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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

2024

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 4, 2024

TO: Independent Special District General Managers, Fire Chiefs and CEOs

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP,
Executive Officer



SUBJECT: Ballot for Election of LAFCO Commissioner – Special District
Regular Member (Due April 26, 2024)

This memorandum transmits a ballot, voting instructions and candidate information for the election of one Independent Special District Regular Member to serve a four-year term on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. Please forward the ballot and information to the legislative body of your District for voting and signature by the presiding officer (Board President) or designee. Vote for one of the two candidates. The deadline to return the ballot is April 26, 2024. LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

Thank you for participating in the election process. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Enclosures:
Ballot and Voting Instructions
Candidate Information

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

March 4, 2024

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

FOR ELECTION OF ONE REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE TO LAFCO

Voting Instructions:

1. The presiding officer of the legislative body of the District or the legislative body's alternate officer is authorized to vote. Please vote for one candidate. A majority of Districts must return ballots in order to conclude the election. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to a Regular Member seat for a four-year term ending in May 2028.
2. Please return this ballot to LAFCO of Monterey County at P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 or at 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102, Salinas, CA 93901 or by email to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **April 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m.** LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

PLEASE VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE (REGULAR MEMBER SEAT):

- Russell Jeffries (Moss Landing Harbor District)
- Chad M. Lindley (Monterey County Regional Fire District)

VOTING MEMBER SIGNATURE: _____

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____

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INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

NOMINATION FORM TO DECLARE CANDIDACY AND REQUEST NAME AND STATEMENT ON BALLOTS FOR ONE REGULAR POSITION ON THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

Due Date: March 1, 2024

Nominations will be considered to fill the four-year term for one Regular seat (expiring May 1, 2028) for Independent Special District Commissioner on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County.

Nomination Deadline and Process:

Nominations must be received in the LAFCO Office by **Friday, March 1, 2024 at 5:00 p.m.** Qualified persons may submit their own nominations using this form (no Board action is needed). You may email the completed form to mckennak@monterey.lafco.ca.gov OR mail it to P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 OR hand-deliver it to 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102 in Salinas.

Nomination Statement:

"I, RUSSELL JEFFRIES, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: RUSSELL (RUSS) JEFFRIES
Address: 204 E. CURTIS ST. SALINAS, CA 93906
Phone and e-mail: 831-320-0114
District represented: MOSS LANDINGS HARBOR DISTRICT
Your position with the District: COMMISSIONER
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 28 YEARS

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

* SEE ATTACHED APPLICATION AND RESUME

Signed: Russell Jeffries
Name (Print): RUSSELL JEFFRIES
Date: 2/28/2024

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.

FEB 29 2024

19 February 2024

Candidate Statement by Russell M. Jeffries for Appointment to the Position of Special District Representative on the Monterey County LAFCO Board of Commissioners

My name is Russell M. Jeffries and I am a lifelong resident of Monterey County. I was born in Pacific Grove, attended Salinas area schools, and graduated from Hartnell College. My resume is herewith attached and made a part of my application. Kindly review my resume for a full understanding of my experience and qualifications.

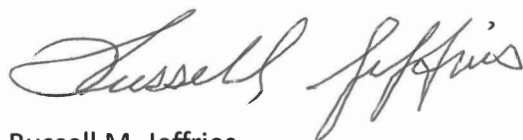
In 1996, I became a member of the publicly elected Moss Landing Harbor District Board of Commissioners and have continuously served as a member of that special district board for over 2.5 decades. The Moss Landing Harbor District contains more Monterey County residents than the population of two County Supervisorial Districts. Its area extends from the Pajaro River in the north to farmlands south of Salinas and encompasses much of the former Fort Ord. I was a co-founding member of the Special Districts Association of Monterey County in 2003, and I was honored to be named as the "2022 Board Member of the Year" by our statewide California Special Districts Association.

Previously, I have served as a local school board member, a city council member and Mayor, and I have served for 21 years as a gubernatorial appointee (by three governors) to the Central Coast Regional Water Quality Control Board (1993-2014).

