



Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County
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Agenda Item No. 7a (Action)

January 3, 2013

TO: Local Agency Formation Commission

FROM: Keene Simonds, Executive Officer

SUBJECT: Commendation for Dedicated Service: William Chiat

The Commission will recognize the distinguished service of William Chiat upon his recent retirement as the Executive Director for the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions. A draft resolution of commendation will be presented for formal adoption.

California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) was established in 1971 to assist members in effectively fulfilling their duties to coordinate the orderly formation and development of governmental agencies and services. Key services include facilitating information sharing among members by organizing annual conferences and workshops as well as providing technical assistance through ongoing educational training classes. CALAFCO also serves as a resource to the Legislature and actively drafts and reviews new legislation on behalf of members.

A. Background / Discussion

At the December 3, 2012 meeting, LAFCO of Napa County (“Commission”) received a report from attending members on the 2012 CALAFCO Annual Conference held on October 3-5 at the Hyatt Regency and Conference Center in Monterey. Markedly, and among other items discussed, several members expressed interest for the Commission to formally recognize the pertinent and lasting contributions made to CALAFCO by its recently retired Executive Director William Chiat. Members specifically noted Mr. Chiat’s leadership in advancing CALAFCO’s legislative advocacy efforts, establishing needed training sessions for members, and improving the quality and depth of conference and workshop sessions. Members also noted Mr. Chiat’s service with CALAFCO also served the particular interest of Napa County given his commitment to educate and empower LAFCOs in their role in protecting open-space and agricultural resources.

With the preceding considerations in mind, the Commission will consider formally adopting the attached draft resolution commending Mr. Chiat for his dedicated service to CALAFCO and by extension to the people of Napa County.

Lewis Chilton, Commissioner
Councilmember, Town of Yountville

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County of Napa Supervisor, 1st District

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County of Napa Supervisor, 2nd District

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Executive Officer

B. Alternatives for Commission Action

The following alternative actions are available to the Commission:

Alternative Action One (Recommend):

Adopt the attached draft resolution commending William Chiat for his dedicated service to CALAFCO.

Alternative Action Two:

Continue consideration of the item to the next regular meeting and provide direction to staff as needed. This option would be appropriate if Mr. Chiat is unable to attend the meeting.

C. Recommendation

The Executive Officer recommends Alternative One as outlined in the preceding section.

D. Procedures for Consideration

This item has been agendaized for formal action. Mr. Chiat has been invited and is scheduled to be in attendance. The following procedures are recommended with respect to the Commission's consideration of this item:

- 1) Commissioner comments; and
- 2) Invite public comments (discretionary);
- 3) Consider action on recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,

Keene Simonds
Executive Officer

Attachment:

- 1) Draft Resolution: Commendation for William Chiat

RESOLUTION NO. ____

**RESOLUTION OF
THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF NAPA COUNTY
COMMENDATION FOR WILLIAM CHIAT**

WHEREAS, William Chiat, served as the Executive Director for the California Association of Local Agency Formation Commissions (CALAFCO) between 2004 and 2012; and

WHEREAS, under William Chiat's leadership and guidance, CALAFCO has become an effective and respected information resource and legislative advocate to the enduring benefit of all 58 Local Agency Formation Commissions (LAFCOs) in California; and

WHEREAS, William Chiat earned the respect and gratitude of his colleagues with his thoughtful approach in assisting and improving the ability of LAFCOs to fulfill their legislative mission to oversee and facilitate logical and orderly municipal growth and development; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO of Napa County, hereinafter referred to as the "Commission," is particularly grateful for William Chiat for his commitment to further educate and empower LAFCOs in protecting against the premature conversion of open-space and agricultural resources; a commitment the Commission first came to appreciate in William Chiat's previous service as the Executive Officer for the County of Napa; and

WHEREAS, the Commission wishes William Chiat continued happiness and success upon his recent retirement from CALAFCO;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the members of the Commission, individually and collectively, convey their heartfelt appreciation and admiration for the service rendered by William Chiat to CALAFCO and wish to acknowledge and commend the value his service has added to this Commission and to the people of Napa County.

The foregoing resolution was passed and adopted by the Commission at a public meeting held on January 7, 2013.

Brad Wagenknecht, Chair

Attest:

Keene Simonds, Executive Officer