

Statement by LAFCO Alternate Commissioner Harry Mathis
LAFCO Meeting March 6, 2023

Reference Item 7a on the agenda, and the consideration of my reappointment as Alternate Public Member of this Board, I would like to make the following statement:

I was appointed to represent the City of San Diego on LAFCO at the beginning of my first term on the San Diego City Council when I was 62 years old. During that period, I served as Chairman of LAFCO and was elected to the Board of CALAFCO.

Prior to that, I had significant experience in public service including 28 years in the Navy, retiring as a Captain in 1981. I was a Viet Nam veteran as a nuclear-powered submarine commander. As head of the Cruise Missile Branch in the Pentagon, I personally coordinated the development of the Tomahawk Cruise Missile, and I also commanded two shore bases. Public service has been my life and LAFCO has been a proud part of it, so I welcomed the opportunity to continue as an alternate public member after I left the City Council.

This past January, I celebrated my 90th birthday. I recognize it may cause a legitimate concern regarding my ability to carry out the duties associated with serving as a LAFCO Commissioner. I believe that I can, but I promise you that should you approve my reappointment, and I reach a point that I cannot do it justice, I will be the first one to acknowledge it and voluntarily step down.

Thank you.



Commissioners
San Diego Local Agency Formation Commission
2550 Fifth Avenue
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[Delivered electronically]

Dear Chairman Desmond and SD LAFCO Commissioners:

On behalf of the Board of Directors of the San Diego County Taxpayers Association, I write to express our support for the continued appointment of Commissioner Harry Mathis. We appreciate his commitment to public service.

I am also authorized by the Association's board to express our interest in serving in one of the public positions, should an opportunity for appointment arise at a future date. The Association has a keen interest in the structure and tax bases of municipal governments and ensuring that public services are delivered effectively and efficiently. Should such an appointment opportunity arise in the future, I would be willing and able to serve on behalf of the Association.

Thank you.

Submitted respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Haney Hong".

Haney Hong
President & CEO