



## PRESS RELEASE

# NOTICE OF VACANCY & OPEN RECRUITMENT

## LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY

### PUBLIC MEMBER

The Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Napa County invites interested persons to apply for the position of Public Member with an expiring term ending May 4, 2026. LAFCO meetings are held 6 to 8 times per year, generally on the first Monday of even-numbered months.

LAFCO is an independent government agency created by the California State Legislature in 1963. LAFCO is specifically charged by law with preventing urban sprawl and encouraging the orderly formation and development of governmental agencies that provide municipal services within its jurisdiction. LAFCO is tasked with considering proposals for annexation of land to the cities and special districts in Napa County. LAFCO is also tasked with the formation of new cities and special districts.

The composition of LAFCO includes five regular members and three alternate members. Two regular members and one alternate are County Supervisors and appointed by the Napa County Board of Supervisors. Two regular members and one alternate are city councilmembers appointed by the mayors of the five cities in Napa County. The regular and alternate public members are citizens appointed by the four regular city and county members of LAFCO.

The Public Member must be a resident of Napa County. No person may serve as Public Member if at the same time they are an officer or employee of the County, a city, town, or special district within Napa County. For purposes of the Public Member position, an officer of a local government agency is a member of a local public board, commission, committee, or council with the authority to make advisory or final decisions relative to land use or the provision of municipal services. In selecting the Public Member, LAFCO shall consider the applicant's qualifications as described in his or her application and the reasons listed for wanting to serve as a member of LAFCO.

To obtain an application, please visit LAFCO's website at [www.napa.lafco.ca.gov](http://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov) or call (707) 259-8645. A complete application must be submitted to LAFCO staff no later than **5:00 P.M. on March 6, 2026**. You may deliver your application to the LAFCO office or email it to LAFCO Executive Officer Brendon Freeman at [bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov). It is anticipated LAFCO will consider the appointment of the Public Member at its regular meeting on April 6, 2026.

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Brendon Freeman  
Executive Officer