



**Local Agency Formation Commission of Napa County**  
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**Agenda Item 7d (Action)**

**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

**PREPARED BY:** Brendon Freeman, Executive Officer *BF*  
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**MEETING DATE:** August 2, 2021

**SUBJECT:** CALAFCO Annual Conference Nominations for Achievement Awards

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**RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends the Commission take the following actions:

- 1) If interested, nominate a person and/or project for an achievement award; and
- 2) Authorize the Chair to make any final decisions related to achievement awards.

**BACKGROUND AND SUMMARY**

The 2021 CALAFCO Annual Conference is scheduled for October 6<sup>th</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport. The Annual Conference will include Board of Directors (“Board”) elections and an achievement awards ceremony.

On October 31, 2019, Vice Chair Mohler was re-elected to serve a second two-year term on the Board as the Coastal Region City Member. Commissioner Mohler is eligible for re-election.

On June 7, 2021, the Commission considered several actions related to the Annual Conference. The Commission appointed Chair Dillon and Vice Chair Mohler as the regular and alternate voting delegates, respectively, to represent the Commission during the Board election and annual business meeting at the Annual Conference. The Commission also nominated Vice Chair Mohler for re-election to the CALAFCO Board of Directors. The submitted nomination packet for Vice Chair Mohler’s re-election is included as Attachment One. The Commission continued consideration of achievement award nominations to today’s meeting.

As part of this item, the Commission will consider making nominations for achievement awards at the Annual Conference. A summary of possible nominations follows.

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Margie Mohler, Vice Chair  
Councilmember, Town of Yountville

Mariam Aboudamous, Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of American Canyon

Beth Painter, Alternate Commissioner  
Councilmember, City of Napa

Diane Dillon, Chair  
County of Napa Supervisor, 3rd District

Brad Wagenknecht, Commissioner  
County of Napa Supervisor, 1st District

Ryan Gregory, Alternate Commissioner  
County of Napa Supervisor, 2nd District

Kenneth Leary, Commissioner  
Representative of the General Public

Eve Kahn, Alternate Commissioner  
Representative of the General Public

Brendon Freeman  
*Executive Officer*

### ***Achievement Award Nominations***

CALAFCO invites individual LAFCOs to nominate persons or projects for various achievement awards (Attachment Two). The awards were established in 1997 and currently include eight categories ranging from “Outstanding Commissioner” to “Lifetime Achievement Award”. The Commission’s most recent award was in 2018 when Vice Chair Mohler received the “Outstanding Commissioner” award. Award winners will be announced during the banquet dinner scheduled for Thursday, October 7<sup>th</sup>.

If the Commission would like to nominate any persons or projects for awards, the deadline to submit nominations to CALAFCO is August 13<sup>th</sup>. The nomination period is July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2021. If a member of the Commission indicates interest in nominating a person and/or project for any awards, staff recommends the Commission consider a formal nomination of that person and/or project. Staff also recommends authorizing the Chair to make final decisions in consultation with the Executive Officer with respect to nominations for achievement awards if a decision can’t be made at today’s meeting.

Persons and projects that may merit consideration for specific awards include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Chair Dillon, “Lifetime Achievement Award” or “Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service – *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*” for stewardship of agricultural preservation
- Commissioner Wagenknecht, “Lifetime Achievement Award” or “Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service – *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*” for stewardship of agricultural preservation
- Vice Chair Mohler, “Outstanding Commissioner” for continued dedicated service on the Policy Committee and the Budget Committees for the last two years
- Commissioner Leary, “Outstanding Commissioner” for serving as Chair as a City Member in 2020 until terming out as a City Councilmember, then returning to the Commission as Public Member, and for continued service on the Outreach Committee
- Napa LAFCO staff, “Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service – *Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*” for the idea generation and development of CALAFCO relevancy handouts (example: [www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/uploads/documents/CALAFCO\\_HelpingCA\\_NapaLAFCO.pdf](http://www.napa.lafco.ca.gov/uploads/documents/CALAFCO_HelpingCA_NapaLAFCO.pdf))
- Senator Dodd, “Legislator of the Year” for Senate Bill 235 (2019) relating to regional housing needs allocations to facilitate the Napa Pipe annexation and development

### **ATTACHMENTS**

- 1) Margie Mohler Submitted Nomination for CALAFCO Board of Directors
- 2) CALAFCO Invitation for Achievement Award Nominations



Date Received  
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**Board of Directors  
2021/2022 Candidate Resume Form  
(Complete both pages)**

Nominated By: Napa LAFCo Date: Jul 19, 2021

Region (please check one):  Northern  Coastal  Central  Southern

Category (please check one):  City  County  Special District  Public

Candidate Name Margie Mohler

Address [REDACTED]

Phone Office (707) 944-8463 Mobile [REDACTED]

e-mail MMohler@yville.com

Personal and Professional Background:

See attached

LAFCo Experience:

See attached

CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

See attached

Availability:

See attached

Other Related Activities and Comments:

See attached

**NOTICE OF DEADLINE**

Nominations must be received by **September 7, 2021** at 5:00 p.m. to be considered by the Election Committee. Send completed nominations to:  
CALAFCO Election Committee  
CALAFCO  
1020 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 222  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Or email to: [info@calafco.org](mailto:info@calafco.org)



## **Margie Mohler**

Napa County LAFCO Commissioner  
CALAFCO Board Member (Treasurer)



### Candidate Statement:

“My first two terms as a CALAFCO Board Member have been a rich learning experience and a very rewarding opportunity. CALAFCO serves its members by providing education, legislative engagement, and information for orderly growth. During my current term, the Board has prepared strategic and financial plans, white papers, and legislation to support LAFCO grant funding. I ask for your vote for a third term to further advance CALAFCO’s mission that benefits all 58 LAFCOs.”

