



To: General Managers and Presiding Officers (c/o Clerks) of Independent Special Districts in Riverside County

Re: Upcoming Special District Selection Committee Appointments

Date: January 16, 2017

I am writing to alert you to upcoming proceedings of the Independent Special District Selection Committee (ISDSC). The ISDSC is comprised of the presiding officers of each of the independent special districts in the County. The ISDSC has been and is responsible for appointing special district members to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). Recent legislation has given another responsibility to the ISDSC, the appointment of a special district representative to serve on a consolidated countywide Redevelopment Oversight Board pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 34179. Current law (Government Code Sec. 56332) requires the Executive Officer of LAFCO to conduct the proceedings of the ISDSC. Within the next few weeks, we will begin the process for appointments to both the Countywide Oversight Board and LAFCO.

Background: As part of the dissolution of redevelopment agencies (RDAs), oversight boards were established for each of the redevelopment successor agencies charged with winding down the affairs of the former RDAs. In September of 2015, Governor Brown signed SB 107, a bill which required the consolidation of RDA oversight boards. SB 107 mandated the consolidation of these boards by July 1, 2018, with a single new county-wide board in each county. In Riverside County, the existing 25 oversight boards will be consolidated into a Countywide Oversight Board. The law further directs the ISDSC in each county to appoint special district representatives to the new board. Alternates will also be appointed. The Governor is empowered to fill any position on the Oversight Board for which an appointment has not been made by July 15, 2018. It is critical that the ISDSC make these appointments prior to this date in order to keep the appointments local.

Additional information and background can be found in the attached report titled Countywide RDA Oversight Board Special District Appointments, jointly issued by the California Special Districts Association (CSDA) and the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO), dated September 27, 2016. An appendix to that report also includes the relevant statute from the Health and Safety Code (H&SC Section 34179).

As noted above, we will also be conducting an election for a special district appointee to LAFCO. The term of the Special District Member from Western Riverside County is up in May

(the incumbent is planning on seeking reappointment). Proceedings for this position will be conducted in the same manner as recent previous LAFCO appointments. Nomination and ballot materials for appointments to the Oversight Board and LAFCO will be transmitted concurrently.

### What can we do now?

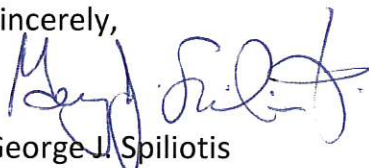
*Consider nominees.* A call for nominations to the Oversight Board will be issued in the next few weeks. Please start considering potential nominees. Although all members of the ISDSC are eligible to vote on the appointment, eligibility for appointment to the Oversight Board is limited to members of the legislative bodies of independent special districts eligible to receive property tax distributions pursuant to Health and Safety Code 34188. A list of those qualifying districts whose board members would be eligible for appointment is attached. The Oversight Board will be reviewing complex governmental financial documents. Although not a statutory requirement, previous experience or skills involving financial matters or prior experience on an existing Oversight Board might be helpful. Additional desired qualifications and responsibilities can be found in the attached presentation from the Riverside County Auditor-Controller.

*Provide contact info.* The ISDSC proceedings will be conducted by mail/email. Statute makes provisions for nominations and ballot materials to be transmitted and returned by email. It would be most helpful if you can provide us with the name and appropriate email address of the presiding officer of your district board or alternate board member designated by your board. Please send that contact information to Rebecca Holtzclaw at [rholtzclaw@lafco.org](mailto:rholtzclaw@lafco.org).

*Follow up.* After we have issued the call for nominations and upon the close of the nomination period, we will issue ballot materials, including instructions, to each member of the ISDSC (presiding officers or board designated alternates). Please follow up with your member to ensure ballots are signed and returned to LAFCO in a timely manner. It is important that we achieve a quorum in order to have a valid election.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



George J. Spiliotis  
Executive Officer

Attachments:

Countywide RDA Oversight Board Special District Appointments report by CSDA and CALAFCO  
List of Eligible District Boards  
Consolidated Oversight Board Appointment Information Meeting Presentation