LAFCO 25-11

RESOLUTION OF THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION AUTHORIZES LAFCO TO ACCEPT CREDIT CARDS, DEBIT CARDS, OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFERS AND TO IMPOSE CERTAIN FEES FOR THE USE OF A CREDIT OR DEBIT CARD OR ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER NOT TO EXCEED THE COSTS INCURRED BY LAFCO

WHEREAS, the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission ("LAFCO") is a public agency under Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (Government Code Section 56000 et seq.); and

WHEREAS, the Commission of the Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission is the governing body that has fiscal responsibility for LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO wishes to accept credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers for the payment of services rendered by LAFCO and the payment of fees and charges due to LAFCO necessary to conduct the business of LAFCO; and

WHEREAS, accepting credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers can often include the associated cost of "convenience charges" or other charges from the credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer companies for the privilege of using this type of payment; and

WHEREAS, LAFCO seeks to pass those direct costs associated with the use of credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers that are incurred by LAFCO on to the holder of the credit card, debit card, and electronic funds transfer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED DETERMINED AND ORDERED by the Commission as follows:

(1) Finds, as a lead agency under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15378(b)(4), authority to accept and charge for the use of credit cards, debits cards, and electronic fund transfers is not a project because it consists of government funding mechanisms or other government fiscal activities, which do not involve any commitment to any specific project which may result in a potentially significant physical impact on the environment.

(2) Pursuant to Government Code Section 6159, the Commission approves LAFCO accepting credit cards, debit cards, and electronic funds transfers for the payment of services rendered by LAFCO and the payment of fees and charges due to LAFCO.

This authorization includes the ability for LAFCO to impose certain fees on the holder of the credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer not to exceed the costs incurred by LAFCO from the credit or debit card issuer or the processor of the electronic funds transfer in providing for payment by credit card, debit card, or electronic funds transfer..

(3) The effective date of the approved update shall be 60-days and commence on January 5, 2026.

This resolution is hereby adopted this 6th day of November, 2025 in Santa Barbara, California.

AYES: Commissioner Geyer, Hartmann, Kyriaco, Johnson, Nelson, Stark, and Mosby

NOES: None

ABSTAIN: None

Santa Barbara County Local Agency
Formation Commission

By: Stephen Steve Stark
Chair, ~~Patino~~ Stark

Date: 11/6/2025

ATTEST:

Ila Fennell, Commission Clerk
Santa Barbara County
Local Agency Formation Commission