

County of Santa Clara
Board of Supervisors
Supervisory District Five
Supervisor Liz Kniss



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: *Liz Kniss*

Liz Kniss
Supervisor, District 5

SUBJECT: Appointment to Local Agency Formation Commission

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Appoint Supervisor George Shirakawa as an alternate member representing the Board of Supervisors on LAFCO.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

In January 2009, Supervisor Shirakawa was appointed by the Board of Supervisors to serve as an alternate member on LAFCO, filling the position previously held by Supervisor Peter McHugh. The term of appointment for said position is now expired. June 1, 2009 marked the beginning of a new four-year term for this alternate County Supervisor position, and I submit Supervisor Shirakawa as the Board's selection.

BACKGROUND

LAFCO is a state mandated local agency set up to oversee the boundaries of cities and special districts. Encouraging orderly boundaries, discouraging urban sprawl, and preserving agricultural and open space lands are the key goals of LAFCO.

Santa Clara County LAFCO is composed of five members:

- * Two County Supervisors appointed by the Board of Supervisors
- * One Council Member from the City of San Jose appointed by the City Council

- * One Council Member from any of the other cities appointed by the Cities Selection Committee
- * One Public Member appointed by the other four members of the Commission

Alternate members for each of the four categories are appointed in the same manner. The commissioners and alternates serve four-year terms.