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KATE McKENNA, AICP
 Executive Officer

DATE: August 22, 2008

TO: Members of the Independent Special District Selection Committee
 c/o District General Managers

FROM: Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Second Round Ballot for Election of LAFCO Special District Regular Member**

Enclosed is the second round ballot for election of one Independent Special District Regular Member to serve a four-year term on the Local Agency Formation Commission of Monterey County. Due to a tie vote (14-14), no representative was elected in the first round of ballots. As there are no tie-breaking provisions, the law requires us to call for another election. Districts that voted in the first round will need to vote again. All Districts are encouraged to vote in the second round.

The second round ballot must be signed by the presiding officer of the legislative body of each independent Special District, or an appointed designee of that legislative body. The deadline for returning ballots to LAFCO is **Wednesday, October 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.**

Thank you to all the Districts that participated in the first round. We look forward to a successful second round election of a Regular Member representative. A subsequent ballot for election of one Special District Alternate Member will be issued after the election of a Regular Member, pursuant to procedures adopted by the Independent Special District Selection Committee.

Please contact me if you have questions or need further information.

Enclosure

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LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF MONTEREY COUNTY

August 22, 2008

**SECOND ROUND - OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT SELECTION COMMITTEE**

**FOR ELECTION OF ONE REGULAR SPECIAL DISTRICT
REPRESENTATIVE TO LAFCO**

Voting Instructions:

1. The presiding officer of the legislative body of the District or the legislative body's alternate officer is authorized to vote. Please vote for one candidate. A majority of Districts must return ballots in order to conclude the election. The candidate receiving the most votes will be elected to a Regular Member seat.
2. Please return this ballot to **LAFCO of Monterey County** at P.O. Box 1369, Salinas, CA 93902 or at 132 W. Gabilan Street, Suite 102, Salinas or by FAX at 831-754-5831.
3. **Deadline** - Ballots must be received in the LAFCO office by **October 1, 2008 at 5:00 p.m.** LAFCO may extend this deadline if more time is needed to obtain ballots from a majority of Districts.

PLEASE VOTE FOR 1 CANDIDATE (REGULAR MEMBER SEAT):

Don Champion
North County Fire Protection District

Anne McGowan
Carmel Valley Fire Protection District

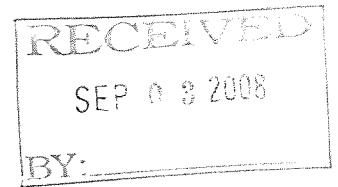
VOTING MEMBER'S SIGNATURE: _____

INDEPENDENT SPECIAL DISTRICT: _____

DATE: _____

**Anne McGowan
27185 Prado del Sol
Carmel, CA 93923**

September 2, 2008



William Merry, General Manager
Monterey Regional Waste Management District
P.O. Box 1670
Marina, CA 93933

RE: LAFCO Special District – Representative Election

Dear Board members:

This letter is to ask you again to support my election as Special District representative to LAFCO. I have served in this position since we (the Special Districts) first gained a seat on the LAFCO Board in 2002. Presently, I serve as the Chair of LAFCO's finance committee.

I am well versed in the kinds of issues which LAFCO decides, and as a practicing attorney with twenty plus years of land use, environmental and government law experience, I also understand the legal ramifications of LAFCO issues.

My legal background is especially important now, as LAFCO has embarked upon dangerous waters, sometimes allowing politics, rather than sound land use principles and established law, to dictate results. This course of action, **which I have always opposed**, has caused LAFCO to become responsible for an unnecessary and totally unproductive five hundred thousand dollar (\$500,000) legal bill, part of which will come out of your budget.


I have always been, and remain committed to sound, lawful LAFCO deliberations and decisions. Now that other Board members know that following my advice would have saved LAFCO more than half a million dollars, my leadership role has increased. Thus, I expect to be even more effective in providing the kind of impartial judgments and deliberations that LAFCO desperately needs.

I am confident that I have represented well the interests of the Special Districts on LAFCO. As a Board Member of a small fire district, and as Counsel to the Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District, I know how important every dollar can be to a special district's work. So, I have made sure that no action that I have taken ever has subjected LAFCO to any unnecessary expense.

In asking for your vote, I offer you experience, impartiality, and maturity of judgment. I promise that I will use these attributes always in the public and Special District's interest, and never for narrow partisan political or economic advantage. This is the manner in which I always have conducted the public's business, and in which I will continue.

