

November 28, 2022

Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission and Mr. Mike Prater, Executive Officer Submitted via email to <u>lafco@sblafco.org</u>

RE: <u>Request for Continuance of SOI Item 1 for LAFCO File No. 22-07 for the City</u> of Lompoc's Bailey Avenue Sphere of Influence Amendment

Dear Mr. Prater and Members of the Commission:

This letter is submitted by the Environmental Defense Center on behalf of Santa Barbara County Action Network as well as the below signatories to formally request a continuance of Agenda item "Sphere of Influence Amendments" # 1, which is described on the December 8, 2022 LAFCO Agenda as:

1) Consider application for approval of LAFCO File No. 22-06 for Bailey Avenue Sphere of Influence Amendment (APNs 093-070-084, 065 (the Bailey Property) and APNs 093-111-007, -008, -009, -010, -011, & -012 (the Bodger Property)), and consider EIR No. 2008081032 and addendums prepared and certified by the City of Lompoc and take one of the following actions:

- a) Deny, without Prejudice;
- b) Deny the Proposal;
- c) Request that the City withdraw the Application;
- d) Conceptually approve the Proposal, in whole or in part, with terms and conditions;
- e) Continue this matter until February 2, 2023.

A large volume of information relevant to this item was released along with the posting of the December 8 Agenda just this past Saturday, November 26. For example, LAFCO's staff analysis contained in *SOI Item 1– File 22-07 Bailey Avenue* consists of 289 pages of detailed information, including analysis related to LAFCO's responsibility under the California Environmental Quality Act. In addition, there are 1,672 pages contained in *Bailey Ave SOI Proposal – FEIR & Addendums*. There is insufficient time for the public to review this information prior to the December 8 meeting. To provide the public with a meaningful November 28, 2022 Request for Continuance re Bailey Avenue Page 2 of 2

opportunity to participate in this process, and therefore support informed decision-making, we respectfully request that this matter be continued until February 2, 2023, prior to proceeding with the item at the December 8 meeting in any capacity.

Sincerely,

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