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**District Attorney's Office Seeks to Remove
Maywood Councilman From Water Board Seat**

The Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office has filed a civil lawsuit to remove Maywood Councilman Sergio Calderon from serving as a director on a regional water board.

The civil complaint in case BC642232 was filed Wednesday and alleges that holding both offices at the same time is a conflict of interest and violates state law. Calderon has 30 days to respond to the civil action.

Deputy District Attorneys Marian Thompson and Bjorn Dodd with the Public Integrity Division are handling the case.

Calderon, 40, was elected to the Maywood City Council on Nov. 3, 2015. He also has served as a board director for the Water Replenishment District of Southern California (WRD) since 2006.

According to the lawsuit, the two positions are incompatible under state law because "the WRD and the City of Maywood have overlapping territory, duties and responsibilities, and a clash of duties is likely to arise in the exercise of both offices simultaneously."

Calderon's water board division includes Maywood.

Calderon also had a similar conflict in 2008, which resulted in a civil lawsuit by the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office to remove him from the Maywood City Council but he resigned from his council post before the matter went to trial.

Last month, the state Attorney General's Office issued an opinion allowing Los Angeles prosecutors to sue in civil court to have Calderon removed from his elected WRD office.

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Los Angeles County District Attorney Jackie Lacey leads the largest local prosecutorial office in the nation. Her staff of nearly 1,000 attorneys, 300 investigators and 800 support staff members is dedicated to protecting our community through the fair and ethical pursuit of justice and the safeguarding of crime victims' rights.