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Discussion

May 11, 2022

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission
of Orange County**FROM:** OC LAFCO Ad Hoc Committee**SUBJECT:** Selection Process and Appointment of OC LAFCO Regular
Public Member

In accordance with State law, the term for the OC LAFCO Regular Public Member is four years. Additionally, the Commission's "Guidelines for the Appointment of OC LAFCO's Regular and Alternate Public Members and Commissioners' Terms of Office" establish the appointment process for the public member expiring terms and vacancies.

This report provides a summary of the process for the Regular Public Member term that expires on June 30, 2022, and a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee for the reappointment of the current incumbent, Commissioner Derek J. McGregor.

Appointment Process for Regular Public Member Seat

In accordance with Commission policy and State law, the announcement of the application period for the Regular Public Member seat was published in the Orange County Register, distributed to the County, City Clerks, Clerks of the Special Districts, and Orange County Business Council, and posted on the agency's website. The 30-day application period began on March 7, 2022 and closed on April 7, 2022, with the Commission receiving one application from the incumbent regular public member, Derek J. McGregor (see attached).

Subsequent to the closing of the application period, and in accordance with local policy, the Ad Hoc Committee comprised of Chair Davert, Vice Chair Wagner, and Commissioner Wendy Bucknum reviewed the candidate's application materials and unanimously selected Mr. McGregor for consideration by the Commission to continue serving as the Regular Public Member. Commissioner McGregor has been notified of the Committee's recommendation and will be available at the May 11 Regular Meeting to address any questions of the Commission.

If the Commission approves the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation, Mr. McGregor will receive the oath for the new term (July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2026) at the July 13 Commission meeting.

REGULAR MEMBERS**CHAIR**
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City Member**Lou Penrose**
Public Member**STAFF****Carolyn Emery**
Executive Officer**Scott Smith**
General Counsel

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The Ad hoc Committee recommends that the Commission:

1. Reappoint Derek J. McGregor to the Regular Public Member seat for the term to commence July 1, 2022.

Respectfully submitted,



Douglass Davert, Chair

Attachment: Regular Public Member Application for Derek J. McGregor

Statement of Qualifications for:

*Derek J.
McGregor
Resident of Trabuco Canyon*

CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF:

REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER
OF OC LAFCO



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April 7, 2022

Douglas Davert
Chair
OC LAFCO
2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050
Santa Ana, CA 92705

SUBJECT: Letter of Interest for Serving on Orange County LAFCO

Dear Mr. Davert:

I am writing this letter to express my interest in continuing to serve Orange County LAFCO. I am currently serving my 6th year as the Public Member for the Orange County LAFCO. For the past 11 years, I have dedicated time and energy to represent the Commission on many unique and complex issues. Additionally, I have recently been selected to serve as board member for the Southern Region and State CALAFCO.

Prior to the Public Member Position, I served in the capacity of Alternate Public Member for the Commission for (5) years. During my collective LAFCO service my experience and knowledge of OC LAFCO, CALAFCO, and the CKH Act has expanded my abilities to contribute to many decisions made by the Commission. My growing historical knowledge of past Commission activity lends itself to providing sound input and commitment to the Commission and would continue to do so. I have had the privilege of serving 3 years as chair along with 5 years of participation on the executive committee. Additionally, I served on 2 expert speaking panels at the LAFCO Annual Conference; I have attended all conferences since being elected on the Commission. My commission meeting attendance since my original selection has been 100%. I also served on numerous committees with OC LAFCO. My recent selection to CALAFCO emphasizes my commitment to represent OC LAFCO in the highest of standards. My personal role and involvement in South County issues has facilitated the Commission on a number of issues, which are ongoing. My commitment and quality of service is reinforced by the attached letters of recommendation from a number of Orange County agencies.

On a Separate note, I have been a committed and dedicated volunteer for a wide range of community organizations and causes throughout Orange County. As a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor, I am knowledgeable and experienced in land transactions relative to boundaries and economic feasibility. I am also experienced and knowledgeable in zoning and general plan regulations. I have performed feasibility studies and assessments for land developments and have 42 years of experience in preparation and evaluation of public works projects. Most importantly, as this Commission knows, I am passionate in every task I undertake and will continue to commit the time and resources to fulfill my responsibilities to the position if re-selected.

