

# MEMORANDUM

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Consideration and Selection of Public Member and Alternate Public Member**

DATE: March 29, 2016 for the Meeting of April 7, 2016

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## Background

The current four year terms of the current public member (Leverenz) and alternate public member (Steel) will expire in May 2016.

Pursuant to §56325, a 21 day Notice of Vacancy soliciting applicants for the public member and/or alternate public member position was posted on the Butte LAFCo website, the LAFCo offices as well as sent to each clerk or secretary of the legislative body for each local agency within the County. Although not required by law, the Notice of Vacancy was also published in the Chico Enterprise Record. Interested persons were requested to complete an "Application for Position of Public Member and/or Alternate Public Member" and submit the application to the Executive Officer on or before March 17, 2016.

The Commission is the appointing authority for the public member and/or alternate public member positions. Appointments must be made with the affirmative vote of at least one Commissioner representing each appointing authority (e.g., County, Cities, and Special Districts). The 4 year terms of office for both positions will commence June 1, 2016 and conclude May 31, 2020.

## Applications

As of the date of this report, three applications have been submitted and are attached for review. Regular public member/Chairman Leverenz and alternate public member Steel have expressed an interest to continue serving in their current capacities. In addition, an application was received from Robyn DiFalco to serve as either the regular or alternate public member.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider the applications submitted and vote to select 1) a regular Public Member; and 2) an alternate Public Member.

Attachments: Applications from 1) Carl Leverenz, 2) Greg Steel and 3) Robyn DiFalco.

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*A Professional Corporation*

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February 18, 2016

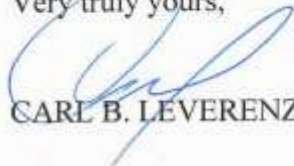
Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer  
Butte Local Agency Formation Commission  
1453 Downer Street, Suite C  
Oroville, CA 95965

Dear Steve:

Pursuant to your request, enclosed please find my Application for Position of Public Member of LAFCO.

If you have any questions, let me know.

Very truly yours,



CARL B. LEVERENZ

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**Application for Position of  
Public Member and/or Alternate Public Member**

In order to be considered for the above position(s), please complete the following application and return it to Butte LAFCO, 1453 Downer Street, Suite C, Oroville, California 95965. The application deadline is 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 17, 2016.

I am applying for (CHECK ONE):      **Public Member ONLY**        
   **Public Alternate Member ONLY**        
   **Either Position**     

**PERSONAL INFORMATION**

**NAME:**      CARL B. LEVERENZ

**MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:**

Street:      515 Wall Street  
City & Zip:      Chico, CA 95928  
E-Mail:      [REDACTED]

**TELEPHONE NUMBERS:**

Home:      (530) [REDACTED]  
Business:      (530) [REDACTED]  
Mobile:      N/A

**OTHER INFORMATION:**

Length of Residence in Butte County:      64 years

Are You a Registered Voter?      Yes  No

**WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

Organization

Date

SEE ATTACHED

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**CARL LEVERENZ**

**GRADUATE OF CHICO SCHOOLS (1958), CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, CHICO, AND UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA (1968)**

**PRACTICED LAW IN THE CITY OF CHICO FOR 50 YEARS (Since January, 1966)**

**PAST PRESIDENT, BUTTE-GLENN-TEHAMA UNIT, AMERICAN CANCER SOCIETY**

**CURRENT MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, NOON EXCHANGE CLUB OF CHICO (1971)**

**CURRENT MEMBER AND PAST PRESIDENT, BUTTE COUNTY BAR ASSOCIATION (1974-1976)**

**PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE ENLOE FOUNDATION (1996-2008)**

**MEMBER AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BUTTE COUNTY AIR POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD (since originated)**

**MEMBER (1973) AND CURRENT CHAIRMAN OF THE BUTTE COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

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## STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS

Please provide a brief statement indicating why you are interested in serving on the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission and why you are qualified for the appointment (e.g., prior board, commission experience).

I have enjoyed working on the Local Agency Formation Commission.

I have devoted substantial time to the Commission. If reappointed,

I would intend to devote whatever time necessary to continue to be

an effective member of the Commission. I believe that the Commission

has provided and will continue to provide in the future needed assistance

to the Districts and Cities of Butte County as they grow.

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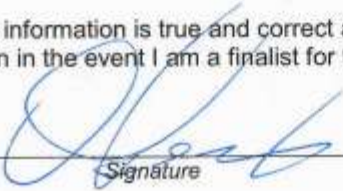
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## CERTIFICATION

I certify that I am not an officer or employee of the County of Butte, any city in Butte County, or any district in Butte County.

