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MEETING DATE: November 18, 2026

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TO: Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County

FROM: Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Recognition of Dedicated Service - ***Commissioner Wendy Bucknum***

Wendy Bucknum has dedicated 11 years of service to OC LAFCO as the City Member from 2015 through 2026 and currently serves as Chair of OC LAFCO. During her tenure, Commissioner Bucknum contributed to many of the Commission's accomplishments, including multiple city and district annexations, reorganizations, and the successful annexation of several small unincorporated islands to adjacent cities. The cities included in these changes of organization were Anaheim, Garden Grove, La Habra, Placentia, Santa Ana, Yorba Linda, and the special districts of East Orange County Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Orange County Sanitation District. Commissioner Bucknum provided leadership in the Commission's Municipal Service Reviews program, special studies (including the MWDOC and OCWD report), and the transition of the water and wastewater services and infrastructure from the City of San Juan Capistrano to the Santa Margarita Water District. Lastly, Commissioner Bucknum worked with Commissioners and staff to develop and implement the agency's Strategic Workplans.

The Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County formally recognizes Commissioner Wendy Bucknum for her commitment to her fellow Commissioners, staff, and Orange County residents.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Adopt the resolution recognizing Wendy Bucknum for 11 years of service as an OC LAFCO Commissioner (Attachment).

Respectfully Submitted,

LUIS TAPIA

Attachment: Form of Resolution for Wendy Bucknum

RESOLUTION OF THE
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
OF ORANGE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA
RECOGNIZING COMMISSIONER WENDY BUCKNUM
FOR 11 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE

November 18, 2026

On motion of _____, duly seconded and carried, the following resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Commissioner Wendy Bucknum was first appointed by the City Selection Committee in 2015 as the Orange County Local Agency Formation Commission Alternate City Member, and in 2020 was appointed by the Committee to serve as the Regular City Member; and

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucknum has served with distinction and contributed to many significant accomplishments of this Commission, including, but not limited to:

- Development and Adoption of Commission Workplans.
- The annexation of multiple unincorporated islands to the Cities of La Habra, Placentia, Santa Ana, and Yorba Linda.
- Municipal Service Reviews for the Orange County Sanitation District, Municipal Water District of Orange County, Orange County Cemetery District, Orange County Mosquito and Vector Control District, and the Central, North, Southwest, and West Regions.
- Focused Municipal Service Review for the Orange County Water District and Municipal Water District of Orange County.
- Focused Municipal Service Review for the City of San Juan Capistrano Water and Wastewater Utility Systems.
- Annexation of the Water and Wastewater Utility Systems from the City of San Juan Capistrano to the Santa Margarita Water District.
- City annexations, detachments, and reorganizations involving the Cities of Anaheim, Brea, Garden Grove, Irvine, Orange, Tustin, and Yorba Linda.
- District annexations involving the East Orange County Water District, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Orange County Sanitation District.
- Activation of Latent Powers for the Three Arch Bay Community Services District for park and recreation services.
- Development and Adoption of the Communication Plan.
- Improvement of the OC LAFCO Fiscal Indicators Web Program.

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucknum has served as the OC LAFCO Chair from January 2026 to December 2026, and as the Chair provided leadership and demonstrated respect for her fellow Commissioners, staff, and the public;

WHEREAS, Commissioner Bucknum's broad background and knowledge of cities and local and state government have provided a unique perspective in numerous Commission deliberations over the past 11 years.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County expresses appreciation and recognition of Wendy Bucknum for her service, professionalism, and dedicated commitment to the Orange County and LAFCO communities.

I, James Fisler, Vice Chair of the Local Agency Formation Commission of Orange County, California, hereby certify that the above and foregoing resolution was duly and regularly adopted by said Commission at a regular meeting thereof, held on the 18th day of November 2026.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of November 2026.

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JAMES FISLER
Vice-Chair of the Orange County
Local Agency Formation Commission

Attest:

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Cheryl Carter-Benjamin, Commission Clerk