

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION FOR SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

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DATE: JUNE 11, 2012 
FROM: KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer
TO: LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

SUBJECT: Agenda Item #1: Interview and Selection of Alternate Public Member

Pursuant to Commission policy, the staff originally provided a thirty-day period from February 15 to March 19, 2012 for interested persons to submit an application for the position of Alternate Public Member of the Commission. During that period, four applications were submitted, but not one from the incumbent Alternate Public Member. At the April 18, 2012 hearing, the Commission extended the application period to May 21, 2012. One new application was received during this period.

The applications submitted for consideration are:

- Victoria Fuller, resident of Joshua Tree;
- Leonard J. Goldman, resident of Redlands;
- James Harvey, resident of Johnson Valley;
- Sunil Sethi, resident of Upland; and,
- Steven D. Whitten, resident of Yucca Valley

Copies of the letters of application are attached for Commission review.

Staff has advised the candidates that each will be asked to provide a brief oral presentation outlining their qualifications and reasons for their interest in this position. Mr. Whitten has indicated that he has a previous vacation planned for this period and will be unable to attend the hearing.

The Commission may then make an appointment, with the successful candidate sworn-in at the hearing or may defer action to the next hearing. The term of office for this position expires on the first Monday in May, 2016.

The Commission process for selection of the successful candidate requires that the candidate must receive four votes and that neither the Public Member nor Alternate Public Member may vote. Further, state law requires that the successful candidate must receive at least one affirmative vote from each of the three other membership categories on the Commission – county, city and special district.

Staff will be happy to answer any questions at the hearing.

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Attachments:

Victoria Fuller
Resident of Joshua Tree

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KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-MCDONALD,
Executive Officer
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Telephone (909) 383-9900

March 19, 2012

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

I am applying for the position of Alternate Public member of the Local Agency Formation Commission.

I am a 15 year resident and home owner in Joshua Tree. My community involvement includes working on the 2005 Joshua Tree Community Plan, president of the Joshua Tree Community Association, and currently facilitating the Morongo Basin Dark Sky Alliance of which members include representatives from various community organizations, the base, and county.

I previously worked on computer networks, software and hardware, and am now retired.

I would bring a perspective from the High Desert and have an opportunity to learn the interactions of LAFCO with our community.

Sincerely,

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Leonard J. Goldman
Resident of Redlands

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Alternate Public Member LAFCO

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
Executive Officer LAFCO

Dear Mrs. McDonald

The reason I would like to be A LAFCO board member is to represent the public, since I have no financial interests other than the Thrift Savings with the Federal Government and am civic minded and consider myself a problem solver due to my engineering training and experience. I consider myself civic minded and have a deep sense of community, going back to my time in 1970 as Operational Electronics Divisional representative to the ship's recreation committee aboard USS John F. Kennedy CVA-67.

In 1978 I worked for proposition Eight Clean Indoor Air in Ventura County as one of it's primary organizers getting the highest positive vote in the State. Also that year I worked on the election campaign of John Flynn for County Supervisor. One of his primary issues was opposing an annexation attempt by the City of Port Huneme of the Silver Strand, which was opposed by a majority of Silver Strand residents.

I have lived in Eastern San Bernardino County for sixteen years, having been born in Van Nuys. Five years in Redlands, six in Loma Linda, one in San Bernardino and Highland each, so I had a feel for the life style in there areas.

Currently I work in maintenance at the VA Loma Linda and have applied for the job as electrician and am in tutor training for the Adult Literacy program at the Smiley Library.

Respectfully,



Leonard James Goldman

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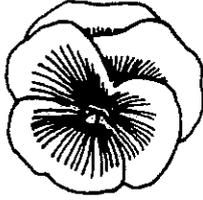
Machine Designer/Electrician

Currently and for the past ten years I have worked at the VA Loma Linda as a food service worker and want to retire after sixteen years of Federal service.

Engineering Experience: Eight years including Machine Designer for Cryomec Inc where I designed Hydrogen Vaporizers for NASA and NASA contractors. I designed the first Hydrogen Vaporizer built for CryoMec the customer was Wiley Labs in Norco, Ca. Prior to CryoMec designed LNG pumps for JC Carter ITT in Costa Mesa, Ca. for one and one half years. Prior to JC Carter I worked as a draftsman in the Aero-Mechanical Branch of the Engineering Applications Directorate of the Pacific Missile Test Center at Point Mugu for three years. Making detailed drawing of antennas and ground support equipment for fleet and Range aircraft prototypes. I also drew refrigeration and electrical schematics for Ransco Industries of Oxnard, Ca for Environmental Simulation Equipment.