I certify that this information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application in the event I am a finalist for the appointment.

  
Signature

February 18, 2016

Date

Greg Steel  
603 Parkwood Drive  
Chico, CA 95928  
Phone/Fax [REDACTED]

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March 10, 2016

Mr. Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer  
Butte Local Agency Formation Commission  
1453 Downer Street, Suite C  
Oroville, CA 95965

**Re: LAFCO Public Alternate Member**

Dear Steve:

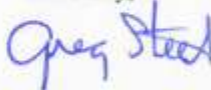
The purpose of this letter is to request that I be considered for reappointment to the Alternate Public Member position.

Since my initial appointment, I have been able to attend the majority of meetings, and have been consistently pleased with the professionalism of staff work, and the willingness of each of the Commission members to dedicate a significant amount of time to the work of LAFCO. I have seen LAFCO incrementally evolve from a subdivision of the County Planning Department to a mature, independent, and professional organization.

I have served on a personnel sub-committee, a sub-committee which helped to revise LAFCO Policies and Procedures, and have also served on the Budget Committee. I am very interested in having stable funding, set-aside adequate reserves (particularly in the event of litigation or staff changes), develop the potential for outside contracting, and gradually increase charges (to help cover costs) for privately initiated projects.

I believe that LAFCO has a critical role in providing a public service to Butte County residents, and would welcome the opportunity to be able to assist in any way that I can.

Cordially,



Greg Steel



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#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

NAME: Greg Steel

#### MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:

Street: 603 Parkwood Drive  
City & Zip: Chico, Calif 95928  
E-Mail: [REDACTED]

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Home: [REDACTED]  
Business: [REDACTED]  
Mobile: [REDACTED]

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

Length of Residence in Butte County: ~~45~~ 37+ years  
Are You a Registered Voter? Yes  No

#### WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Organization	Date
Teacher, Paradise Unified School District	1967 - 1972
Princeton School District and Modesto Junior College	
Planner (transportation) Stanislaus County	1973 -
Council of Governments. Retired as the Executive Director.	1995
Owner/Trustee of family farming operations in Glenn County, with walnuts, tomatoes, sweet corn, etc	1995 - present

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Please see the transmitted letter.  
In addition, I am able to offer an "institutional memory," since I have served continuously as the Public Alternate Member since 1998. I have a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from Cal Poly Pomona. I started in transportation modeling, and then worked for the Stanislaus County Council of Governments. I started as an Associate Planner and then eventually <sup>was</sup> appointed as the Executive Director.

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Greg Stees  
Signature

3-10-16  
Date





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### PERSONAL INFORMATION

**NAME:**      Robyn DiFalco

#### MAILING & EMAIL ADDRESS:

Street:      509 Madrone Ave  
City & Zip:      Chico, CA 95926  
E-Mail:      [REDACTED]

#### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Home:      [REDACTED]  
Business:      \_\_\_\_\_  
Mobile:      [REDACTED]

#### OTHER INFORMATION:

Length of Residence in Butte County: 1993 - 2000 & 2005 - 2016 (18 years total)

Are You a Registered Voter?      Yes            No     

### WORK/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

<u>Organization</u>	<u>Date</u>
<u>Butte Environmental Coucil, Executive Director</u>	<u>2012 - 2016</u>
<u>Associated Students Inc, CSU Chico -- Program Coordinator</u>	<u>2005 - 2012</u>
<u>ELS Language Centers, Chabot College, Hayward, Academic Director</u>	<u>2004-2005</u>

(See Resume for additional work/volunteer experience)

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With a degree in Geography and several years of experience being actively involved in review of local and regional land use planning issues, I feel I have valuable firsthand experience and perspective that would make me an asset to the LAFCo Board. During my time at Butte Environmental Council, I was involved in reviewing project documents such as the draft Ag Mitigation Ordinance, the General Plan, Oroville Greening Plan, and many city/county projects that involved land use issues. I've worked with and built relationships with city/county staff, planning commissioners, elected officials, developers, and concerned members of the general public. Many of these colleagues have expressed that I conduct myself professionally and take reasonable positions, seeking consensus and compromise. Despite my past role as an environmental advocate, I am not "anti-development" but rather I believe that Butte County should continue to grow with "smart growth principles", development taking place in appropriate locations, and in alignment with existing planning policy. I would welcome the opportunity to support the goals of LAFCo in steering Butte County land use development by serving on the Board.

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*Robyn DiFalco*

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Signature

3/17/2016

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Date