Sincerely,

Derek J. McGregor, PE, PLS, QSD, QSP

Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County (OC LAFCO)

2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050, Santa Ana, CA 92705

(714) 640-5100

FAX: (714) 640-5139

**APPLICATION FOR
REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER**Name: Derek J. McGregorResidence Address: [REDACTED]Residence Telephone Number: [REDACTED]E-Mail Address: derekjmc@pacbell.netEmployer: Owner, Engineering FirmBusiness Address: 18 Technology Drive #100 Irvine, CA 92618Business Telephone Number and Fax Number: 949-753-9393

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Briefly describe your experience in local government and/or with local community organizations: Recent selection to CALAFCO board, 6-Year Regular Public Member Orange County LAFCO (3-years as Chair), 5-Years Alternate Public Member Orange County LAFCO, 10-Year Member of Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) (Past Chair) 6 years, Public Member of OCTA Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC), Past member of OCTA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC), 28-Year Board Member (6-Year President) THCA Community Association: 831 Members, 15-Year Chair and founder of Community Associations of Rancho (CAR) Santa Margarita, 14-Year Board Member (5-Year President) SAMLARC Association: 33,000 Members, Vice Chair City of Rancho Santa Margarita (RSM) Tree Board.

Briefly describe your employment experience: Owner of DMc Engineering, which is a Civil Engineering, Land Surveying, and Construction Management Firm established in 1987, Licensed Civil Engineer (State of California, Nevada, and New Mexico), Licensed Land Surveyor (State of California and Nevada)

Briefly describe your educational background: Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering from Southern Illinois University (1978), Associate in Applied Science Degree, Construction Technology from Lincoln Land College (1976)

Please attach your letter of interest to this application explaining why you are interested in serving on the Commission (OC LAFCO) and how your background and experience would be of benefit to the Commission and the community. **Please do not exceed one page.**

Signed:  Dated: 4/7/2022

The application and letter of interest must be received no later than **3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 7, 2022.**

In accordance with LAFCO policy, no applicant for the OC LAFCO regular public member or alternate public member shall be an officer or employee of the County or any city or special district with territory in Orange County.

**CITY OF RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA**

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March 22, 2022

Mr. Douglass Davert, Chair
Orange LAFCO
2677 N Main St Suite 1050
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Re: Support for Re-appointment of Derek McGregor to Orange LAFCO

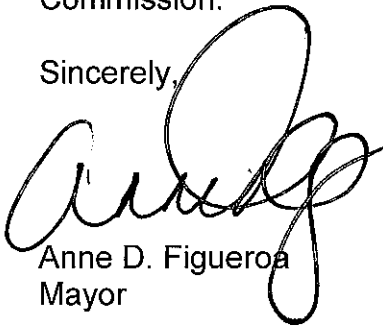
Dear Chair Davert,

As Mayor of the City of Rancho Santa Margarita, I welcome the opportunity to provide this letter of support on behalf of the City and its residents for the re-appointment of Derek McGregor, Regular Public Member, to the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County.

Mr. McGregor's dedication to good governance and extensive professional experience make him a valued member of our community. For years, he has demonstrated leadership with the many homeowner's associations in Rancho Santa Margarita and the county. As a result, he is highly qualified to represent the public in Orange LAFCO's mission to deliver effective and efficient public services to the residents of Orange County.

Again, I heartily support another term appointment for Derek McGregor to the Commission.

Sincerely,



Anne D. Figueroa
Mayor

Mayor
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Mayor Pro Tempore
Jerry Holloway

Council Member
L. Anthony Beall

Council Member
Carol A. Gamble

Council Member
Bradley J. McGirr

City Manager
Jennifer M. Cervantez



March 30, 2022

Douglass Davert
Chair
Special District Member
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050
Santa Ana, California 92705

RE: Support for the Reappointment of Derek McGregor as the OC LAFCO Public Member

Doug:

On behalf of the Irvine Ranch Water District (IRWD), I am writing to encourage the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) to reappoint Derek McGregor to the Public Member seat on the Commission. During his 13-year tenure as the OC LAFCO Public Member, he has continually exercised independent judgment and represented the interests of the public well in the matters that have come before the Commission.

As a registered civil engineer and land surveyor, Derek's professional background and community understanding have benefited OC LAFCO, as his four decades of experience in the public and private sectors, engineering, mapping, surveying and construction have added to the Commission's discussions, evaluations and decisions. Additionally, Derek has been an active and engaged member of the Orange County community serving on numerous local and regional boards and organizations.

Moreover, Derek's knowledge of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000, and his willingness to fully investigate and engage on issues before the Commission have greatly furthered the purposes of the Commission.

IRWD regularly has had business before the Commission during Derek's term of LAFCO service. We have appreciated his thoughtful and dedicated approach. For these reasons, IRWD strongly supports Derek McGregor's reappointment to the Public Member seat and believe that he will continue to be a tremendous asset to OC LAFCO, if reappointed.

Douglass Davert
Chair
Special District Member
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
March 30, 2022
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Please do not hesitate to contact us at (949) 453-5590 if you have any questions about our support.