Electrical Experience: Interior Communications Electrician Second Class on board USS John F. Kennedy. I was shop supervisor of the maintenance and operation of the ships navigation order and indicating systems.. After navigation I was shop supervisor of the Ships Service Telephone System and the Aviation Maintenance Telephone, supervising eight repairmen. I trained myself to trouble shoot the X-Y switching telephone exchange by reading the tech-manual.

Education: I completed 64 units in Chemistry at Cerritos College, Norwalk Ca. prior to entering the Navy. After being separated from the Navy I majored in Mechanical Engineering at Cal State University Long Beach. Completing Calculus, Physics and Statics and Dynamics and Metallurgy. I have an Associate of Science degree in Air Conditioning and Refrigeration from Long Beach City College and have completed forty units in Industrial Electrical Technology at Chaffey College Technical Campus in Chino, CA



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OF A. K. SMILEY PUBLIC LIBRARY

125 WEST VINE STREET, REDLANDS, CALIFORNIA 92373
(909) 798-7565

May 31, 2010

To Whom It May Concern

Leonard Goldman served as a volunteer in the Friends of the Library bookstore over the past two years.

He is friendly, cheerful and organized. He is always willing to help with whatever work needs to be done.

He is pleasant, cooperative and interested in learning new tasks.

Ellen Schollenberger
Bookstore Manager

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From
Rev. Dr. Donell Miller
1610 Helena Lane
Redlands, CA. 92373

LAFCO
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To
Kathleen Rollingo-McDonald
Executive Officer, LAFCO
215 N.D. Street, Suite 207
San Bernardino, CA. 92415

March 15, 2012

I write in behalf of Leonard Goldman, who has asked me to comment upon his candidacy for a position as alternate for the redistricting committee. I would welcome any specific question you may still have after reading this letter. My phone 909-798-2765 or Email 4donellmiller@gmail.com.

It seems to me he is especially well qualified to function in this capacity. He follows trends in the local political situation, forms opinions carefully after a thorough examination of the available bipartisan sources, not limited to the news media. He speaks his mind, but nevertheless is open to the viewpoints of others. In polarized situations he shows a talent for negotiation. He cares about people, and works toward seeing that their rights are respected. People feel safe in his hands,

Were I a forensic witness, as I have been in other states years ago, I'd speak from that perspective, but here I have not related with Leonard in any professional capacity. Our interaction is to be described as personal, social, educational and spiritual. Leonard has been a regular in "Action Methods for Spiritual Growth" which our churches sponsors, and where I make use of role training psychodrama techniques I've used in medical settings, but this is no clinical situation. I've not given Leonard any psychological tests; nor have I examined him in my capacity as a marriage family therapist. Leonard shows nothing in these areas to invite my professional concern.

I've known Leonard Goldman over three years, and have been present with him at church worship, at church breakfasts, in Bible Study as well as in the Action Methods group mentioned above. These settings require group participation, and allow me to see how well he relates with others, especially in the Action Group, which provides involvement with a wide variety of persons over a two and a half hour period every week.

This summarizes my opinion of him. He has moved from the periphery to the center of the group process. Once guarded, he has become very open and made a comfortable place for himself. Confrontation is not our style, but on the occasions when he has been given frank feedback he has received this in the spirit intended, and has shown he can learn from experience. When he took his turn in sharing his worries, he came to grasp another's point of view, and modified his interaction appropriately.

We like Leonard. We feel he belongs with us. He is serious about his faith. He is an active person. Once he was president of the contra dancers. Lately he's joined a tennis club. He has a clear sense of justice, and it hurts him to see others abused. But he has never shown any inclination to violence. He doesn't force himself on anyone. He maintains good relationships with persons from a wide spectrum of society, including a natural acceptance of minority persons regardless of ethnic, racial, or class differences.

Thank you for receiving this letter. If you are curious about my background, my PhD is in Clinical Psychology. I taught at the University of Redlands for ten years as faculty fellow in social and clinical psychology. I'm retired clergy, and am the current president of the Inland Empire chapter of California Marriage and Family Therapists. Yet I do not speak as a professional but as a character witness. I believe he is an ideal candidate..

