

Notice of Public Hearing and Request for Comments

DATE: March 5, 2025
TO: Affected Agencies and Interested Parties
FROM: Sara Lytle-Pinhey, Executive Officer
SUBJECT: **STANISLAUS LAFCO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES UPDATE: RULE 45**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Stanislaus Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing on **Wednesday, March 26, 2025**, at a meeting starting at **6:00 P.M.** in the Basement Chambers at Tenth Street Place (1010 10th Street, Modesto) for the following:

Stanislaus LAFCO will consider a minor update to its Policies and Procedures Rule 45 (Procedures to Implement the Requirements of the Political Reform Act, 1974):

- *In accordance with recent legislation, the contribution threshold has been raised from \$250 to \$500.*

The section with proposed changes is attached to this notice for your review and are also available on Stanislaus LAFCO's website at:

https://www.stanislauslafco.org/current_projects.shtm

The proposed updates are being made in accordance with the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act (Government Code Section 56000 et. seq.), which requires LAFCOs to adopt written Policies and Procedures. Staff regularly updates the Policies and Procedures document to reflect current laws. The adoption of this Policies and Procedures update is considered to be a continuing administrative or maintenance activity and is therefore not a "project" for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Section 15378(b)(2).

Stanislaus LAFCO is soliciting comments from all affected agencies and interested parties. Your comments should emphasize potential impacts in areas which your agency has expertise and/or jurisdictional responsibilities.

Comments will be accepted prior to and at the public hearing on **March 26, 2025**. All interested parties are invited to attend the public hearing. The staff report for the item will be available online at least five (5) days before the hearing date at: www.stanislauslafco.org

Comments may be sent to Stanislaus LAFCO, 1010 10th Street, 3rd Floor, Modesto, CA 95354 or by e-mail to lafco@stancounty.com. If you have any questions, please call (209) 525-7660.

RULE 45: PROCEDURES TO IMPLEMENT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE POLITICAL REFORM ACT, 1974.

- A. The Commission has directed staff to proceed in the following ways to implement the requirements of the Political Reform Act. (Government Code Sections 56300, 56700.1, and 57009)
1. Informing the public who may apply for or participate in a proceeding, by inserting a notice of the general requirements of the Political Reform Act on the application disclosure form, and agenda.
 2. Informing the Commissioners of the general requirements of the Act as it applies to the Commission, and then informing them of who the applicants or participants may be in advance of a public hearing.
- B. For each application received, the Commission will be responsible to comply with the law by:
1. Disclosure, nonparticipation, and disqualification from the proceeding if a contribution of ~~\$250~~ **\$500** or more has been received from an applicant or participant up to twelve (12) months prior to the LAFCO proceedings; and,
 2. Refusing a contribution of ~~\$250~~ **\$500** or more from an applicant or participant while the proceeding is pending and for twelve (12) months following the final decision on the application (Section 84308).
- C. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56700.1 and 81000 et seq., any person or combination of persons who directly or indirectly contribute \$1,000 or more in support of or in opposition to a proposal that has been submitted to Stanislaus LAFCO must comply with the disclosure requirements of the Political Reform Act (commencing with Section 84250). These requirements contain provisions for making disclosures of contributions and expenditures at specified intervals. Additional information about the requirements pertaining to disclosures can be obtained by consulting the Fair Political Practices Commission at www.fppc.ca.gov or 1-866-ASK-FPPC.
- D. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57009, expenditures for political purposes related to proceedings for a change of organization or reorganization that will be conducted pursuant to this part, and contributions in support of, or in opposition to those proceedings, shall be disclosed and reported to the Commission to the same extent and subject to same requirements as the Political Reform Act, Title 9 (commencing with Section 81000) as provided for local initiative measures. Refer to Appendix C for Stanislaus LAFCO's reporting and disclosure requirements.