

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

CELEBRATION OF LAFCO'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY

On June 7, 2023, six decades of current and former Santa Clara LAFCO Commissioners and staff, elected officials and local agency staff, and friends—nearly 80 people—came together to celebrate the 60th anniversary of Santa Clara LAFCO. They shared stories of Santa Clara LAFCO's illustrious history and accomplishments, honored the dedicated individuals who have shaped the agency, and expressed optimism for Santa Clara LAFCO's bright future.

Special guest speakers included former State Assemblymember Dominic Cortese (Commissioner 1969-1979), former County Board of Supervisor Blanca Alvarado (Commissioner 1994-2008), and former LAFCO Commissioner Susan Vicklund Wilson (Commissioner 1995-2023).

In recognition of this momentous occasion, Santa Clara LAFCO received a Resolution of Commendation from Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren (Commissioner 1982-1994), a Joint Certificate of Recognition from State Senator Dave Cortese and Assemblymember Ash Kalra (Commissioner 2015-2016), and a Commendation from the Santa Clara County Board of Supervisors.

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1963-2023



60 years strong! A reunion of past and present LAFCO commissioners and staff.



With warmth and enthusiasm, Master of Ceremonies and LAFCO Chairperson Russ Melton welcomes friends of LAFCO to commemorate this historic occasion together.



Esteemed former County Supervisor Blanca Alvarado, serving as a Commissioner from 1994-2008, shares her experiences and the pioneering strategies she championed at LAFCO.



Former State Assemblymember Dominic Cortese, a guiding force on the Commission from '69-'79, delves into his impactful journey with LAFCO, leading to landmark LAFCO Legislation and the birth of CALAFCO.



With years of dedication behind her, former Commissioner Susan Vicklund Wilson (1995-2023) speaks passionately about the pivotal role of LAFCO and the significant responsibilities entrusted to its commissioners.



County Supervisors/LAFCO Commissioners Arenas and Lee mark the historic milestone with a County Resolution.



Attendees relishing a flavorful feast on the sunny patio!



In the company of planning legends – LAFCO staff with retired County Planning Director and Principal Planners!

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It was not only a fun reunion of people who have contributed to LAFCO over the years, but also a pep rally, reminding everyone of how important LAFCO has been and continues to be for the benefit of past, present, and future generations.

Don Weden, Retired Principal Planner for County of Santa Clara

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“It was a great event and the stories and storytellers were awesome.”

Andrea Mackenzie, General Manager
Santa Clara Valley Open Space Authority

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A collective journey through LAFCO's storied past, a celebration of its contributions, and a look forward to a promising future...