Sincerely,

Donell Miller PhD

James Harvey
Resident of Johnson Valley

Jim Harvey
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Dear Kathleen Rollings-McDonald:

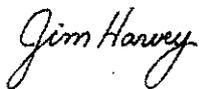
Thank you for the opportunity to submit this letter of application for the position of Alternate Public Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), current term expiring May 7, 2012.

Since 1963 LAFCOs have provided California with the necessary structure for effective review of local agencies and how they can best serve the residents in their jurisdictions. The LAFCO authority is instrumental in preventing arbitrary expansion of local agencies, while facilitating an orderly process for resolving competing regional interests.

While I am not opposed to community expansion, I believe oversight is imperative to ensure adequate and efficient services are maintained. I appreciate the priority LAFCO places on available agency services when considering requests for sphere of influence and jurisdictional revisions.

I have attached a brief resume of qualifications. Please feel free to contact me for further clarification if necessary.

Thank you,



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Brief Resume of Experiences:

January 2008

Formed the organization Alliance for Responsible Energy Policy (AREP)

The Alliance for Responsible Energy Policy is an organization that reviews national energy policy, and makes recommendations for renewable energy production that least impact our undisturbed, intact open spaces. I have contributed to news articles on this subject in The New York Times, The Los Angeles Times, Newsweek Magazine, and The Fox News channel.

March 2008

Delegated to Homestead Valley Community Council by the Johnson Valley Improvement Association.

June 2009

Elected President of Homestead Valley Community Council

I have been re-elected annually unopposed and currently hold this office. As President, I attended and participated in both LAFCO service reviews involving Homestead Valley communities.

Nov 2010

Elected to the Lucerne Valley Unified School District Board of Trustees (LVUSD).

I have attended several CA School Board Association Governance and Boardmanship workshops, including the Institute for New and First Term Board Members. I am well trained in California Conflict of Interest and Open Meeting statutes, and am very comfortable in Brown Act meeting settings.

Nov 2011

Assigned to STEAM Initiative Steering Committee

STEAM is an initiative for securing America's Leadership in science, technology, engineering, arts and mathematics fields and identifying promising strategies for strengthening education – Alliance for Education and San Bernardino County Superintendent of Schools.

Sunil Sethi
Resident of Upland

May 17, 2012



Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer
San Bernardino County LAFCO Commission
215 North D Street, Suite 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0409

Dear Ms Rollings-McDonald:

Please accept my letter requesting consideration for appointment to the San Bernardino County LAFCO Commission as the Alternate Public Member.

As a long time resident of San Bernardino County and an active member of the business community, I have great respect and appreciation for sound government and good quality planning. The work of the LAFCO Commission has wide ranging and long-lasting influence on the citizens and communities of our county, and I would take that responsibility very seriously. I have reached a point in my professional life that now affords me the time to dedicate myself to giving back more to my community and society in general.

It would be my honor to serve on the LAFCO Commission. If I am selected, I will do my very best to properly serve the people of San Bernardino County and strive to be a positive, contributing member of the Commission.

I have included a brief resume, per your request.

Thank you for your consideration,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sunil Sethi". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Sunil Sethi

RESUME

Sunil Sethi

Profile

Community involvement includes:

Member of Rancho Cucamonga Chamber of Commerce
Member of South East Asian Community Club
Member of Lions Club International

Education:

Bachelor of Science, Biology

Professional Background:

Ownership of a major food distribution company in Northern India
International Importer and Exporter of Asian foods for over a decade
Employed with Mercedes Benz of Anaheim for past ten years, and having a customer base of over 2500 professionals.
Co-owner of Antonino's Restaurant in Rancho Cucamonga
Co-Owner of Aria Restaurant in Upland
Co-Owner of Tapas Sports Bar in Rancho Cucamonga (under development)

Personal Profile:

Proud father of two very beautiful and successful daughters
Very Personable,
Easy to get along,
Good Listener,
Honest,
Open Minded,
FRIEND FOR LIFE.

Steven D. Whitten
Resident of Yucca Valley

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April 30th, 2012

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Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
215 North D Street, Suite 204
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Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald:

Ms. Rollings-McDonald,

I received your letter dated 16 April 2012 informing me of the date and time of Commission interviews for the position of Alternate Public Member.

