



## Yolo LAFCo Public Member Application Information

The Yolo Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) is an independent agency created by state law in 1963 with the following objectives:

- Encourage the orderly formation and development of local government agencies
- Preserve agricultural resources and open space
- Discourage urban sprawl

LAFCos are unique to California and there is a LAFCo for each county. LAFCos are empowered as the decision-making agency for all city and special district boundary changes, including annexations/detachments, consolidations/mergers, city incorporations, special district formations, and to establish local "spheres of influence." The sphere of influence for each governmental agency is a plan for its future boundary and service area, which is a tool to promote common sense growth and the evolution of special districts as needs change over time. The LAFCo function is outlined in Government Code, Section 56000 et seq., known as the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

LAFCo is a local governmental agency that is independent of our cities and County, but local elected officials help form the LAFCo board, or the "Commission". Our Commission is comprised of two city council members, two county supervisors, and one public member at large. We also have one alternate member for each category (city, county and public) to fill in as needed.

There will be a vacancy in the current Regular Public Member term beginning July 2024 and ending February 2027. The Alternate Public Member has also indicated he will not seek reappointment, and the next open term will be February 2025 through January 2029.

The Commission has selected a subcommittee to review the applications and the ultimate selection will be made by the other four city and county members on the Commission at a regular meeting.

Yolo LAFCo meetings occur in-person generally on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 9:00 a.m. LAFCo does not regularly meet in August, and the November and December meetings are combined on the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of December. Altogether, there are 10 meetings typically scheduled per year, but some may be added or cancelled depending on agenda item needs. Commissioners volunteer their time and do not receive stipends. Meetings are located at the Board of Supervisors Chambers in the County Administration Building in Woodland. Occasionally, meetings are held in an alternate location to address an item at a local community level to make them more accessible for public input.

You can find more information about what Yolo LAFCo does and how we do it on our website at [www.yololafco.org](http://www.yololafco.org). Thank you for your interest in the Public Member position!