



**Local Agency
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RECRUITMENT OF PUBLIC MEMBER AND ALTERNATE PUBLIC MEMBER

LAFCO PURPOSE AND AUTHORITY

Santa Clara LAFCO is a state mandated independent local agency established to oversee the boundaries of cities and special districts within the county. Santa Clara LAFCO's mission is to promote sustainable growth and good governance in the county by preserving agricultural and open space lands, preventing urban sprawl, and encouraging efficient delivery of services.

LAFCO regulates jurisdictional and planning boundaries of cities and special districts including city / district annexations, detachments, dissolutions, mergers, consolidations and urban service area amendments. LAFCO also has regulatory authority over service extensions outside city and district jurisdictional boundaries. LAFCO plans for orderly growth and development through its service review program and sphere of influence updates. LAFCO works for the good of the whole county – protecting natural resource lands while facilitating development of vibrant communities.

LAFCO COMPOSITION

Santa Clara LAFCO is composed of seven commissioners including two County supervisors appointed by the Board of Supervisors; one council member from the City of San Jose, appointed by the San Jose City Council; one council member from any of the other 14 cities, appointed by the City Selection Committee; two Board Members from independent special districts, one appointed by the Independent Special District Selection Committee; and by agreement amongst the districts, one appointed by the Santa Clara Valley Water District; and one public member appointed by the above six members of the Commission.

Five alternate commissioners are appointed, one for each of the categories to serve and vote in place of the regular member if the regular member is absent or is disqualified from voting. Alternate members are expected and encouraged to attend and participate in all LAFCO meetings, even if the regular member is present.

LAFCO MEETINGS

Santa Clara LAFCO typically meets on the first Wednesday of even months at 1:15 p.m. Meetings are held at the County Government Center located at 70 West Hedding Street in San Jose. Special meetings and subcommittee meetings are calendared as needed. LAFCO commissioners receive a per diem of \$100 for attendance at LAFCO meetings. Commissioners are required to comply with FPPC disclosure regulations and file annual statements of financial interests.

ELIGIBILITY PROVISIONS

Applicants for the public member and alternate public member positions must be Santa Clara County residents. The public member and alternate public member appointees are prohibited by State law from concurrently being an officer or employee of the county, or any city or district with territory in the county. Residents of cities already represented on the commission may not fill these positions. Therefore, residents of the cities of San Jose, Sunnyvale and Morgan Hill may not be considered at this time. Additionally, the appointees shall not concurrently hold any elected or appointed office with a local government agency that makes or informs land use decisions while serving on LAFCO.

Persons interested in the position of Public Member and/or Alternate Public Member should email a letter of interest and a completed application form to LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org no later than Tuesday, March 14, 2023, at 5:00 p.m.

Interviews for public member and alternate public member positions are anticipated to be held at the April 5, 2023 LAFCO meeting.

MORE INFORMATION

More information on LAFCO is available on its website at www.SantaClaraLAFCO.org and in the [What is LAFCO? Brochure](#).

Should you have questions or need assistance submitting this application, please contact LAFCO staff by email at LAFCO@ceo.sccgov.org or by phone at (408) 993 4704.

APPLICATION FORM

The application form is available in the following two formats:

- [PDF \(Fillable\) Application Form](#)
- [Word \(Fillable\) Application Form](#)