Unfortunately, I will be out of the State on a pre-planned vacation on the 20th of June and will not be available to participate in the oral presentation.

I request to be informed if the Commission changes the date or has an alternate date for oral interviews.

Apologize for any inconvenience.

Thank you for considering my application to join the Local Agency Formation Commission as an Alternate Public Member.

Sincerely,



Steven D. Whitten

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February 21, 2012

Kathleen Rollings-McDonald
215 North D Street, Suite 204
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LAFCO
San Bernardino County

Dear Ms. Rollings-McDonald:

Please accept this letter, the enclosed resume, and list of References as application for consideration for the Alternate Public Member of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) vacancy.

I am currently employed as a Planner at the Public Works Division aboard the Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center in Twentynine Palms.

I recently completed my duties as the Vice-Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Twentynine Palms. I also completed a one year term of serving as an appointed Planning Commissioner for the City of Twentynine Palms, but was required to resign as the current Development Code requires sitting Planning Commissioners to reside within the City Limits.

I believe representation from a somewhat isolated area of San Bernardino County such as the Morongo Basin as well as my experience and knowledge as a Planner, Vice Chair of the General Plan Advisory Committee and a Planning Commissioner will add value to the Commission.

Thank you for considering my application to join the Local Agency Formation Commission as an Alternate Public Member.

Sincerely,

Steven D. Whitten

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EXPERIENCE

09/2008 to Present

Planning Engineering Technician/Planner - Asbestos & Lead Program Manager

Public Works Division, Marine Corps Air Ground Combat Center, Twentynine Palms, CA
Gwynn Sadlier , 760-830-5188

Serves as an Engineering Technician/Planner, performing a variety of functions and assignments relating to the facilities planning and programming of all projects requiring authorization and/or funding by higher headquarters. Also serves as the Asbestos & Lead Program Manager for MCAGCC. Knowledge and experience as the Real Property Asset Manager.

Analyzes the missions, tasks and goals of the Combat center and translates these into facilities requirements. Develops projects and prepares project justifications, including detailed descriptions and accurate projected cost estimates to meet present and projected Combat Center requirements and to correct facilities deficiencies. Compiles all projects into appropriate program categories and recommends priorities for accomplishment. These programs include the Military Construction Program, the Major Repair/Minor Construction O&MMC, family Housing and Improvement Program, Non-appropriated Fund Activities Program, and Urgent Minor Construction Program.

Assists in the development of The Combat Center Master Plan, providing comprehensive information relative to utility systems, land usage, site development, circulation plans, and future Combat Center requirements. Coordinates with local organizations and their agencies, such as Headquarters Marine Corps, Engineering Field Divisions, and other federal, state and local agencies for the achievement of maximum utilization of resources to more fully meet the requirements of The Combat Center. Keeps informed of all changes in real property usage, keeping the real property inventory up to date, and preparing documents for approval to dispose of excess and substandard facilities.

Knowledge of fundamentals, usual practices and national codes of building construction and typical electrical, mechanical and utility systems. Knowledge of capabilities and limitations of the maintenance forces and the crafts & trades employed. Knowledge of financial management principles, methods, techniques and systems. Screen and classify work request. Review contract plans and specifications to detect and recommend corrections to any potential maintenance problems. Knowledge and experience of general management and leadership principles, techniques and procedures.

08/2004 to 09/2008

Community Planning Technician and Asbestos & Lead Program Manager

Public Works Division, MCAGCC, Twentynine Palms, Ca.
Gwynn Sadlier, (760)830-5188

Assigned additional duties as Asbestos Program Manager for MCAGCC 29 Palms. AHERA Accredited & Cal/OSHA Certified Building Inspector & Management Planner for Asbestos.

Responsible for preparing responses to HQMC calls for projects and studies justifications, recommends to the Public Works Officer (PWO) priorities and submitting data. Review the specifications of the contract for input into INFADS for Capital Improvements to each property record by using the information provided on the DD 1354 and UCD for each project. Provided input for space planning in accordance with the UFC-2000-05N (P-80). Proficient with the EPG, FSRM, MAXIMO, CORRS, FAIM, and INFADS databases. Knowledge and experience as the Real Property Asset Manager.

Knowledge of architecture and environmental as they relate to planning. Knowledge of NAVFAC facilities, projects, funding authority levels and sources, contract requirements, contract documents, proposal and bidding procedures, types of contract used to provide services and knowledge of the contractor selection process. Responsible for the development or review of information and plans addressing a variety of planning issues such as conflicting land uses, economic growth, environmental issues, and the social/cultural welfare of military/civilian communities.