Sincerely,



Paul A. Cook
General Manager



Steven LaMar
Board President

April 5, 2022

Via Email

The Honorable Doug Davert
Chairman
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Re: SUPPORT for the reappointment of Public Member Derek J. McGregor

Dear Chairman Davert:

On behalf of the Santa Margarita Water District ("District"), I am writing to express our support for the reappointment of Public Member Derek J. McGregor to the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission ("OCLAFCO") for another term. Commissioner McGregor has done an excellent job during his tenure on the commission and that he will continue to be a strong representative for the interests not only of the public at-large, but local water and other public service agencies.

We have seen Mr. McGregor's engagement in important issues that affect local water districts and other service providers. It has been our experience that he has actively sought input on all the issues and initiatives coming before the commission and that he listens carefully to all viewpoints. He has shown himself to be well versed in agency policy as well as the needs of the county. We look forward to continuing to work with him.

We request your support and that of your colleagues on the reappointment of Mr. McGregor. Thank you for your courtesy and consideration of our position.

Sincerely,

SANTA MARGARITA WATER DISTRICT

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Dan. Feron", is positioned above the typed name of the sender.

Daniel R. Feron
General Manager

April 06, 2022

Mr. Douglass Davert, Chair
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
2677 North Main Street, Suite 1050
Santa Ana, CA 92705

Re: Re-Appointment of Derek J. McGregor as OC LAFCO Regular Public Member

Dear Chair Davert:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the Trabuco Canyon Water District (TCWD), I am writing to express our support for the re-appointment of Derek J. McGregor as the Regular Public Member on the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (Commission) for a four-year term beginning July 1, 2022.

Mr. McGregor is well-known and respected throughout Orange County and has represented the public on the Commission in an objective and transparent manner for the past 11 years. As a practicing Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor, he also brings a unique technical perspective to the Commission.

His depth of experience has also contributed to his recent selection as a Public Member representative on the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions. If re-appointed on the Commission, Mr. McGregor can continue to ensure that Orange County is well represented in Sacramento on LAFCO-related issues of statewide importance.

TCWD appreciates the leadership demonstrated by the Commission and urges the re-appointment of Derek J. McGregor for another term as Regular Public Member.

Sincerely,

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Don Chadd, President
TCWD Board of Directors



April 5, 2022

Douglass Davert
Chair
Special District member
Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
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Santa Ana, CA 92705

RE: Support for the Reappointment of Derek McGregor as the OC LAFCO Public Member

Mr. Davert:

On behalf of Rancho Mission Viejo, I am writing to encourage the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission (OC LAFCO) to reappoint Derek McGregor to the Public Member seat on the Commission. During his 13-year tenure as the OC LAFCO Public Member, he has continually exercised independent judgment and represented the interests of the public well in the matters that have come before the Commission.

As a registered civil engineer and land surveyor, Derek's professional background and community understanding have benefited OC LAFCO, as his four decades of experience in the public and private sectors, engineering, mapping, surveying and construction have added to the Commission's discussions, evaluations and decisions. Additionally, Derek has been an active and engaged member of the Orange County community serving on numerous local and regional boards and organizations.

Rancho Mission Viejo has appreciated his thoughtful and dedicated approach on the Commission. For these reasons, Rancho Mission Viejo strongly supports Derek McGregor's reappointment to the Public Member seat and believe that he will continue to be a tremendous asset to OC LAFCO, if reappointed.

Sincerely,

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Michael Balsamo
SVP, Government Affairs

Len Malena
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Trabuco Canyon, CA 92679
949-521-1358

Douglas Davert
OC LAFCO
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Mr. Davert;

I wanted to let you know that myself and many other members of our Rancho Cielo HOA and surrounding community, highly recommend that Derek McGregor be reappointed as the Public Member for Orange County LAFCO.

Mr. McGregor has professionally and openly represented the public objectively on county wide issues. He is well respected and connected throughout Orange County. His recent selection to CALAFCO will ensure Orange County is properly represented at the state level where we need it.

Thank you,

Len Malena

President-Rancho Cielo HOA

We support the commissions re-selection of Derek J. McGregor as the Public Member for the Orange County LAFCO. Mr. McGregor has been a committed participating member of the commission for 11 years. He has professionally and openly represented the public objectively on countywide issues. He is well respected and connected throughout Orange County. His recent selection to CALAFCO will ensure Orange County is properly represented at the state level where we need it.

As a member of our Community Group CAR; (Community Associations of Rancho Santa Margarita) for the last 14 years, I have been extremely pleased by Derek's leadership, care for our City and Associations and his foresight to anticipate the challenges so we can address well before they become problematic.

I highly endorse Derek for this very important position.

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Gus F. Alba- President

Robinson Ranch Community Association
