

### REGULAR MEMBERS

CHAIR  
**Donald P. Wagner**  
County Member

VICE CHAIR  
**Wendy Bucknum**  
City Member

IMMEDIATE PAST CHAIR  
**Douglass Davert**  
Special District Member

**James Fislér**  
Special District Member

**Peggy Huang**  
City Member

**Derek J. McGregor**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

### ALTERNATES

**Kathryn Freshley**  
Special District Member

**Carol Moore**  
City Member

**Lou Penrose**  
Public Member

**VACANT**  
County Member

### STAFF

**Luis Tapia**  
Executive Officer

**Scott Smith**  
General Counsel

**MEETING DATE:** January 14, 2026

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission  
of Orange County

**FROM:** Executive Officer  
Policy Analyst I

**SUBJECT:** Appointment Processes for OC LAFCO Expiring  
Terms and Vacancy

### BACKGROUND

In accordance with Government Code Section 56334, the term of office for each OC LAFCO Commissioner shall be four years, and there are no term limits. Pursuant to the OC LAFCO Bylaws, the term of office for each Commissioner begins on July 1st of the year appointed and expires June 30th of the final year of the term. On June 30, 2026, terms for the OC LAFCO member seats shown in the table below will expire.

2026 OC LAFCO Expiring Terms		
Incumbent	Member Seat	Current Term
<b>Donald Wagner</b>	County Member (Regular)	2022-2026
<b>Peggy Huang*</b>	City Member (Regular)	2022-2026
<b>Douglass Davert</b>	Special District Member (Regular)	2022-2026
<b>Derek J. McGregor</b>	Public Member (Regular)	2022-2026
<b>Kathryn Freshley</b>	Special District Member (Alternate)	2022-2026

\*Commissioner is completing the original term that began in 2022.

The following are summaries of the appointment processes conducted by the appointing authorities for each of the OC LAFCO seats, including the current vacancy of the regular and alternate county member seats.

### County Member Seats

County member seats are appointed annually at the discretion of the Chair of the Board of Supervisors (BOS) with final approval by the County

BOS. Appointments for this year will be considered by the BOS in early 2026. New county members appointed will be administered the Oath of Office during a Regular Commission Meeting or electronically.

### City Member Seats

The City Selection Committee (comprised of 34 Orange County City Mayors) is responsible for appointing the Regular and Alternate City Members to OC LAFCO. When a term is expiring or a vacancy exists, the process is conducted by the Orange County Clerk of the Board (COB) during a committee meeting, which occurs in May and November each year. Commission staff provides notification of OC LAFCO expiring terms and vacancies in advance to the COB. Notification to the COB satisfies the Commission's responsibility with respect to this process. Once the appointments have been made by the Committee, the Oath of Office will be administered at the following Regular Commission meeting.

### Special District Member Seats

OC LAFCO staff has a more prominent role in the appointment process for Special District Members in accordance with Government Code Section 56332 and the Special Districts Selection Committee By-Laws. A schedule of key appointment events and responsibilities for the Regular and Alternate Special District seats expiring June 30, 2026 is outlined below. The members appointed through this process will be administered the Oath of Office and seated at the July 8, 2026 Regular Commission meeting.

<i>2026 Appointment Process Schedule for OC LAFCO Regular and Alternate Special District Member Seats</i>	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
LAFCO Executive Officer emails notification letters with nomination forms and Declaration of Qualification to Vote to independent special district presiding officers (c/o district clerk) and special district general managers.	<b>March 9, 2026</b>
Deadline for submitting nominations and declarations to OC LAFCO by 4:00 p.m.*	<b>April 13, 2026 (4 PM)</b>
Ballots emailed to special district presiding officers/designees (c/o district clerk).	<b>May 4, 2026</b>
Ballots due to OC LAFCO by 4:00 p.m.	<b>June 8, 2026 (4 PM)</b>
OC LAFCO staff (or designee) tabulates ballots and announces results.	<b>June 15, 2026</b>
Oath of Office Administered (Commission Hearing).	<b>July 8, 2026</b>
<i>* Pursuant to Government Code Section 56332(c)(1), if only one candidate is nominated for a vacant seat, that candidate shall be deemed selected with no further proceedings.</i>	

**Public Member Seat**

The appointment process for the Public Member seat is conducted by the Commission. In accordance with the Commission's policy for the appointment of public members, upon the Chair's direction, a special notice advertising the position and soliciting resumes from interested candidates is prepared and distributed. The Commission's Executive Committee screens all applications and selects finalists to interview with the full Commission. Additionally, any Commissioner may also nominate a candidate from the applications submitted for an interview with the full Commission. A schedule of key appointment events and responsibilities for the Regular Public Member seat expiring June 30, 2026 is outlined below. The Regular Public Member appointed through this process will be administered the Oath of Office and seated at the July 8, 2026 Regular Commission meeting.

<i>2026 Appointment Process Schedule for OC LAFCO Regular Public Member Seat</i>	
<b>ACTION</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Announcement of Regular Public Member Seat upcoming vacancy distributed to city clerks, special district secretaries, clerk of the BOS, OC libraries and published in the <i>OC Register</i> .	<b>April 6, 2026</b>
Application submittal period for the Regular Public Member Seat upcoming vacancy.	<b>April 6, 2026 – May 6, 2026</b>
Application Screening Process conducted by the Commission's Executive Committee.	<b>May 11, 2026 – May 19, 2026</b>
Commission interviews and appointment of a Regular Public Member.	<b>June 8, 2026</b>
Oath of Office Administered (Commission Hearing).	<b>July 8, 2026</b>

**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

Staff recommends the Commission:

1. Receive and file the report on the appointment processes for the OC LAFCO expiring terms and vacancy.

Respectfully Submitted,

  
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LUIS TAPIA  
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