### Personal and Professional Background:

Margie was first elected to the Yountville Town Council in 2008. The Town Council appointed Margie as Vice Mayor in 2016. Margie received a B.A in Microbiology at the University of Kansas followed by graduate work at the University of Kansas Medical Center. Following positions at major pharmaceutical companies, Margie founded a drug consulting firm in 2001. She has authored over 70 publications, book chapters, and technical books in her field. She served as an officer on the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists Executive Council for 7 years.

### LAFCO Experience:

Margie was honored by CALAFCO as Outstanding Commissioner of the Year 2018. Margie has served as a City member on Napa County LAFCO since 2017 and has served on their policy, budget, and legislative subcommittees. Margie served as Napa LAFCO Chair from 2018-2019.

### CALAFCO or State-level Experience:

Margie was first elected as a City member to represent the Coastal Region on the CALAFCO Board of Directors in 2017 and was re-elected in 2019 to a second term. Margie was elected to the CALAFCO Executive Committee in 2020 and currently serves as Treasurer. Margie has been an active member of the League of California Cities. She was appointed to, and has continuously served on, the League’s Environmental Quality Policy Committee since 2009.

### Availability:

Margie attended all CALAFCO Board meetings, and is committed to attending all future Board meetings and being an active participant on its subcommittees.

### Other Related Activities and Comments:

Margie is active in local history and historic preservation, and has represented the Town of Yountville and community on the following countywide boards and commissions: Upper Valley Waste Management Authority (Chair), Napa County LAFCO (City Member), Napa Valley Transportation Authority, League of California Cities, Water Information and Conservation Council, and Napa County Historical Board (Treasurer).



**Date:** May 24, 2021

**To:** CALAFCO Members  
LAFCo Commissioners and Staff  
Other Interested Organizations

**From:** CALAFCO Achievement Awards Committee

**Subject: 2021 CALAFCO Achievement Award Nominations**



On behalf of the Association, we are pleased to announce the newly updated CALAFCO Achievement Awards program and the opening of the nomination period. During the past year while the Committee and program were in hiatus due to the pandemic, the program underwent a comprehensive review and update. On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved and adopted the program.

Each year, CALAFCO recognizes outstanding achievements by dedicated and committed individuals and/or organizations from throughout the state at the Annual Conference Achievement Awards Ceremony. This year's ceremony will be on October 7 at the Hyatt Regency Newport Beach John Wayne Airport, during the awards banquet.

Recognizing individual and organizational achievements is an important responsibility. It provides visible recognition and support to those who go *above and beyond* in their work to advance the principles and goals of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act. We invite you to use this opportunity to nominate the individuals and organizations you feel deserve this important recognition based on the criteria outlined. *Please carefully review the nomination instructions and the criteria for each category. Incomplete nominations will not be considered by the Committee, nor will nominations that do not adhere to the submittal guidelines.*

*For this year only*, the nomination period covers the 2020 and 2021 timeframe. This is because there were no awards last year. This will be a one-time only expansion of the timeframe. ***SPECIFICALLY, THAT IS JULY 1, 2019 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2020. Please ensure your nomination highlights achievements only during this timeframe.***

To make a nomination, please use the following procedure:

1. Nominations may be made by an individual, a LAFCo, a CALAFCO Associate Member, or any other organization.
2. Each nomination must meet the specific award category criteria for consideration. The Committee will not consider any nomination for an award for any category other than the one for which it was submitted. Duplicate nominations *will not be considered by the Committee.*
3. Nominations ***must be submitted with a completed nomination form.*** Please use a separate form for each nomination. The form is your opportunity to highlight the most important points of your nomination.
4. Nomination *Executive Summaries* must be *limited to no more than 250 words in length.* Nomination *Summaries* must be *limited to no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages in length maximum.* You are encouraged to write them in a clear, concise and understandable manner. If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount *will not be considered by the Committee.*

5. All supporting information (e.g. reports, news articles, etc.) must be submitted with the nomination. *Limit supporting documentation to no more than 3 pages.* If the Awards Committee members require additional information, you will be contacted with that request. Any nomination received that exceeds this amount *will not be considered by the Committee.*
6. All nomination materials must be submitted at one time and must be received by the deadline. No late nominations will be accepted – no exceptions. Electronic submittals are required and must be submitted as pdf document, using the fillable pdf document provided.
7. **Nominations and supporting materials must be received no later than 3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021.** Send nominations via e-mail to:

Stephen Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer

[slucas@buttecounty.net](mailto:slucas@buttecounty.net)

**AND**

Christine Crawford, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer

[christine.crawford@yolocounty.org](mailto:christine.crawford@yolocounty.org)

*Please contact Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer, at [slucas@buttecounty.net](mailto:slucas@buttecounty.net) or (530) 538-7784 with any questions.*

