



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO MINUTES

Members: *Hillary Ronen (Chairperson), Hope Williams (Vice Chairperson), Dean Preston, Isaac Sevier, Connie Chan (Alternate), and Shanti Singh (Alternate)*

***City Hall, Legislative Chamber, Room 250
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place
San Francisco, CA 94102-4689***

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September 20, 2024 - 10:00 AM

Regular Meeting

Present: Commissioners Hillary Ronen (Chair), Dean Preston, Isaac Sevier, and Shanti Singh

The San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission (SF LAFCo) met in person in regular session, and provided public comment through teleconferencing, on Friday, September 20, 2024, with Chair Ronen presiding.

Chair Ronen called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

On the call of the roll, Commissioners Preston, Ronen, Sevier and Singh were noted present.

Vice Chair Williams was noted not present.

A quorum was present.

2. Approval of the LAFCo Minutes from the July 19, 2024, Regular Meeting

Chair Ronen inquired whether any Commissioner had any corrections to the minutes. There were no corrections.

Public Comment: None.

Commissioner Preston, seconded by Commissioner Singh, moved to APPROVE the minutes for the July 19, 2024, Regular Meeting of the San Francisco Local Agency Formation Commission. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Preston, Ronen, Sevier, Singh

Action: July 19, 2024, Regular Meeting Minutes APPROVED

3. Final LAFCo Study for CleanPowerSF on Battery Energy Storage Systems

Jeremy Pollock, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided brief opening remarks and background information on the study.

Mike Lepisto and Cole Roberts (Arup International) provided a presentation on the LAFCo Study for CleanPowerSF on Battery Energy Storage Systems, including an introduction of their team, battery technology comparison, state and local codes for Group R-3 occupancies (1-2 residential buildings), the San Francisco Fire Department Administrative Bulletin 5.12, permitting and Solar APP+, other sections of the study, and recommendations.

Public Comment: Jeanine Harder; Fernando Marti; Alex Lantsberg; spoke on various concerns relating to the study.

There was no action taken.

4. Green Bank Financing Study Updates

Khalid Samarrae, Policy Analyst (LAFCo), provided a presentation on the Green Bank Financing Study with updates on the Greenhouse Gas Reduction Fund, including Environmental Protection Agency actions, updates on the Reinvestment Working Group, the National Clean Investment Fund, the Clean Communities Investment Accelerator, Solar for All, and next steps.

Public Comment: Fernando Marti; Alex Lantsberg; spoke on various concerns relating to the study.

There was no action taken.

5. Midtown Park Apartments Study Updates

Fernando Marti, LAFCo Consultant, provided a presentation on the Midtown Park Apartments, including the community engagement process, community goals, resident control principles, ownership options, physical conditions assessment, final community recommendations, building renovations, relocation and return, operating finances, ownership transition, and next steps.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

Vice Chairperson Williams Excused from Attendance

Chair Ronen, seconded by Commissioner Preston, moved to excuse Vice Chairperson Williams from attending today’s meeting. The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: 4 - Preston, Ronen, Sevier, Singh

Action: Vice Chair Williams EXCUSED from attending today’s meeting.

6. Executive Officer’s Report

A) Update on California [Senate Bill No. 1209](#) (Cortese) - Local Agency Formation Commission: Indemnification

Jeremy Pollock, Executive Officer (LAFCo), provided a brief update on Senate Bill No. 1209, including the Commission’s previous actions on this matter and future steps.

B) Forward Calendar

Executive Officer Pollock briefly spoke on the Forward Calendar and reported on possible future matters.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

7. Public Comment

There were no public commenters.

8. Future Agenda Items

There was no discussion on future agenda items.

Public Comment: None.

There was no action taken.

9. Adjournment

There being no further business, the Local Agency Formation Commission adjourned at the hour of 11:44 a.m.

N.B. The Minutes of this meeting set forth all actions taken by the Local Agency Formation Commission on the matters stated, but not necessarily in the chronological sequence in which the matters were taken up.

Approved by the Local Agency Formation Commission on November 15, 2024.

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Alisa Somera, Legislative Deputy Director