Thank you for considering my re-election to the LAFCO Board.

Sincerely,


Anne McGowan

**STATEMENT OF ANNE D. MCGOWAN IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION
TO CONTINUE AS LAFCO COMMISSIONER:**

LAFCO first made a place on its commission for 2 special district representatives in 2002 when Commissioner Tom Perkins and I were elected by the 40+ Monterey County Special Districts to serve on that commission. My second term is expiring, and I am seeking reelection for a 4 year term.

If reelected, I will continue to protect the interests of special districts in Monterey County by:

- Carrying on my duties as Chair of the LAFCO Budget and Finance Committee as the first special district member to serve on this important committee.
- Working to end the state's plunder of special district revenues to balance the state budget.
- Ensuring an orderly and prompt transfer of taxes to special districts in annexations, consolidations and other reorganizations.
- Making sure the provision-of-services concerns of the special districts are considered early on in every proposal for development, annexation, consolidation, changes in the sphere of influence, and other reorganizations.

My years working with the County of Monterey and with various special districts have provided me with practical and legal experience in public agency and related issues. I have been actively involved in the following matters: annexation and consolidation projects; personnel matters, including benefits and discipline, taxation, finance and budgets; environmental matters, and local, state, and federal political processes.

Presently, as a board member for the Carmel Valley Fire Protection District, I serve on the personnel committee and represent management on the MOU negotiation team. My work as attorney for three special districts also includes day to day interface with various levels of government and with special district legal issues.

I believe that my service on LAFCO will help special districts achieve parity with cities and counties, as well as recognition of the value of the unique service focus we each have. In this era of the State of California raid on our revenues, it has become even more important to protect the reserves of our special districts and to look for ways for each district to become more efficient and accountable to its constituents. As a voting voice on LAFCO I will work for these goals.

In my 20 years of experience both as a special district board member and as a legal advisor to special districts, I have become thoroughly familiar with the law, the day-to-day work of staff, the frequent board and committee meetings, the budget and finance, personnel, and the political interface with cities, counties, state and federal agencies. I will continue to use my experience, my loyalty to the special district form of local government, my strong work habits, and my ability to get along with people to be an effective voice for special districts.

Please vote for me to allow me to continue my work in representing you and the services your district provides.

Anne D. McGowan

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PERSONAL INFORMATION:

Widowed; 4 adult children, 10 grandchildren. Hobbies: reading, gardening, tennis

EDUCATION:

2005 Mediation Intensive Training Program 32 hours with The Center for Mediation in Law at Green Gulch Farm, Marin County
2001, Golden Gate University, Master of Laws in Taxation, with honors
1979 Pepperdine University School of Law, JD, Dean's List '78-79
1960 Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA, BS Nursing, Cum Laude

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES and CERTIFICATIONS

2002 California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization; Certified Specialist in Estate Planning, Trust and Probate Law
1979 California State Bar No. 087376
1960 Pennsylvania, Registered Nurse (currently inactive)

WORK EXPERIENCE:

1995--present Partner, Law Offices of Stewart, Green & McGowan. Emphasis in estate planning, wills, trusts and probate, public agency, environmental law and real property matters.

1983—present General Counsel, Monterey Peninsula Regional Park District

1987—1992 Monterey College of Law, Professor, Professional Responsibility

1981—1987 Partner, De Lay, Laredo & McGowan, emphasis on public agency and education law.

1979—1981 County of Monterey, Deputy County Counsel: development of legal implementation of Big Sur Local Coastal Program, County Inclusionary Housing Ordinance, various other matters.

Hoge, Fenton, Jones & Appel, Monterey, CA: affordable housing

1977-1979 California Attorney General Office, Los Angeles, Environmental Section Internship.

City of Orange, Independent Study during law school: development of subdivision ordinance.

1961-1979 4 children; volunteer community activities

1960—1961 Fauquier Hospital, Warrenton VA: Staff nurse, obstetrics.

PUBLICATIONS:

“Legal Considerations, Big Sur Local Program Implementation,” July 1980.

“Why the ABA Should Adopt a Pro-Choice Policy,” CWL News, August 1992.

