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MEETING DATE: June 10, 2026

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" establishes the appointment process for the Public Member expiring terms and vacancies.

This report summarizes the process for the Regular Public Member term that expires on June 30, 2026, and a recommendation from the Ad Hoc Committee to reappoint the incumbent, Commissioner Derek J. McGregor.

Appointment Process for the 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 April 6, 2026, and closed on May 7, 2026, at 4:00 p.m., 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 Bucknum, Vice Chair Fisler, and Immediate Past Chair Commissioner Wagner, was notified of Mr. McGregor's application. Since only one application was submitted, Commissioner McGregor has been notified of the Ad Hoc Committee's recommendation to move forward with the applicant for Commission consideration. Commissioner McGregor will be available at the June 10 Regular Meeting to address any questions from the Commission.

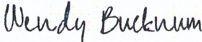
If the Commission approves the appointment, Commissioner McGregor will receive the oath for the new term (July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2030) at the July 8 Commission meeting.

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, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,

Signed by:

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Wendy Bucknum, 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**

Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission
12 Civic Center Plaza Room 235, Santa Ana, Ca 92701
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APPLICATION FOR
REGULAR PUBLIC MEMBER

Name: Derek J. McGregor

Residence Address: [REDACTED]

Residence Telephone Number: [REDACTED]

E-Mail Address: dmcgregor@dmceng.com

Employer: DMc Engineering

Business Address: 18 Technology Drive – Suite 100, Irvine, CA 92618

Business Telephone Number and Fax Number: [REDACTED]

I am applying for the position of (check as appropriate):

X Regular Public Member

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Please briefly describe your experience in local government and/or with local community organizations:

- 12-Year Public Member Orange County LAFCO (3 years as Chair 2015 - 2018)
- 5-Year Alternate Public Member Orange County LAFCO
- Past Chair and Member of Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)
- Public Member of OCTA Environmental Oversight Committee (EOC)
- Past member of OCTA Citizens Oversight Committee (COC)
- 30-Year Board Member THCA Community Association: 831 Members (6 years as President)
- 21-Year Chair of Community Associations of Rancho (CAR) Santa Margarita
- 15-Year Board Member SAMLARC Association: 53,000 Members (5 years as President)
- Vice Chair of City of Rancho Santa Margarita (RSM) Tree Board

Please briefly describe your employment experience:

- Owner of DMc Engineering, a Civil Engineering and Land Surveying Firm (1987)
- Licensed Civil Engineer, State of California, Arizona, Nevada, New Mexico
- Licensed Land Surveyor, State of California, Nevada

Please briefly describe your educational background:

- Bachelor of Science Degree, Civil Engineering - Southern Illinois University, 1978
- Associate in Applied Science Degree, Construction Technology - Lincoln Land College, 1976

I am currently serving my 12th year as the Public Member for the Orange County LAFCO, including three years as Chair. In my role as Chair, I worked to facilitate effective and efficient meetings while ensuring balanced participation and thoughtful decision-making. As a Commissioner, I have consistently dedicated the time and energy necessary to address a range of unique and complex issues. Most recently, I initiated discussion that helped guide the Commission's decision regarding OCLAFCO's role within CALAFCO. I also helped initiate and support the development of a collaborative effort among Southern California LAFCOs, now known as the Alliance.

Prior to serving as Public Member, I held the position of Alternate Public Member for five years. Over my combined 17 years of service, my experience with OCLAFCO and familiarity with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg (CKH) Act have strengthened my ability to contribute meaningfully to Commission decisions. My institutional knowledge of past Commission actions allows me to provide informed, consistent, and reliable input. I have maintained 100% attendance at Commission meetings and have remained actively engaged in all aspects of Commission work.

In addition, I have participated in numerous committees within OCLAFCO and have represented the Commission on various matters affecting South Orange County. I have also contributed at the statewide level, serving as a speaker on two expert panels at the LAFCO Annual Conference and regularly attending conferences to further expand my knowledge and effectiveness as a Commissioner.

On a broader level, I have been a committed and active volunteer supporting a wide range of community organizations and initiatives throughout Orange County. Professionally, as a licensed civil engineer and land surveyor, I bring extensive experience in land transactions, boundary analysis, and economic feasibility. I am well-versed in zoning regulations and general plan requirements, and I have conducted feasibility studies and assessments for land development projects. With over 48 years of experience in the preparation and evaluation of public works projects, I offer both technical expertise and practical insight that directly support the Commission's responsibilities.

I remain committed to continuing my service and would value the opportunity to build upon the initial success of the Alliance as it enters its first year. As the Commission is aware, I approach my responsibilities with dedication and professionalism, and I will continue to devote the necessary time and resources to effectively serve in this role if re-elected.

Signed: _____  _____ Dated: 05/01/2026