Able to evaluate planning projects for technical validity, and prepare analytical reports. Knowledge of a wide range of concepts, principles and practices as applied to planning. Able to compile necessary supporting justification for projects, planning documents including scopes, Site Approvals, economic analyses, current situations and impacts if not provided. Have working knowledge in areas such as site development, facility layout, and traffic circulation. Working knowledge of the Navy and Marine Corps SFPS and have the ability to maintain and update the various filing and record keeping systems.

Knowledge of the basic construction plans, including the ability to read and understand blueprints, sufficient math skills to calculate distances, building areas, airfield safety clearance and record capital improvements. Performs routine work in computer aided design systems and Global Information Systems (GIS).

Assisted in the development of The Combat Center Master Plan, providing comprehensive information relative to utility systems, land usage, site development, circulation plans, and future Combat Center requirements. Coordinated with local organizations and their agencies, such as Headquarters Marine Corps, Engineering Field Divisions, and other federal, state and local agencies for the achievement of maximum utilization of resources to more fully meet the requirements of The Combat Center. Knowledge of the Combat Centers programs, policies and goals. Knowledge of Department of Defense planning and programming cycles.

EDUCATION

Traverse City St. Francis High, Traverse City, Michigan; 1978 High School Diploma

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

2003Pest Management Quality Assurance Evaluator Trained 04/2004

CITRIX Trained 01/2004

ArcGIS I 09/2008

USMCMAX 6.2

Safety Assessment Program Evaluator, 12/15/2009

Economic Analysis; 32 Hrs, 01/2010

ECONOPAK 4.0.1

Facility Planner Course, 32Hrs,023/10

Success Cost Estimator; 16Hrs, 11/10

Planners Institute – League of California Cities; March 03/11

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/CERTIFICATES

AHERA Accredited Building Inspector & Management Planner for Asbestos, 09/06, BIMP276 5.0 IH CM Points.

Certified Cal/OSHA Building Inspector and Management Planner for Asbestos, 09/06, BIMP276 5.0 IH CM Points.

Building Inspector and Management Planner for Asbestos Recertified 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011

Lead Abatement Supervision & Monitoring, 03/07, ABIH CREDIT: 5.0 IH CM

Refrigeration/Air Conditioning, 2.1 CEU's,

EPA Certified Type I Technician, ESCO Institute, 07/03, 40 CFR Part 82

Refrigeration/Air Conditioning, 2.1 CEU's, 07/03

CPR and Basic First Aid certified, MCAGCC, 12/00

California Drivers License

Live Scan, San Bernardino County Sheriff, 08/00

Pyrotechnic Handler Certified, MCAGCC, 01/01

HAZWOPER Awareness Level Training, MCAGCC, 04/98

Hazardous Waste Handling Course, MCAGCC, 12/98

PROFESSIONAL RATINGS, AWARDS, AND RECOGNITIONS

Meritorious Service Medal, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon w/2 stars, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal w/Silver Star, Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 stars, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon w/1 star, Overseas Deployment Ribbon w/ 2 stars, Recruiting Ribbon, Marine Security Guard Ribbon, Kuwait Liberation Medal (S), Kuwait Liberation Medal (K).

Commanding General's Certificate of Commendation -- 10/2006

Cash Awards: 2004,2005, 2006,2009

OTHER INFORMATION

Typing Speed: 75wpm

Planning Commissioner -- City of Twentynine Palms; 01/11 to 12/11 -- Resigned due to change of Residence (No Longer Eligible to Serve per the current Development Code.)

Vice Chair of General Plan Advisory Committee for the City of Twentynine Palms - 08/08 to 05/11

Promoted to GS-11 Sep 2009.

Held Top Secret Security Clearance. Complete SBI done 05/92.

U.S. MILITARY SERVICE INFORMATION

Active Duty: 06/1979 to 06/1999 - U.S. Marine Corps

Campaign badges and/or expeditionary medals received: Southwest Asia Service Medal w/2 stars, Kuwait Liberation Medal (k), Kuwait Liberation Medal (s)

Honorable Discharge

Retirement Rank: E-8. Date: 06/30/1999

References for
STEVEN D. WHITTEN

John Cole

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