### Members of the 2021 CALAFCO Board of Directors Awards Committee

#### Board Members:

Anita Paque, Committee Chair (Calveras LAFCo, Central Region)

Daron McDaniel (Merced LAFCo, Central Region)

Jo MacKenzie (San Diego LAFCo, Southern Region)

Margie Mohler (Napa LAFCo, Coastal Region)

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Steve Lucas, CALAFCO Executive Officer (Northern Region)

Martha Poyatos, CALAFCO Deputy Executive Officer (Coastal Region)

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#### Included as attachments:

- Achievement Awards Program Summary
- 2021 Achievement Award nomination form
- Achievement Award categories, nomination and selection criteria
- Listing of prior Achievement Award recipients







## CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS SUMMARY OF PROGRAM CHANGES

**AS ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS ON APRIL 30, 2021**

### **Purpose of the changes**

There are several goals to updating the CALAFCO Achievement Awards program.

First, nomination criteria did not exist for any award. By adding specific nomination criteria to each award, it will be easier for those considering submittal of a nomination to have clear standards that must be met in order for any nomination to be considered. Further, the criterion creates guidelines for the author of a nomination submittal.

Next, also non-existent were selection criteria. By creating selection criteria for each award, the Awards Committee has clear guidelines by which to review and consider each nomination within a given award category. Each proposed selection criteria is customized to the nomination criteria for that award category. This clear criterion also allows nominators to understand what will be considered by the Awards Committee as the nominations for a given category are considered.

We believe both of these goals create a more transparent and comprehensive Achievement Awards program for our membership.

Additionally, the updated Awards Program does several other things. First, it spotlights achievements *above and beyond* what is expected in the normal course of business. Second, it streamlines the current Award categories. Finally, it links specific achievements back to the mission and purpose of LAFCo, thereby enhancing their value and meaning.

On April 30, 2021, the Board of Directors unanimously approved the updated program. This approval was preceded by months of comprehensive review and work by the Association's Executive Director and Regional Officers, followed by a unanimous approval and recommendation to the Board by the Awards Committee.

### **Difference of the prior program to the updated program**

In addition to the differences noted above, there are other notable differences:

- Prior program had eleven (11) total award categories whereas the updated program has eight (8).
- Eliminated *Distinguished Service Award* (already awarding longevity in *Lifetime Achievement Award*).
- Rolled *Outstanding LAFCo Clerk* into *Outstanding LAFCo Professional* and expanded to all LAFCo personnel. With the new criteria, each LAFCo personnel role shall be treated equally.
- Changed *Outstanding CALAFCO Member* to *Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer*, thereby excluding "staff person" and expanding scope to all who volunteer for the Association, not just Board or staff.
- Added nomination criteria to *Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member*.
- Combined the following four awards into one (with two distinct categories): *Most Effective Commission, Project of the Year, Government Leadership Award and Mike Gotch Courage and Innovation in Local Government Award*. These are now the *Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award*.

- Criteria for this new award was taken from all four eliminated awards and tied directly to several aspects of the mission of LAFCo through the creation of the two distinct award subcategories.

### **Adopted changes to the membership and voting of the Achievement Awards Committee**

There are two other changes directly affecting the Awards Committee. One relates to the membership structure of the Awards Committee and the other is to the voting.

First, the four Regional Officers are full voting members of the Committee. These Officers enhance the perspective of the Board Committee Members through their technical expertise and “on the ground” experiences. By adding them as voting members (they were previously “advisors” to the Committee), the full voting membership is nine (9).

And finally, it is now a policy of the Committee that any voting member abstain from voting on any category in which a nomination has been submitted by/for their LAFCo or a member (staff or commissioner) of their LAFCo. With bringing the voting membership to nine, this abstention should not pose a problem in terms of not having a quorum of votes cast.



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations**  
**Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

## Achievement Award Nomination Form

**NOMINEE - Person or Agency Being Nominated**

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:

**NOMINATION CATEGORY** (check one – see category criteria on attached sheet)

- Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer
- Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member
- Outstanding Commissioner
- Outstanding LAFCo Professional
- Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service (choose one category below)
- Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
- Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*
- Legislator of the Year (must be approved by the full CALAFCO Board)
- Lifetime Achievement Award

**NOMINATION SUBMITTED BY:**

Name:

Organization:

Address:

Phone:

E-mail:



**2021 Achievement Award Nominations**  
**Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

In no more than 250 words, summarize why this recipient is the most deserving of this award.





**2021 Achievement Award Nominations**  
**Due by Friday, August 13, 2021 at 3:00 p.m.**

**NOMINATION SUMMARY**

Please indicate the reasons why this person or agency deserves to be recognized (this section must be no more than 1,000 words or 2 pages maximum).



## **CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD CATEGORIES, NOMINATION & SELECTION CRITERIA**

CALAFCO recognizes excellence within the LAFCo community and the full membership by presenting the *Achievement Awards* at the CALAFCO Annual Conference. Nominations are being accepted until **3:00 p.m., Friday, August 13, 2021** in the following categories:

### **Outstanding CALAFCO Volunteer**

#### Award Summary:

Recognizes a CALAFCO volunteer who has provided exemplary service during the past year. Exemplary service is service which clearly goes above and beyond that which is asked or expected in the charge of their responsibilities. This category may include a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer, or any other requested volunteer.

#### Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must have volunteered for the Association during the year in which the nomination is being made.
2. Nominee does not have to be a CALAFCO member.
3. Volunteer efforts must have demonstrated the individual going above and beyond what was asked/expected with positive and effective results.
4. Nominee can be a CALAFCO Board member, regional officer, program volunteer or any other volunteer.

#### Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee, regardless of their position or role as a volunteer. Only the contributions and outcomes shall be considered, not the individual's position.
3. The extent of the volunteerism and the overall impact to the statewide Association and membership based on that volunteerism shall be considered.
4. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

### **Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member**

#### Award Summary:

Presented to an active CALAFCO Associate Member (person or agency) that has advanced or promoted the cause of LAFCos by consistently producing distinguished work that upholds the mission and goals of LAFCos and has helped elevate the role and mission of LAFCos through its work. Recipient consistently demonstrates a collaborative approach to LAFCo stakeholder engagement. Further, the individual or firm has a proven commitment to the Association membership through volunteering time and resources to further the cause of LAFCo and CALAFCO.

#### Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a CALAFCO Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be an Associate Member for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. The Associate Member nominated shall have been an Associate Member in good standing with the Association for at least one year prior to the year for which the nomination is being made.
4. As an Associate Member, the nominee may be an individual, firm or agency.
5. The nominee may be an individual within an Associate Member firm or agency.
6. Nominee shall demonstrate that through their work as an Associate Member, the role and mission of LAFCo has been upheld and furthered.
7. Nominee must have proven cooperative and collaborative approaches to situations and solutions that affect LAFCos statewide as an Associate Member.
8. Proven commitment to the Association's membership as an Associate Member by volunteering resources to the Association during the year in which the nomination is made.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. The level of volunteering time and resources to the Association shall be a consideration with all other nomination criteria.

**Outstanding Commissioner**

Award Summary:

Presented to an individual Commissioner for extraordinary service to his or her Commission. Extraordinary service is considered actions above and beyond those required in the course of fulfilling their statutory responsibilities as a Commissioner. It requires consistently demonstrating independent judgment on behalf of the interest of the entire county, developing innovative and collaborative solutions to local issues, and leading the commission and community by example.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a Commissioner of a LAFCo in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a Commissioner for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. Proven demonstration of consistently exercising independent judgment for the greater good of the County is required.
4. Proven leadership of the commission and the community through collaborative, innovative and creative solutions to local issues is required.
5. Proven effective results and outcomes shall be demonstrated in the nomination.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Representation type (city-county-district-public) shall not be a consideration nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCo on which the Commissioner serves.
4. The overall impact of the leadership of the Commissioner shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

**Outstanding LAFCo Professional**

Award Summary:

Recognizes an Executive Officer, Staff Analyst, Clerk, Legal Counsel or any other LAFCo staff person for exemplary service during the past year. Exemplary service is considered actions which clearly go above and beyond that which is asked, expected, or required in the charge of their LAFCo responsibilities.

Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee must be a staff person of a LAFCo in good standing with the Association.
2. Nominee shall be a staff person for the full year in which the nomination is being made.
3. As a staff person, the nominee can be either an employee of the LAFCo or a contractor providing employee-type services to the LAFCo.
4. Efforts must be demonstrated that the individual has consistently gone above and beyond or outside the scope of their role or job responsibilities, with proven results that otherwise would not have occurred.

Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to all nominees that meet the nominating criteria.
3. Position within a LAFCo shall not be a consideration, nor shall be the size or geographic area of the LAFCo.
4. The overall impact of the LAFCo professional to their LAFCo and the greater community shall be considered.
5. Preference may be given to individuals who have not previously received this award and meet all the required criteria.

## **Lifetime Achievement Award**

### Award Summary:

Recognizes any individual who has made extraordinary contributions to the statewide LAFCo community in terms of longevity of service, exemplary advocacy of LAFCo-related legislation, proven leadership in approaching a particular issue or issues, and demonstrated support in developing and implementing innovative and creative ways to support the goals of LAFCos throughout California. At a minimum, the individual should be involved in the LAFCo community for at least twenty (20) years.

### Nomination criteria:

1. Nomination must be received from a member LAFCo or Associate Member in good standing with the Association.
2. A minimum of 20 years direct involvement with the LAFCo community is required for consideration.
3. During that time, nominee shall have a proven positive impact and effect on the support and evolution of LAFCos statewide.
4. This includes advocacy of LAFCos statewide through legislation, developing creative and innovative solutions to LAFCo issues that serve beyond their LAFCo to the greater good, and collaborative stakeholder approaches to issues and opportunities to further the cause and mission of LAFCo.

### Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Preference may be given to nominees who also have proven experience volunteering for CALAFCO through a regional officer role, serving on committees, serving on the CALAFCO Board, or any other method of volunteering for the Association that serves to promote and support the mission and work of LAFCos throughout the state.

## **Legislator of the Year**

### Award Summary:

Presented to a member of the California State Senate or Assembly in recognition of leadership and valued contributions in support of LAFCo goals that have a statewide effect. The recipient shall have demonstrated clear support and effort to further the cause and ability of LAFCos to fulfill their statutory mission. Selected by CALAFCO Board by super majority.

