

**MONTEREY PENINSULA REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**DATE:** March 14, 2018  
**TO:** Board of Directors  
**FROM:** Rafael Payan, General Manager  
**SUBJECT:** Consideration of Special District Candidates for Election as Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) Commissioner

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**RECOMMENDED ACTION**

That the Board of Directors provide direction to its President in casting the District's mailed ballot for one candidate to be elected to the Alternate Commissioner position representing special districts on Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Monterey County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact from taking this action.

**FUNDING SOURCE:**

Not applicable

**FUNDING BALANCE:**

Not applicable

**DISCUSSION:**

Attached (**ATTACHMENT 1**) are the cover memo, official ballot and related candidate information pertaining to the election of a LAFCO Commissioner to represent special districts for a four-year term. Four candidates have applied for the seat: Herbert Cortez, Marina Coast Water District; Mary Ann Leffel, Monterey Regional Airport District; Grant Leonard, North Monterey County Recreation and Park District and Graig Stephens, Soledad Health Care District.

Mailed ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by March 15, 2018. A majority of Districts must return ballots in order to conclude the election.

At this time, staff is recommending that the Board provide direction to its President to submit its ballot for the election of a LAFCO Commissioner.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Cover Memo, Official LAFCO Ballot and Related Candidate Information

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## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

February 2, 2018

### 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.
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 FAX at 831-754-5831.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **March 15, 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):

Herbert Cortez (Marina Coast Water District)

Mary Ann Leffel (Monterey Regional Airport District)

Grant Leonard (North Monterey County Recreation and Park District)

Graig Stephens (Soledad Community Health Care District)

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VOTING MEMBER SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

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## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

KATE McKENNA, AICP  
Executive Officer

### INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE

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

Due Date: February 1, 2018

Nominations will be considered to fill the four-year term for one Regular seat (expiring May 2022) and the remaining term for one Alternate seat (expiring May 2020) for Independent Special District Commissioners on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County.

#### Nomination Deadline and Process:

Nominations must be received in the LAFCO Office by **February 1, 2018** 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](mailto: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, Herbert Cortez, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate 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 or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

#### Nominee Information:

Name: Herbert Cortez  
Address: 221 Mortimer Ln, Marina CA 93933  
Phone and e-mail: 646-419-0423 and hcortez@hartnell.edu  
District represented: Marina Coast Water District  
Your position with the District: Board Member  
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 1-2

#### Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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

As a proud member of the Marina Coast Water District and my service to the Democratic Central Committee, I have first hand knowledge of the importance of orderly growth and the impact it has to our surrounding communities. I have a Master in Public Policy from Pepperdine University and a Bachelor's from Cornell University which have been instrumental in my decision making of local water sustainability policies and promote policies to deliver effective government services

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



Name (Print): \_\_\_\_\_

Herbert Cortez

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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#### Nomination Statement:

"I, Mary Ann Leffel, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate 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 or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

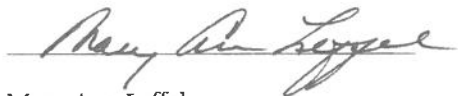
#### Nominee Information:

Name: Mary Ann Leffel  
Address: 117 Cuesta Vista Drive, Monterey CA 93940  
Phone and e-mail: (831) 402-4616      [mal@leffelconstruction.com](mailto:mal@leffelconstruction.com)  
District represented: Monterey Regional Airport District  
Your position with the District: Board Member  
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 10

#### Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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

I have a deep appreciation for the size and diversity of our County and respect everything the districts accomplish as they work together for efficiency, innovation and cash savings for our citizens. I would like to further these efforts through my representation.

Signed: 

Name (Print): Mary Ann Leffel

Date: January 31, 2018

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

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#### Nomination Statement:

"I, Grant Leonard, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate 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 or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

#### Nominee Information:

Name: Grant Leonard, AICP  
Address: 11261 Crane Street, Castroville, CA 95012  
Phone and e-mail: 408-332-1412, leonardgt@yahoo.com  
District represented: North Monterey County Recreation and Park District  
Your position with the District: Board Chair  
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: Three+


#### Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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

I am interested in serving on LAFCO to provide a strong voice for special districts, especially as it relates to service reviews and applications that affect special districts. I am also interested in

working with the other LAFCO members to build consensus and find solutions to the issues that come to the LAFCO Board.

See Below for background and qualifications.

Signed: 

Name (Print): Grant Leonard

Date: 1/12/18

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

Background: My experience with Special Districts starts with the North Monterey County Recreation and Park District, where's I've been a director since 2014, but I also serve on Citizen Oversight Committees for Hartnell College and the Salinas Valley Solid Waste Authority. Professionally, I work for the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) in the fields of project development, project management, long range planning, and environmental review. Finally, I have Masters in Urban and Regional Planning and am a member of the American Institute of Certified Planners (AICP).



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#### Nomination Statement:

"I, Graig R. Stephens, hereby declare myself a candidate for the election to the position of Regular or Alternate 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 or Alternate LAFCO Commissioner for which I am selected and serve to the best of my ability."

#### Nominee Information:

Name: Graig R. Stephens  
Address: 1120 Walker Dr.  
Phone and e-mail: 831-678-3504 graisstephens@yahoo.com  
District represented: Soledad Health Care District  
Your position with the District: Board Member  
Number of years as a District Board Member or Trustee: 8

#### Candidate Statement for the Ballot:

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

I am currently a board member of the Soledad Health Care District. Previously, I was on the Soledad City Council a mayor, served on Ambag

and was its president in 1984. I served 25 yrs as a volunteer firefighter and for 5 years as Chief and worked with the Mission Fire Protection District. I am currently on Lafco, and I am very interested in how county and municipal decisions impact special districts.

Signed: Craig R. Stephens

Name (Print): Craig R. Stephens

Date: 1/26/2018

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