

**MEMORANDUM
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION**

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Agenda Item 4.3 - Letter of Appreciation for Assembly Member Dan Logue for Sponsoring AB 743 - Island Annexation Law Extension**

DATE: September 4, 2011 for the meeting of September 11, 2013

Background

A little over two years ago, the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) initiated a process to amend Government Code Section 56375.3, otherwise referred to as the "island law". The goal of the amendment was to remove the sunset provision from the law that allows for an expedited process for the annexation of islands of unincorporated territory. The CALAFCO Legislative Committee took the lead on this issue and drafted language that would remove the January 1, 2014 sunset date thus making this law a permanent tool for addressing the annexation of islands. The law also reset the date at which time an island had to exist to be eligible under the law, from January 1, 2000 to January 1, 2014.

The amended language was subsequently drafted and CALAFCO sought a legislative sponsor to carry the legislation. As Butte LAFCo has used the island law extensively over the years and supported the amendment, CALAFCO sought the help of the Executive Officer to secure an author. With assistance from Commissioner Connelly, the Executive Officer contacted our Assembly representative Dan Logue to inquire if he would be willing to author a bill on the behalf of CALAFCO. Mr. Logue agreed and Assembly Bill 743 began its journey to the Governor's desk for approval. Following unanimous votes of approval in both the Assembly and Senate, the Governor signed the bill on August 26, 2013.

As the legislative process can often be difficult to navigate and be fraught with unexpected hurdles, having a strong legislative advocate is essential for success. Assemblyman Logue and his staff diligently supported this effort and the Executive Officer requests the Commission acknowledge this effort with the attached letter of appreciation.

Action Requested: Authorize the Chair and Executive Officer to sign the letter of appreciation and transmit to Assemblyman Logue.

Attachments: 1. Draft Letter of Appreciation



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Assembly Member Logue
California State Assembly
State Capitol Room 4158
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB743 - Island Annexation Law

Dear Assembly Member Logue:

The Butte Local Agency Formation Commission would like to express its sincere appreciation for your support of the mission of Butte LAFCO as well as the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO). This support demonstrated by your willingness to sponsor AB 743, which removed the sunset provision from the island annexation law (Government Code Section 56375.3), was instrumental in maintaining the island provisions of the Cortese Knox Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 as a vital and useful tool to implement the Legislature's intent to encourage logical and orderly boundaries and promote the efficient delivery of services within our cities.

Since the law's inception in 2000, Butte LAFCo has worked collaboratively with our local cities and communities to successfully annex dozens of small islands in an efficient and effective manner. This effort has resulted in substantially improved local agency boundaries, greater efficiencies in service delivery and greater participation of these island residents in local government functions. The removal of the law's sunset provisions will allow this important effort to continue.

By encouraging and providing for, an expedited island annexation process, the legislature clearly understood that the broader state goals of creating orderly boundaries and promoting efficient delivery of services is of paramount importance to ensuring effective local government services. Thank you for sponsoring this very worthwhile legislation and supporting the important functions that LAFCOs and the State Legislature have implemented over the past 50 years.

Sincerely,

Carl Leverenz, Chair

Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer

Cc: Pamela Miller, CALAFCO