Executive Women's Golf Association, a national women's organization.