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DATE: May 21, 2027 (Agenda)

TO: LAFCO Commissioners

FROM: Bill Nicholson, Executive Officer

RE: Election of Commission Chairperson and Vice Chairperson
(**Agenda Item VII. B.**)

Our local Merced LAFCO procedures call for the selection of Chairperson and Vice Chairperson at the May meeting of the Commission each year, which is when the term of commissioners typically begins. The terms are for one year, and the only other stipulation is that the two officers should not be selected from the same category of representation on the Commission. The three categories of representation are city, county and public member.

Due to the current election period involving two County Supervisors who also serve on the Commission (Supervisor/Commissioner Silveira and McDaniel), there is no certainty that they will be eligible to serve on the Commission if either or both are not reelected. The Commission may want to consider postponement of election of Chair and Vice Chair if these two Supervisor/Commissioner positions are going to be nominated for a seat.

Chairman Bertao and Vice Chair Silveira were both reappointed at the May 16, 2025 Commission meeting. As historic information, Commissioners Bertao and Silveira have alternated as Chair or Vice Chair since 2023. Previously former Commissioner Serratto (Merced Mayor) was Commission Chair, while Commissioner Silveira was Vice Chair.

Action Requested

Accept nominations for the Chairperson and Vice-Chairperson positions, and vote on their respective appointment for one-year terms extending to May 2027.