### Nomination criteria:

1. Nominee shall be a California State legislator during the full year in which the nomination was made.
2. Nominee must have demonstrated extraordinary leadership in the Legislature on behalf of LAFCos statewide, with efforts resulting in a positive impact for all LAFCos.

### Selection criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. All Legislator of the Year nominations shall be forwarded by the Achievement Awards Committee to the Board for consideration.
3. Selection of the recipient of this award shall be done with a super majority approval of the Board (present at the time of the vote).



### **Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award**

Awarded to an individual, group or agency for actions that rise above expected or common functions or actions that are LAFCo-related; *and* reduce or eliminate common institutional roadblocks; *and* result in a truly extraordinary public service outcome. Individuals, a LAFCo, or collaborative effort among multiple LAFCos or a LAFCo with other entities are eligible. Other entities shall be decision-making bodies at the local, regional or state level. This award has two distinct categories, each focusing on specific areas of the LAFCo mission.

### **Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award categories:**

1. *Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl*
2. *Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services*

#### Mike Gotch Excellence in Public Service Award categories:

#### **Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl**

Includes the development and implementation of programs or other actions associated with agriculture, water, flood control, parks and recreation, habitat conservation plans and public lands. Demonstrates the recipient has identified, encouraged and ensured the preservation of agricultural and open space lands. Proven actions that encourage cities, counties and special districts to direct development away from all types of agricultural lands, including prime agricultural lands and open space lands. Includes demonstrated consideration given in decisions to Regional Transportation Plans, including sustainable communities strategies and other growth plans to ensure reliable services, orderly growth, and sustainable communities.

#### **Innovation, collaboration, outreach and effective support of the evolution and viability of local agencies, promotion of efficient and effective delivery of municipal services**

Includes the development and implementation of innovate support and systems within internal LAFCo operations in the support of local agencies. Actions produce systemic and sustainable improvements and innovation of local government. Proven facilitation of constructive discussions with local and regional agencies and proactive outreach to local and regional agencies as well as local stakeholders and communities to identify issues and solutions and demonstrated action as a coordinating agency in offering and supporting unique local solutions to meet local challenges. Successful demonstration of development of capacities and abilities of local agencies. Provide tools and resources to local agencies to address aging infrastructure, fiscal challenges and the maintenance of existing services. Demonstrated action to streamline the provision of local services with proven results that services are consistent or have been improved as a result, with little to no increased cost to the consumer. Focused efforts and proven results to ensure delivery of services to all communities, especially disadvantaged communities.

#### Nomination criteria:

1. Clear demonstration that the actions rise above expected or common functions or actions.
2. The actions reduced or eliminated common institutional roadblocks.
3. The actions clearly proven a truly extraordinary public service outcome that is systemic and sustainable.
4. Identified unique circumstances and factors leading to the solution/project.
5. The innovative steps taken by the LAFCo or entity/entities/individual to solve the problem, overcome the situation, or to take action.
6. Clear description of the results/outcomes of the work and the short- and long-term effects.
7. How this work can be promoted as a LAFCo best practice.
8. Clear demonstration how this nomination meets all criteria.

#### Selection Criteria:

1. Must meet all nomination criteria requirements for consideration.
2. Equal consideration shall be given to each nominee within each category. The size or geographic area of the LAFCo within a given category shall not be a consideration.
3. The overall impact of the actions and outcomes to the greater community being served shall be considered.
4. The level of impact based on the required nomination criteria shall be considered.



## **PREVIOUS CALAFCO ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS**

### **2019**

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Distinguished Service Award	<b>Charley Wilson</b> , Orange LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	<b>Contra Costa LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Jim DeMartini</b> , Stanislaus LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>David Church</b> , San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Project of the Year	<b>Orange LAFCo</b> , for <i>San Juan Capistrano Utilities MSR</i>
Government Leadership Award	<b>CA State Water Resources Control Board, Los Angeles County and Los Angeles LAFCo</b> , for <i>Sativa Water District</i>
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Butte LAFCo</b>
Legislator of the Year	<b>Assembly Member Mike Gipson</b>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<b>John Benoit</b> , various LAFCos, <b>Jurg Heuberger</b> , Imperial LAFCo

### **2018**

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Distinguished Service Award	<b>John Withers</b> , Orange LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	<b>Santa Clara LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Margie Mohler</b> , Napa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>George Williamson</b> , Del Norte LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Elizabeth Valdez</b> , Riverside LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	<b>Best Best &amp; Krieger</b>
Project of the Year	<b>Lake LAFCo</b> , water services consolidation
Government Leadership Award	<b>City of Porterville, County of Tulare, Dept. of Water Resources, State Water Resources Control Board, Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Self Help Enterprises, Community Water Center</b> for East Porterville water supply project
Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Mike Ott</b> , San Diego LAFCo
Legislator of the Year	<b>Assembly Member Anna Caballero</b>
Lifetime Achievement Award	<b>Pat McCormick</b> , Santa Cruz LAFCo, <b>George Spiliotis</b> , Riverside LAFCo

### **2017**

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Most Effective Commission	<b>Los Angeles LAFCo</b>
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Sblend Sblendorio</b> , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>John Marchand</b> , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>Paul Novak</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Richelle Beltran</b> , Ventura LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCO Associate Member	<b>Policy Consulting Associates</b>
Project of the Year	<b>County Services MSR</b> , Butte LAFCo, and <b>Santa Rosa Annexation</b> , Sonoma LAFCo

