

Cities Association of Santa Clara County
City Selection Committee
P.O. Box 3144
Los Altos, CA 94024

February 3, 2023

Dear Cities Association Selection Committee Members,

I am writing to respectfully request for my appointment to represent you and the cities of Santa Clara County as the Cities Association's Alternate Commissioner to Santa Clara County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO).

I would first like to contextualize my letter of interest. I am submitting this letter conditionally, under the assumption that the current LAFCO Alternate Commissioner, Russ Melton, is appointed to the Primary Commissioner position. As of Friday, Commissioner Melton is the only applicant for the Primary Commissioner vacancy. I am not and will not challenge Commissioner Melton for the Alternate seat if circumstances change. My understanding is that during the Cities Selection Committee Meeting two years ago, the Alternate seat was filled immediately, hence my application for the Alternate Commissioner seat in advance of an official vacancy.

As a lifelong environmentalist and a conservation professional, I see LAFCO as an integral body to create the best possible future for Santa Clara County. LAFCO specifically focuses on promoting “sustainable growth and good governance.” I deeply value LAFCO’s mission of minimizing sprawl, preserving open space, encouraging efficiency of services, fiscal sustainability, and accountability and transparency.

I believe I will bring a unique and valuable perspective to LAFCO. I have been involved with environmental protection and conservation for my entire professional career. Some of my environmental experiences include running large scale environmental campaign to ban fracking in San Luis Obispo County, spearheading and overseeing the creation of a 30 member Climate Action Corps in Santa Clara County, and facilitating the partnerships required with the City of San Jose to implement the Resilience Corps program, a first of its kind sustainability-focused work program to support hundreds of unemployed and underemployed young adults.

Correspondingly, I am supportive of sustainable growth and recognize the real need to build more housing. I have been intimately involved in the General Plan and Housing Element processes in Los Gatos, where I have fought against hillside development and for the creation of more dense, more sustainable housing throughout the community. I believe these experiences, among others, complement LAFCO’s goals of curbing sprawl and preserving open space well.

When I ran for office, one of my primary goals was to “protect our natural environment and open space.” I feel that I am well suited for this appointment and I humbly ask for your support.

In community,

Rob Moore
Los Gatos Town Councilmember