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Report on LAFCO Related Legislation

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

Receive this report and direct staff to monitor legislation relevant to LAFCO and report on future agendas.

DISCUSSION

A new legislative year is beginning. This is the first of our periodic status reports on pending or potential legislation.

Local Government Omnibus Acts

Each year the Assembly Local Government Committee and the Senate Governance & Finance Committee sponsor omnibus bills that are intended to enact minor but necessary local government-related legislative changes.

Several potential items for these bills were considered by the CALAFCO Legislative Committee in December including the following minor changes:

- Clarify LAFCO actions following the conduct of protest hearings pursuant to Government Code Section 57075
- Clarify language in Section 57075.5 to clearly state that only registered voters within the affected territory are eligible to vote in an election on a proposed change of organization or reorganization.
- Adopt a new section to specify required contents of a notice of hearing of a LAFCO proceeding for a change of organization or reorganization.

- Amend Section 56383 (a) to specify LAFCO proceeding fees can be imposed for either amending or updating an adopted sphere of influence.
- Clarify Section 56653 regarding the required contents of a “plan for services” when a boundary change will not amend how services are currently being provided.
- Specify that the term “affected territory” includes the area where LAFCO allows a city or special district to provide services outside of their boundaries.

LAFCO and Joint Powers Authorities

There continues to be a discussion regarding whether and to what extent Joint Powers Authorities (JPAs) should provide information to LAFCOs regarding their activities and to what extent LAFCO should have jurisdiction over JPAs. There is nothing further to report at this time.

Isla Vista Community Services District (Assembly Bill 3)

Assembly member Das Williams has introduced legislation to address Isla Vista, a dense unincorporated community adjacent to University of California, Santa Barbara (UCSB). The bill is intended to facilitate forming a new Community Services District to provide various services for this dense area. There is nothing further to report at this time.

We will continue to monitor legislation that concerns LAFCOs and bring items of interest to the Commission for its consideration.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Bob Braitman", followed by a horizontal line.

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer