

# **Intergovernmental Collaboration**

## *Fostering Effective Relationships Across Boundaries*

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John Bakker is an experienced and knowledgeable advisor on the full range of public law issues. His areas of focus include government finance (Propositions 13, 62, and 218), Political Reform Act compliance (lobbying, conflicts, campaign finance), elections (initiative and referendum), the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act (annexations, incorporations, and reorganizations), land use, and telecommunications, energy and public utilities. Since joining the firm in January of 2001, John has advised municipal clients on these and other public law issues and advised private clients on the procedures for incorporating new cities. Currently, John serves as City Attorney for the City of Dublin and General Counsel for the Bayshore Sanitary District, the Napa Sanitation District and the Tamalpais Community Services District. He is also an Adjunct Professor of Law at the UC Davis Law School, where he teaches local government law.

Greg Cox

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As a member of the Board of Supervisors, Cox oversees a regional government with a \$4.80 billion budget, providing services for more than 3 million people. Cox's leadership has helped move the County through comprehensive budget and management reform. The County of San Diego, the sixth largest county in the United States, is now recognized as one of the best managed urban counties in the nation and holds one of the highest credit ratings of all counties in California. Supervisor Cox represents the more than 609,000 people of the First District, which extends from the Pacific Ocean in the West to the Otay and San Miguel mountains in the east and from Crown Point on Mission Bay to the U.S./Mexico international border.

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Carolyn Emery

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Carolyn Emery joined the Orange County LAFCO team in 2000 and currently serves as Assistant Executive Officer. Ms. Emery is responsible for the overall management, planning, and analysis of LAFCO projects, providing direction to staff and consulting teams on specific projects and budget development. She is currently managing several projects, including the Unincorporated Islands Incentive Program, Orange/Los Angeles County Boundary Project, and the Southwest Anaheim annexation effort. Ms. Emery also provides project management of the Commission's legislative affairs.

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Jerry Newfarmer founded Management Partners in 1994 after many years of public management leadership in California and Ohio. He is a national leader in local government performance management, and he has led his firm to nationally recognized expertise in municipal development review processes, strategic planning, budgeting and finance, and organizational analysis. He has served as City Manager in Fresno and San Jose, California; and Cincinnati, Ohio. He was Assistant City Manager of Oakland, California, which was the Chief Operating Officer role. He has been a key presence in the International City/County Management Association, and was Team Leader of the State-Local Relations Team of the National Performance Review.

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Supervisor Saylor has had a lifelong commitment to public service. His public service career spans 35 years and includes administrative, planning and analytical positions in local government and both the legislative and executive branches of California state government. Former Davis Mayor, Don Saylor was elected to the Davis City Council in 2004 and 2008. Prior to his election to the Council, Don served two terms as a School Board Trustee for the Davis Joint Unified School District, from 1995 to 2003. While on the School Board he was twice elected by fellow trustees to serve as President of the Board. While a Trustee, Don served as the 8th Assembly District Government Relations Chair for the California School Boards Association. During this tenure on the School Board student achievement in Davis schools ranked among the highest in California.

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