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Item Number: 5.2

MEETING DATE: 04/09/2026

DEPARTMENT: LAFCO

AGENDA ITEM PREPARER: Vanessa Delgado

SUBJECT:

APPOINTMENT OF PUBLIC MEMBER ALTERNATE

AGENDA SECTION:

BUSINESS ITEMS - GENERAL BUSINESS, NON-HEARING ITEMS

BACKGROUND/SUMMARY:

The Public Member Alternate position became vacant as of February 4, 2026. There are few requirements for the manner in which the two Public Member positions are appointed. CKH law states "Whenever a vacancy occurs the public member or alternate public member position, the commission shall cause a notice of vacancy to be posted as provided in Section 56158 (doors of meeting place or official bulletin board). A copy of this notice shall be sent to the clerk or secretary of the legislative body of each local agency within the county. Final appointment to fill the vacancy may not be made for at least 21 days after the posting of the notice." The notice of vacancy for the position was posted as required and directed by the Commission. The notice indicates that the appointment is specific to the Alternate Public Member position.

One member of the public has submitted a letter of interest to fill the position. The letter is attached. The Commission may wish to take a statement and ask any questions of the applicant, and then consider appointment of the individual. City and County members are the only voting members for the appointment.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1) Receive a statement from the applicant and ask any relevant questions.
- 2) Consider appointment as the Public Member Alternate.

ATTACHMENTS:

[Barry Katz Letter of Interest.pdf](#)