LECTURES, SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:

“Ethics for lawyers”: Monterey County Bar Association, Santa Cruz Bar Association; State Bar Solo and Small Firm Practice Section, continuing education seminars. 1990-1997.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

President, California Women Lawyers Educational Foundation.

Former Member, California State Bar, Standing Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct.

Former Member, Monterey County Bar Assn Executive Committee, Conference of Delegates.

Former President, California Women Lawyers.

Former President, Monterey County Women Lawyers.

Chair, Domestic Violence Task Force, Monterey County Women Lawyers

Member Pro Bono Panel, Monterey County Legal Services Corporation.

Member, Will Panel, Monterey County Legal Services for Seniors.

COMMUNITY AWARDS AND INVOLVEMENT:

2002 to present, Monterey County Local Agency Formation Commissioner, (LAFCO)

1985 to present, Director, Carmel Valley Fire Protection District.

1993 Planned Parenthood of Monterey County: Purple Ribbon Award.

1992 Monterey County on the Status of Women: Outstanding Woman of the Year.

1992 Soroptomist International of the Monterey Peninsula: Woman of Distinction Award for work in Human Rights.

1988 Carlow University, Pittsburgh, PA: Alumnae Association Law Service Award.

Former President, Democratic Women’s Club of Monterey County.

Former President, National Women’s Political Caucus, Monterey Bay.

Former Trustee, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

Former Director, Monterey College of Law

Former President, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Mental Health Advisory Board.

Former President, American Heart Association, Central Mission Trails Chapter.

Former President, Cultural Council for Monterey County.

Don Champion, Ph.D., M.P.A.

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September 8, 2008

Dear Board Members,

A vote by your District for Don Champion will protect special districts by controlling costs. That vote will improve the status of Special Districts.

LAFCO's approach to issues has resulted in litigation that is costly in time, money, and good will. Two major litigations involve Carmel Valley, i.e. Carmel Valley Fire and Ambulance, and the incorporation of Carmel Valley and have cost more than \$500,000 and have been on the LAFCO agenda almost this entire century paid for in part by Special Districts and from LAFCO reserves. Special districts are paying twice: from current fees and also from past fees which were paid by Special districts for LAFCO reserves.

Our current LAFCO representation led to litigation that is not needed nor wanted. Let us stop spending money on costly time consuming bogged down litigation. Lawyers do what they know how to do. They try to solve problems by using the courts to settle disputes. This is costly in both time and money.

Different results do not happen by using the same methods promulgated by the same people. Issues need to be settled up front, out of court, by working to implement win/win solutions. If you change the people and change the methods the results will change from litigation to win/win. Which do you want?

Let's eliminate the costly, time consuming and inefficient conflict, litigation and lack of progress to which we have become accustomed. Instead we need a methodology of well planned, administered, and executed processes that manifest win/win solutions. You have a choice of having someone who will continue with the old way of trying to solve issues through litigation or some one who has experience using effective data gathering, planning, implementation and responsible resource management to achieve win/win solutions this will not only save time and money but will promote the excellent public service that our constituents deserve.

Electing me, Don Champion, will result not only in my working to protect special districts, but also to control costs and bring needed leadership to LAFCO.

Respectfully yours,

Don Champion

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Qualifications

Education:

- **Ph.D., Organization Psychology**, California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), Berkeley-Alameda, Organizational Specialization in management and process consultation. Dissertation: Job-Person Congruence, Satisfaction and Job Motivating Potential. Using a population of firefighters from three fire departments, City of Salinas, CA; Salinas Rural Fire District and North Monterey County Fire District to determine a rank order of the knowledge, skills and abilities required to be a successful, satisfied and motivated firefighter.
- **M.A., Psychology**, California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), Berkeley-Alameda,
- **M.P.A., Public Administration**, San Jose State University, Honors and Member of the Pi Alpha Alpha Honor Society for significant contribution in the field of Public Administration
- **M.A. (A.B.S.), Fine Arts: Painting**, San Jose State University
- **B.A., Arts, Crafts and History**, University of California, Santa Cruz
- **Special District Leadership and Management Certificate**, California Special District Institute
- FAA certified Instrument Rated Private Airplane Pilot
- Land Rover Certified Off Road Expedition Driving Instructor
- Red Cross Certified Instructor-Trainer

Experience:

- **U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services, Employee Assistance Program (E.A.P.) for all Western Regional Federal Agencies** to provide intervention and resolution for incidences of violence in the workplace and training and development for the prevention and assessment of violence in the workplace.
- 1995-1997: Full time Faculty, **Heald Business College**, Taught core curricula: Psychology, Anthropology, Business Law, Business Supervision and Management.
- 1993-1998: Adjunct Faculty, **Golden Gate University**, Graduate School of Business and Public Administration. Taught Organization Psychology, Organization Development and Change, Budget Strategies and Management.
- 1996-1998: Adjunct Faculty, **Chapman University**, Graduate School of Business and Public Administration. Taught Strategic Planning and Strategic Management
- 1994-2004: **Internship Site Supervisor** for Ph.D. Candidates, **California School of Professional Psychology, O.D.**, Strategic Planning and Workshop Facilitation.
- Elected three times to the **North Monterey County Fire District** Board of Directors, served three terms as President.
- Past President for four terms, **Arrowhead Ranch Homeowners Association**
- Past President for three terms, **Arrowhead Mutual Water Company**

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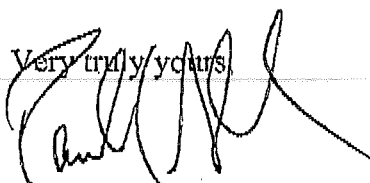
September 9, 2008

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

RE: DON CHAMPION ELECTION TO LAFCO

Dear Special District:

I am writing to request the support of your District for the appointment of Don Champion to LAFCO. I have known and worked with Don for many years in his capacity as a Director of the North County Fire Protection District, and I have found him to be a thorough, thoughtful and hard working representative who has the capacity to work with other Board members to bring about solutions to problems. He has always had the best interest of the citizens in mind when he confronts matters coming before the Fire District Board, and he constantly strives to find solutions that benefit the parties involved while at the same time maintaining legal requirements. He will bring to LAFCO this same attitude and dedication to the Commission, and he will, I believe, be constantly aware of the needs of special districts throughout Monterey County. I am hopeful your District will support Don, and if you have any questions please feel free to give me a call, or contact Don directly.

Very truly yours,


PAUL D. GULLION

June 17, 2008

Castroville Community Services District
Board of Directors
11499 Geil Street
Castroville, CA 95012

Dear Board of Directors:

I am writing to the Castroville Community Services, District, Board of Directors, regarding the call for nominations for the selection of two LAFCO Commissioners and request that the Board of Directors support and endorse Mr. Don Champion as a LAFCO Commissioner for North County.

Furthermore, I have worked with Mr. Champion for several years on the North County Fire District Board of Directors and have found him to be diligent and effective on making decisions and taking action. Most importantly, he always seems to ask the key questions and is a constant advocate for North County. He has also demonstrated his commitment by his consistent attendance and punctuality at the North County Fire District Board of Directors meetings.

When it comes to vote for your LAFCO Commissioner, I once more request that the Castroville Community Services District, Board of Directors please consider supporting Mr. Don Champion. He certainly has my support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Silvio Bernardi".

Silvio Bernardi

NORTH COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT of Monterey County

May 14, 2008

Kate McKenna, AICP, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
P.O. Box 1369
Salinas, CA 93902

Dear Kate,

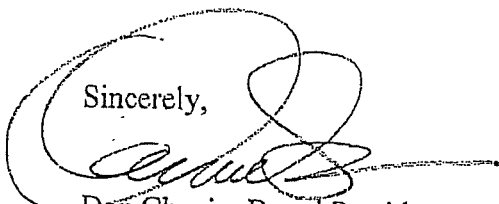
Please accept this letter as my nomination of fellow Director, Don Champion for special district's representative to the LAFCO Board.

I have worked with Dr. Champion for nearly 10 years on the Board of Directors for the North County Fire District. He was at the origins of the Monterey County Special Districts Association and was integral in getting representation on LAFCO.

I know that he is devoted to the concept of local governance and to the efficiencies of regional service provisions. He will be an excellent representative, keeping the interests of all districts and disciplines in the forefront of his mind.

Please accept this nomination on behalf of our entire Board of Directors.

Sincerely,



Don Chapin, Board President

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Castroville
Elkhorn
Las Lomas
Moss Landing
Oak Hills
Pajaro
Prunedale
Royal Oaks