Government Leadership Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award

**San Luis Obispo County Public Works Dept.**  
**Kathy Rollings McDonald** (San Bernardino)

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**2016**

Distinguished Service Award  
Most Effective Commission  
Outstanding CALAFCO Member  
Outstanding Commissioner  
Outstanding LAFCo Professional  
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk  
Project of the Year  
Government Leadership Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award

**Peter Brundage**, Sacramento LAFCo  
**San Luis Obispo LAFCo**  
**John Leopold**, Santa Cruz LAFCo  
**Don Tatzin**, Contra Costa LAFCo  
**Steve Lucas**, Butte LAFCo  
**Cheryl Carter-Benjamin**, Orange LAFCo  
**Countywide Water Study**, (Marin LAFCo)  
**Southern Region of CALAFCO**  
**Bob Braitman** (retired Executive Officer)

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**2015**

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in  
Local Government Leadership Award  
Distinguished Service Award  
Most Effective Commission  
Outstanding CALAFCO Member  
Outstanding Commissioner  
Outstanding LAFCo Professional  
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk  
Project of the Year  
  
Government Leadership Award  
  
CALAFCO Associate Member of the Year  
Legislators of the Year Award  
Lifetime Achievement Award

**Yuba County Water Agency**  
  
**Mary Jane Griego**, Yuba LAFCo  
**Butte LAFCo**  
**Marjorie Blom**, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo  
**Matthew Beekman**, formerly of Stanislaus LAFCo  
**Sam Martinez**, San Bernardino LAFCo  
**Terri Tuck**, Yolo LAFCo  
**Formation of the Ventura County Waterworks District No. 38** (Ventura LAFCo) and **2015 San Diego County Health Care Services five-year sphere of influence and service review report** (San Diego LAFCo)  
**The Cities of Dublin, Pleasanton, Livermore and San Ramon, the Dublin San Ramon Services District and the Zone 7 Water Agency**  
**Michael Colantuono** of Colantuono, Highsmith & Whatley  
**Assembly member Chad Mayes**  
**Jim Chapman** (Lassen LAFCo) and **Chris Tooker** (formerly of Sacramento LAFCo)

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**2014**

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in  
Local Government Leadership Award  
Distinguished Service Award  
Most Effective Commission  
Outstanding CALAFCO Member  
Outstanding Commissioner  
Outstanding LAFCo Professional  
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk  
Project of the Year

**David Church**, San Luis Obispo LAFCo  
  
**Kate McKenna**, Monterey LAFCo  
**Santa Clara LAFCo**  
**Stephen Lucas**, Butte LAFCo  
**Paul Norsell**, Nevada LAFCo  
**Kate McKenna**, Monterey LAFCo  
**Paige Hensley**, Yuba LAFCo  
**LAFCo Procedures Guide: 50<sup>th</sup> Year Special Edition**,  
San Diego LAFCo

Government Leadership Award

**Orange County Water District, City of Anaheim, Irvine Ranch Water District, and Yorba Linda Water District**

Legislators of the Year Award

**Assembly member Katcho Achadjian**

Lifetime Achievement Award

**Susan Wilson, Orange LAFCo****2013**

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Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in  
Local Government Leadership Award**Simón Salinas, Commissioner, Monterey LAFCo**

Distinguished Service Award

**Roseanne Chamberlain, Amador LAFCo**

Most Effective Commission

**Stanislaus LAFCo**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Harry Ehrlich, San Diego LAFCo**

Outstanding Commissioner

**Jerry Gladbach, Los Angeles LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

**Lou Ann Texeira, Contra Costa**

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

**Kate Sibley, Contra Costa LAFCo**

Project of the Year

**Plan for Agricultural Preservation, Stanislaus LAFCo**

Government Leadership Award

**Orange County LAFCo Community Islands Taskforce,  
Orange LAFCo**

Legislators of the Year Award

**Senators Bill Emmerson and Richard Roth**

Lifetime Achievement Award

**H. Peter Faye, Yolo LAFCo; Henry Pellissier, Los Angeles  
LAFCo; Carl Leverenz, Butte LAFCo; Susan Vicklund-Wilson,  
Santa Clara LAFCo.****2012**

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Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in  
Local Government Leadership Award**Bill Chiat, CALAFCO Executive Director**

Distinguished Service Award

**Marty McClelland, Commissioner, Humboldt LAFCo**

Most Effective Commission

**Sonoma LAFCo**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Stephen A. Souza, Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo and  
CALAFCO Board of Directors**

Outstanding Commissioner

**Sherwood Darington, Monterey**

LAFCo Outstanding LAFCo Professional

**Carole Cooper, Sonoma LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

**Gwenna MacDonald, Lassen LAFCo**

Project of the Year

**Countywide Service Review & SOI Update, Santa Clara  
LAFCo**

Government Leadership Award

**North Orange County Coalition of Cities, Orange LAFCo**

Lifetime Achievement Award

**P. Scott Browne, Legal Counsel LAFCos****2011**

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Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in  
Local Government Leadership Award**Martin Tuttle, Deputy Director for Planning, Caltrans  
Mike McKeever, Executive Director, SACOG**

