



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION OF SANTA CRUZ COUNTY

APPLICATION FOR LAFCO'S DISTRICT REGULAR MEMBER SEAT  
(TERM BEGINNING MAY 2023 AND ENDING IN MAY 2027)

INSTRUCTIONS:

If you are interested in serving as a special district regular member on LAFCO, please complete and sign the following application. The complete application can be mailed, hand delivered, or emailed (as a PDF with signature) to: 701 Ocean Street, Room 318-D, Santa Cruz, CA 95060 (mailing address) or [joe@santacruzlafco.org](mailto:joe@santacruzlafco.org) (email).

Applications must be submitted to LAFCO no later than  
**4:00 p.m. on February 3, 2023**

\*\*\*Note that fire district board members are NOT eligible for the proposed regular member position because a fire district board member currently occupies the other regular seat.\*\*\*

NAME: Rachel Lather

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DISTRICT BOARD ON WHICH YOU CURRENTLY SERVE: Sequel Creek Water Dist

PREVIOUS BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Identify organization[s] and length of term[s]):

SCWD Board 2014 - present

LAFCO Commission 2019 - 2023

STATEMENT OF INTEREST:

You may attach a separate sheet to present additional qualifications or a statement of interest in serving on LAFCO.

CERTIFICATION:

I certify that the above information is true and correct and I authorize the verification of the information in the application.

Rachel Lather  
Signature of Board Member Interested in Serving on LAFCO

1/23/2023  
Date

## LAFCO STATEMENT OF INTEREST- Rachél Lather

As the Senior Civil Engineer for Sanitation Engineering at the County of Santa Cruz, I have worked with LAFCO staff to resolve many issues regarding sewer districts and sewer service areas. I first worked with LAFCO to legalize providing CEMEX with extraterritorial water and sewer services in Davenport, California. I also worked with LAFCO to extend the boundaries of the Rolling Woods CSA sewer service to include Pasatiempo and the Graham Hill corridor. This experience helped me understand the importance of this agency.

I have been a LAFCO commissioner since 2019 and have learned more about the agency and its important role in California. I was chosen to be the Vice-Chair of the Commission in 2021/22 and the Chair of the Commission in 2022/23. I have grown from those years of experience in a leadership role and believe that I was able to be effective as a commissioner. I was recently re-elected to be a director for Soquel Creek Water District and the District Board has selected me to apply for being the LAFCO Commissioner to represent Special Districts.

I believe that I will continue to be a pragmatic and effective commissioner if I am elected to continue to be a part of LAFCO for 2023-2027 and would be honored to be selected as the representative for Special Districts.

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NAME: JAMES JOSEPH (JOE) GALLAGHER, M.D.
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EMAIL: JGMD@SCSHOP.COM

DISTRICT BOARD ON WHICH YOU CURRENTLY SERVE: Pajaro Valley Health Care District

PREVIOUS BOARD, COMMISSION, OR COMMITTEE SERVED (Identify organization[s] and length of term[s]):
WATSONVILLE COMMUNITY HOSPITAL BOARD - 7 YEARS (WCH)
PAJARO VALLEY COMMUNITY HEALTH TRUST - 4 YEARS
CHIEF OF MEDICAL STAFF AT WCH - 6 YEARS
SEVERAL COMMITTEES AT WCH ~ 25 YEARS (PLEASE SEE ATTACHED)
PAJARO VALLEY MEDICAL GROUP - PRESIDENT - 16 YEARS

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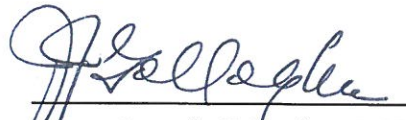
Signature of Board Member Interested in Serving on LAFCO: [Handwritten Signature]

Date: 1/24/2023

## LAFCO Statement of Interest

I am interested in serving on LAFCO in order to represent the interests of the Pajaro Valley Health Care District, to assure that the PVHCD stays in compliance with LAFCO regulations, and to work with representatives of the other special districts in Santa Cruz County on the issues that we all face.

As a retired person, I have the time to get involved, and while I don't have much experience with government, I have a lot of experience with governance.



James Joseph Gallagher, M.D.

## Resume

James Joseph Gallagher, M.D.

aka: Joe Gallagher, M.D.

Born: Norristown, PA - 5/15/1951

Home: 130 Terry Loop Watsonville, CA 95076

(831) 332-2694

Email: jgmd@scshop.com, joeg51@cruzio.com

Spouse: Rose K. Murphy

Children: Brian - 40, Carey - 37

### College:

U.S. Naval Academy 1969-71

University of California San Diego 1972-74 (B.A. Biology)

### Grad School:

University of Chicago - PhD Program in Biology - withdrew 1976

### Medical School:

St. George's University School of Medicine, Grenada, West Indies 1977-79

University of Alabama Huntsville 1979-81 (M.D.)

### Residency:

Family Practice - University of Alabama Huntsville 1981-84

### Board Certification:

Family Practice 1984-2004

### Medical License:

California - G52929 1984-2022, (as of 6/1/22 - retired status)

### Work Experience:

United Farm Workers Clinic - Salinas, CA 1984

Urgent Care - Monterey, Salinas, Watsonville, CA 1984-85

Private Practice - Watsonville, CA 1985-2006

Hospital Based Practice - Watsonville, CA 2006-19 (Retired 12/31/2019)

### Hospital Affiliation:

Watsonville Community Hospital - 75 Nielson St. Watsonville, CA 95076 1986-2019

### Hospital/Community Leadership:

Board of Directors - Watsonville Community Hospital 1999-2000, 2007-08, 2016-18

Chief of Staff 1991-93, 2007-08, 2016-18

Vice Chief of Staff 1990-91, 2006-07, 2012-2014

Architectural Committee 1994-98

Bylaws Committee 1999-2006, 2013-14

Critical Care Committee Chair 1989

Ethics Committee Chair 2014-16

Family Practice Department Chair 1988, 1996, 2005, 2014

Quality Coordinating Council Chair 2006-07, 2014-16

President Pajaro Valley Medical Group, Inc. 1998-2014

Board of Directors - Pajaro Valley Community Health Trust 1998-2000, 2018