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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS POLICY

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Policy:

At the first meeting in January of each year, the Board of Supervisors shall elect from among its members the following in the manner hereinafter specified:

- Chair and vice chair of the Board of Supervisors
- Chair and vice chair of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District
- Chair and vice chair of the Housing Authority
- Chair and vice chair of the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District
- Chair and vice chair of the Waste Resources Management District
- Chair and vice chair of the Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center

To limit the length of consecutive terms, an individual may serve as chair or vice chair of the Board of Supervisors and to establish a rotation system that allows for an orderly selection process with the most senior member of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected board chair for that calendar year. The next most senior member of the Board of Supervisors shall be elected vice chair for that calendar year. In each calendar year the vice chair for the previous year shall be elected chair and the next most senior Board member to the new chair shall be elected vice chair. If the vice chair for the previous year will not continue as a Board member, the next most senior Board member to the vice chair for the previous year shall be elected chair and the next most senior Board member to the new chair shall be elected vice chair. Should there be two or more Board members of equal seniority in line for chair or vice chair, the Board of Supervisors shall determine by majority vote who will be elected to the vacant office or offices.

Although this rotation system provides each Board member with an opportunity to ascend to the chair and vice chair, those elected serve at the pleasure of the remaining members and may be removed by majority vote if they do not exhibit the appropriate leadership qualities. Specifically, the chair and vice chair must execute their duties with dignity, honesty, and decorum; they must create a forum for healthy debate while maintaining the spirit of cooperation; and they must serve as spokespersons for any position officially adopted by a majority of the Board even if they personally disagree therewith.

The chair and vice chair of the Flood Control and Water Conservation District, the Housing Authority, the Riverside County Regional Park and Open-Space District, the Waste Resources Management District, and the Harmony Haven Children and Youth Center may be elected howsoever the Board of Supervisors may deem appropriate.

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At the same meeting and/or at other appropriate times, the Board shall appoint from among its members representatives to the Board of Directors and/or various committees of such organizations as:

South Coast Air Quality Management District (SCAQMD)

California State Association of Counties (CSAC)

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)

Reference:

Minute Order dated 01/28/1975

Minute Order 6.11 of 11/21/1978

Minute Order 3.6 of 01/21/1997

Minute Order 3.7 of 11/07/2006

Minute Order 3.8 of 10/23/2018

Minute Order 3.2 of 10/08/2024