Distinguished Service Award

**Carl Leverenz, Commissioner and Chair, Butte**

LAFCo Most Effective Commission

**San Bernardino LAFCo**

Outstanding CALAFCO Member

**Keene Simonds, Executive Officer, Napa LAFCo**

Outstanding Commissioner

**Louis R. Calcagno, Monterey LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Professional

**June Savala, Deputy Executive Officer, Los Angeles LAFCo**

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk

**Debbie Shubert, Ventura LAFCo**



Project of the Year	<b>Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Definitions Revision</b> Bob Braitman, Scott Browne, Clark Alsop, Carole Cooper, and George Spiliotis
Government Leadership Award	<b>Contra Costa Sanitary District</b> <b>Elsinore Water District and Elsinore Valley Municipal Water District</b>

**2010**

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Helen Thompson</b> , Commissioner, Yolo LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	<b>Kathleen Rollings-McDonald</b> , Executive Officer, San Bernardino LAFCo <b>Bob Braitman</b> , Executive Officer, Santa Barbara LAFCo <b>Tulare LAFCo</b>
Most Effective Commission	<b>Roger Anderson, Ph.D.</b> , CALAFCo Chair, Santa Cruz LAFCo
Outstanding CALAFCo Member	<b>George Lange</b> , Ventura LAFCo
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Harry Ehrlich</b> , Government Consultant, San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Candie Fleming</b> , Fresno LAFCo
Project of the Year	<b>Butte LAFCo</b> Sewer Commission - Oroville Region Municipal Service Review
Government Leadership Award	<b>Nipomo Community Services District</b> and the <b>County of San Luis Obispo</b>
Special Achievement	<b>Chris Tooker</b> , Sacramento LAFCo and CALAFCo Board of Directors

**2009**

Mike Gotch Courage & Innovation in Local Government Leadership Award	<b>Paul Hood</b> , Executive Officer, San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	<b>William Zumwalt</b> , Executive Officer, Kings LAFCo
Most Effective Commission	<b>Napa LAFCo</b>
Outstanding CALAFCo Member	<b>Susan Vicklund Wilson</b> , CALAFCo Vice Chair <b>Jerry Gladbach</b> , CALAFCo Treasurer
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Larry M. Fortune</b> , Fresno LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>Pat McCormick</b> , Santa Cruz LAFCo Executive Officer
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk	<b>Emmanuel Abello</b> , Santa Clara LAFCo
Project of the Year	<b>Orange LAFCo</b> Boundary Report
Government Leadership Award	<b>Cities of Amador City, Jackson, Ione, Plymouth &amp; Sutter Creek; Amador County; Amador Water Agency; Pine Grove CSD</b> – Countywide MSR Project
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Assembly Member Jim Silva</b>

**2008**

Distinguished Service Award	<b>Peter M. Detwiler</b> , Senate Local Government Committee Chief Consultant
Most Effective Commission	<b>Yuba LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Dennis Hansberger</b> , San Bernardino LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional	<b>Michael Ott</b> , San Diego LAFCo Executive Officer <b>Martha Poyatos</b> , San Mateo Executive Officer

Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Project of the Year	<b>Wilda Turner</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo <b>Kings LAFCo</b> City and Community District MSR and SOI Update
Government Leadership Award Legislator of the Year Award	<b>San Bernardino Board of Supervisors</b> <b>Assembly Member Anna M. Caballero</b>

**2007**

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Counsel Most Effective Commission Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Kathy Long</b> , Board Chair, Ventura LAFCo <b>William D. Smith</b> , San Diego Legal <b>Santa Clara LAFCo</b> <b>Gayle Uilkema</b> , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Project of the Year	<b>Joyce Crosthwaite</b> , Orange LAFCo Executive Officer <b>Debby Chamberlin</b> , San Bernardino LAFCo <b>San Bernardino LAFCo and City of Fontana</b> Islands Annexation Program
Government Leadership Award Lifetime Achievement	<b>City of Fontana - Islands Annexation Program</b> <b>John T. "Jack" Knox</b>

**2006**

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>Everett Millais</b> , CALAFCo Executive Officer and Executive Officer of Ventura LAFCo <b>Clark Alsop</b> , CALAFCo Legal Counsel <b>Alameda LAFCo</b> <b>Ted Grandsen</b> , Ventura LAFCo <b>Chris Tooker</b> , Sacramento LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award Project of the Year Award	<b>Larry Calemine</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo Executive Officer <b>Janice Bryson</b> , San Diego LAFCo <b>Marilyn Flemmer</b> , Sacramento LAFCo <b>Sacramento Municipal Utility District</b> Sphere of Influence Amendment and Annexation; <b>Sacramento LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Government Leadership Award Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Cities of Porterville, Tulare, and Visalia and Tulare LAFCo</b> Island Annexation Program <b>Senator Christine Kehoe</b>

**2005**

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>Peter Herzog</b> , CALAFCo Board, Orange LAFCo <b>Elizabeth Castro Kemper</b> , Yolo LAFCo <b>Ventura LAFCo</b> <b>Art Aseltine</b> , Yuba LAFCo <b>Henri Pellissier</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award Project of the Year Award	<b>Bruce Baracco</b> , San Joaquin LAFCo <b>Danielle Ball</b> , Orange LAFCo <b>San Diego LAFCo</b> MSR of Fire Protection and Emergency Medical Services
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Sacramento Area Council of Governments (SACOG)</b>

