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## **LAFCO 99-20 – Incorporation of the City of Goleta Approval of Impartial Analysis**

Dear Members of the Commission

### RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve the enclosed Impartial Analysis and direct the staff to forward the document to the Registrar of Voters.

### DISCUSSION

The laws governing city incorporations require the LAFCO staff to prepare and the Commission to approve, with or without modification, an Impartial Analysis of the ballot proposition. The enclosed analysis is presented for the Commission's review.

Government Code §56859 states an Impartial Analysis cannot exceed 500 words including a general description of the affected territory. As written it is 471 words in length.

The approved Impartial Analysis will be distributed to all registered voters with the other ballot materials for the proposed incorporation.

Please contact the LAFCO if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

**BOB BRAITMAN**  
Executive Officer

# SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

## IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF THE PROPOSED INCORPORATION OF THE CITY OF GOLETA

A “yes” vote on this measure will create the new City of Goleta. The City will begin on February 1, 2002 and be governed by a five-member council elected by registered voters living within the City. The incorporation is subject to the terms and conditions in LAFCO’s resolution of approval, a copy of which is enclosed with the ballot materials.

A “no” vote on the measure means there will be no change in the status quo and decisions about land use planning and the delivery of municipal services will continue to be made by the County of Santa Barbara.

The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) has studied matter and found that the new city will be financially feasible. It is projected the new City will receive sufficient revenues to provide the same level of services as currently provided, with a prudent reserve, without increasing tax rates or assessments within the community.

The City will assume revenues, service responsibilities, assets and liabilities of the County as they relate to specific municipal services. These include, for example, law enforcement, land use planning, public parks, street maintenance and general municipal services. All County ordinances will remain in effect until the city council enacts ordinances superceding them.

Roads, parks and other public assets described in the terms and conditions will be transferred to the City from the County. Decisions about City operations, levels of service and land use regulation will be made by the City Council.

Many types of public services will not be changed by this incorporation. These include public education and Countywide services such as health care, social services and the court system. Special districts that are already in place will continue to provide fire protection, water supply and sewers whether or not the incorporation is approved.

The proposed City in the western portion of the Goleta Valley is shown on the enclosed map. It contains about 5,400 acres with an estimated population of 29,000. It includes about 15,000 registered voters.

The boundaries generally follow the urban growth line of the Goleta Valley Community Plan on the north; western edge of the Bacara Resort on the west; the Pacific Ocean, Santa Barbara Airport and University of California property on the south; and on the east Maria Ygnacio Creek south of Highway 101 and parcels fronting Kellogg Avenue, Coralino Road and Cambridge Drive north of Highway 101.

The incorporation was initiated by a petition signed by 25% of the registered voters living in the proposed City. LAFCO approved the incorporation on May 3 and the Board of Supervisors on July 10 called the election on whether or not to confirm the incorporation and create the City.

**THE ABOVE STATEMENT IS AN IMPARTIAL ANALYSIS OF MEASURE H2001.**