I believe that the special districts of Monterey County deserve to be represented on LAFCO by a knowledgeable, experienced, and thoughtful individual who can bring to LAFCO meetings a broad, impartial, and detailed understanding of how our local agencies actually function. To provide services to our citizens, I believe that LAFCO members should be sincere listeners who are prepared to conduct their own independent research so as to be comfortable that the basis for their decisions is both factually and intellectually sound. Given my past experiences, I have those skills.

Moreover, I have broad budgetary experience and managerial skills that should be helpful in resolving any future financial issues that may arise for LAFCO. I would bring a commitment to fairmindedness, impartiality, and respect for our citizens with a recognition of the many nuanced issues that affect the quality of life in Monterey County that we all value.

I respectfully request your favorable consideration of my appointment application. Thank you.



Russell M. Jeffries

Special Districts Association of Monterey County, 2003 - Present
Secretary-Treasurer, 2003 – 2004
Vice Chair, 2004 – 2005
Chairman, 2005 – 2006

Salinas/Kushikino Sister City Association, 1987 – Present
Chairperson, 1994 – 1997 & 1999 – Present

California Rodeo Association, 1989 – Present
Committee Member & Honorary Director
Chairman of the Special Guests Committee

Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary, 2003 - 2013
Sanctuary Advisory Councilmember
Representing Cal EPA

Monterey County American Red Cross, 1996 – 2007
Vice President of the Board of Directors, 1999 – 2000
Chairman of the Board of Directors, 2001 – 2007

Monterey County Food Bank, 1992 – 1996
Chairman, 1996

Monterey County Water Resources Agency, 1992 – 1994
Boardmember

Salinas Valley Water Commission, 1981 – 1992
Commissioner

Monterey Regional Water Pollution Control Agency, 1990 – 1991
Boardmember

Monterey County Mayor's Select Committee, 1987 – 1991
Chairperson, 1990 – 1991

Monterey/Salinas Transit District, 1987 – 1991
Chairperson, 1990 – 1991

California State School Board Association, 1975 – 1981
Delegate

Salinas Elementary School District, 1975 – 1981
Trustee

Brown Bag Program for Senior Citizens
Co-Founder

City of Salinas Police Reserves, 1956 - 1969
Member

United Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, 1967 – 1991
Chief Steward, 1975 - 1991

Awards received

Special Districts Association of Monterey County
Board Member of the Year, 2022

Salinas/Kushikino Sister City Association
Member of the Year, 1997 – 1998 & 2007 - 2008

Senate Rules Committee
Distinctive Service Commendation, 1993
Presented by: Senators Henry Mello and David Roberti

Monterey County Board of Supervisors
Resolution of Appreciation, 1992

California Legislature Assembly
Distinctive Service Commendation, 1991
Presented by: The Honorable Sam Farr

California Rodeo Association
Special Appreciation Award, 1991

Salinas Chapter of the NAACP
Member of the Year, 1990

Who's Who in the West, 1989 – Present

Salinas City School District
Resolution of Appreciation, 1981

Education

1971 Hartnell College
Associate of Arts Degree

Salinas, CA

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Nomination Statement:

"I, Chad Lindley, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular Commissioner of the LAFCO of Monterey County. I am an elected or appointed Monterey County Independent Special District board member or trustee residing within the county and not a member of a legislative body of a city or county. I request my name be placed on the official ballot and, if elected, I will qualify and accept the office of Regular LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

Nominee Information:

Name: Chad M. Lindley
Address: 29535 Chualar Cyn. Rd. Chualar, Ca. 93925
Phone and e-mail: 831-214-2258, chad@montereypacific.com
District represented: 3
Your position with the District: Monterey County Regional Fire District
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 5 years

Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

Please give reasons for wanting to be an elected LAFCO Commissioner and briefly summarize qualifications and background:

I am a lifelong resident of the Salinas Valley and work in agriculture farming wine grapes. I have been involved in the community serving on the Monterey County Regional Fire District Board for the last 5 years, and a director for the California Rodeo Salinas for the last 15 years. I believe my involvement in the community and farming background

make me a good candidate for understanding the challenges of preserving open spaces in the county while still providing a place for our residents to prosper with their families.

Signed:

Chad M. Lindley

Name (Print):

Chad M. Lindley

Date:

3-1-24

Thank you for your interest in serving on LAFCO of Monterey County.