**2004**

Outstanding CALAFCo Member Distinguished Service Award Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Scott Harvey</b> , CALAFCo Executive Director <b>Julie Howard</b> , Shasta LAFCo <b>San Diego LAFCo</b>
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Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>Edith Johnsen</b> , Monterey LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>David Kindig</b> , Santa Cruz LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	<b>San Luis Obispo LAFCo</b> Nipomo CSD SOI Update, MSR, and EIR
<b>2003</b>	
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Michael P. Ryan</b> , CALAFCO Board Member
Distinguished Service Award	<b>Henri F. Pellissier</b> , Los Angeles LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>San Luis Obispo LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>Bob Salazar</b> , El Dorado LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>Shirley Anderson</b> , San Diego LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	<b>Lori Fleck</b> , Siskiyou LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	<b>Napa LAFCo</b> Comprehensive Water Service Study
Special Achievement Award	<b>James M. Roddy</b>
<b>2002</b>	
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Ken Lee</b> , CALAFCo Legislative Committee Chair
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>San Diego LAFCo</b> Outstanding
Commissioner Award	<b>Ed Snively</b> , Imperial LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>Paul Hood</b> , San Luis Obispo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	<b>Danielle Ball</b> , Orange LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	<b>San Luis Obispo LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Napa LAFCo, Napa County Farm Bureau, Napa Valley Vintners Association, Napa Valley Housing Authority, Napa County Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Napa County Counsel Office, and Assembly Member Patricia Wiggins</b>
<b>2001</b>	
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>SR Jones</b> , CALAFCO Executive Officer
Distinguished Service Award	<b>David Martin</b> , Tax Area Services Section, State Board of Equalization
Outstanding Commissioner Award	<b>H. Peter Faye</b> , Yolo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>Ingrid Hansen</b> , San Diego LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	<b>Santa Barbara LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Alameda County Board of Supervisors, Livermore City Council, Pleasanton City Council</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Senator Jack O'Connell</b>
<b>2000</b>	
Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Ron Wootton</b> , CALAFCO Board Chair
Distinguished Service Award	<b>Ben Williams</b> , Commission on Local Governance for the 21st Century
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Yolo LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Commissioner	<b>Rich Gordon</b> , San Mateo LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Professional Award	<b>Annamaria Perrella</b> , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	<b>Susan Stahmann</b> , El Dorado LAFCo
Project of the Year Award	<b>San Diego LAFCo</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Robert Hertzberg</b> , Assembly Member

**1999**


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Distinguished Service Award	<b>Marilyn Ann Flemmer-Rodgers</b> , Sacramento LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Orange LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>Don Graff</b> , Alameda LAFCo
Outstanding LAFCo Clerk Award	<b>Dory Adams</b> , Marin LAFCo
Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem	<b>San Diego LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Assembly Member John Longville</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Assembly Member Robert Hertzberg</b>

**1998**


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Outstanding CALAFCO Member	<b>Dana Smith</b> , Orange LAFCo
Distinguished Service Award	<b>Marvin Panter</b> , Fresno LAFCo
Most Effective Commission Award	<b>San Diego LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>George Spiliotis</b> , Riverside LAFCo
Outstanding Staff Analysis	<b>Joe Convery</b> , San Diego LAFCo <b>Joyce Crosthwaite</b> , Orange LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>Santa Clara County Planning Department</b>

**1997**


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Most Effective Commission Award	<b>Orange LAFCo</b>
Outstanding Executive Officer Award	<b>George Finney</b> , Tulare LAFCo
Outstanding Staff Analysis	<b>Annamaria Perrella</b> , Contra Costa LAFCo
Outstanding Government Leadership Award	<b>South County Issues Discussion Group</b>
Most Creative Solution to a Multi-Jurisdictional Problem	<b>Alameda LAFCo and Contra Costa LAFCo</b>
Legislator of the Year Award	<b>Assembly Member Tom Torlakson</b>







VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

July 28, 2021

Brendon Freeman  
Executive Officer  
LAFCO of Napa County  
[bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov](mailto:bfreeman@napa.lafco.ca.gov)

Dear Mr. Freeman:

I write to nominate Supervisor Diane Dillon in the CALAFCO award categories for “Lifetime Achievement Award” and “Excellence in Public Service – Protection of agricultural and open space lands and prevention of sprawl”.

Throughout her career, Diane has tirelessly worked with the agricultural community to understand and address the complex issues we face. Diane is regarded as a passionate and dedicated elected official and has been recognized for her hard work to protect the scenic resources and beautiful lands of Napa County’s agricultural industry. She is both an honorable example of what it means to be a hard- working elected official and a role model to many in leadership and the agricultural sector.

To that end, the Napa County Farm Bureau Board of Directors recently voted to name Diane Napa Valley’s 2021 Friend of Agriculture to honor her many achievements on behalf of agriculture in Napa County.

Supervisor Dillon is the consummate choice to receive a CALAFCO award in both of these categories and I highly encourage her selection.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ryan Klobas', written over a white background.

Ryan Klobas  
Chief Executive Officer