

David J Ross

Statement of Interest

LAFCo Public Commissioner

I am writing to express my strong interest in seeking reappointment to the position of Public Commissioner with the Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo). My extensive experience and deep understanding of LAFCo law have well-prepared me for continued service in this important role.

Since 2015, I have had the privilege of serving as Public Commissioner and Alternate, as well as holding the positions of regular member, Vice Chair, and Chair. Over these years on the Commission, I have overseen numerous applications, Sphere of Influence adjustments, and Municipal Service Reviews (MSRs). I have also actively participated in various CALLAFCo conferences, engaging in valuable continuing education with fellow Commissioners and executive officers.

My commitment to LAFCo is driven by my belief in its crucial role in fostering effective governance within Ventura County and across California. LAFCo's mission to ensure the orderly formation of cities and special districts is fundamental to the sustainable growth and success of our communities. I am dedicated to upholding this mission and contributing to the continued advancement of our region.

Having served nearly a decade as a Public Commissioner, I would be honored to continue my service with the Commission. I am eager to leverage my experience and insights in real estate, farming, and open space conservation to further our shared goals and support the dynamic needs of our community.

Thank you for considering my reappointment. I look forward to the opportunity to continue serving and contributing to the vital work of LAFCo.

# David J. Ross

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## WORK EXPERIENCE:

ASSET MANAGER, SUGAMON,LLC , SANTA PAULA, CA — JUNE 2011 - PRESENT

- Providing full suite trust and asset management services for multi-generational family trust with \$30m+ in real estate and alternative investment fund assets in California.
- Maintain operational budgets, reserves, bill pay, and distribute cashflow to beneficiaries
- Handle all aspects of trust administration including hiring and overseeing 3<sup>rd</sup> party professionals: Attorneys, CPAs, bookkeepers, property managers, farm managers, investment advisors, and consultants.
- Available to all beneficiaries for discussions and education on investment policies, organizational structures of various departments, long and short-term financial planning.
- **Negotiate sales**, acquisitions, exchanges and leases for prime agricultural lands, single and multi - family residential rentals and commercial real estate portfolios.
- Provide strategic planning sessions with Generation 1 – 3 to assist in developing plans for highest and best use of client's real estate and investment portfolios.
- Cashflow forecasting and budgeting for beneficiaries.

REALTOR, OAKS REALTY, BUREAU OF REAL ESTATE LIC# 01914390 THOUSAND OAKS, CA — AUGUST 2012 - PRESENT

- Listing, Renting, Leasing, Buying and Selling prime agriculture land, apartment buildings, and single-family property.
- Representing clients as their fiduciary in the negotiation for sales and acquisitions of real property.
- Staying current on laws and regulations affecting real property transactions.
- Utilizing cross platform approaches to maximize buyer leads for clients' properties.

PUBLIC COMMISSIONER (ALTERNATE), VENTURA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION, VENTURA COUNTY, CA — AUGUST 2015 - PRESENT

- Appointed as Public Commissioner. Currently Alternate.
- Interpret LAFCO Law to ensure the orderly formation of cities and special districts.
- Meet with Commissioners, Executive Officer, Council and Staff regularly to consider applications for new services, adjustments and deletions within Ventura County.
- Review Multiple Services Reviews of Cities and Special Districts. Discourage urban sprawl, preserve prime agricultural lands and open space, ensure efficient provision of government services, eliminate islands where feasible.

CITY REPRESENTATIVE, THE SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE, MOORPARK, CA — OCTOBER 2010 - SEPTEMBER 2014 and January 2022 –2023

- Appointed twice for a two year term (expired September 2014) by the Thousand Oaks City Council.
- Appointed by Moorpark City Council for a two year term (expires December 2024)
- Advocate City of Moorpark community's vision for the local Santa Monica Mountains National Park.
- Harnessed and fostered collaborative relationships with city and agency representatives to increase accessibility, stewardship, and safety of the parks for public use.

## EDUCATION :

- California Lutheran University, Thousand Oaks, California : 2011 to 2013  
**Master in Public Policy and Administration** | Graduate Programs

- *Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, California - 2007 to May 2011*  
**Bachelors of Arts in Business Administration** | Wilden School of Business and Management:  
*Dean's List recipient Fall 2010 by Dr. Ilene Smith-Bezjian - Dean of the School of Business and Management*

- *Oaks Christian, Westlake Village California -- Class of 2007*

## VOLUNTEERING :

- The Mabry Foundation, June 2011 – Present, Chairman of the Board
- Ventura County Astronomical Society 2021 – 2022, Director of Programs
- Varsity Park Villas Homeowners Association October 2016 - January 2019, Chairman of the Board
- Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Committee July 2012 - June 2013 Alternate Committee Member