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November 3, 2005 (Agenda)

Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Eastern Goleta Valley – Public Meeting

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission provide direction to the staff regarding scheduling a hearing in the Goleta Valley to obtain public comments regarding governmental options for the community.

DISCUSSION

Introduction

The “Eastern Goleta Valley” between the cities of Goleta and Santa Barbara has generated significant interest and attention. The Santa Barbara City Council has endorsed a proposal by the Committee for One to extend that City’s sphere of influence to include the entire area from the City of Santa Barbara to the City of Goleta.

The City of Goleta, after initially indicating it has no plans to serve areas outside its current boundaries, provided an August 19 letter stating the Municipal Service Review for the City should delete a statement that the City is not interested in expanding its borders.

At the recent LAFCO meeting on September 1, 2005 the Commission determined not to amend the city spheres at this time and directed the staff to return at a future meeting with the proposed agenda for a special meeting that would be held in the Eastern Goleta Valley in the evening to facilitate testimony from members of the public.

Agenda for Proposed Public Meeting

A suggested agenda for the special meeting is enclosed. It has an introduction by the LAFCO staff to explain spheres of influence, effects of a city annexation and the Commission’s jurisdiction in these matters.

Commissioners: Tim Campbell, Chair ♦ Joe Centeno ♦ Dick DeWees ♦ John Fox ♦ Bob Orach ♦ Susan Rose ♦ Bernice Stableford

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We plan to create maps for the meeting showing the existing Goleta and Santa Barbara city boundaries, the existing Santa Barbara sphere of influence, mobile home parks and agricultural properties and so forth. We will also provide a map showing the Committee For One's proposed sphere change as well as variations that could exclude mobile home parks and agricultural areas.

The purpose of the meeting, following the brief introduction, is to receive comments from interested members of the public.

Timing of Proposed Public Meeting

In consideration of the impending holiday season the staff anticipates that such a meeting will be held in the early part of 2006. The Commission should consider the potential date and time. Based on comments at the last meeting, staff anticipates the meeting will be held in the evening.

The staff will, upon the Commission's direction, locate and reserve a suitable meeting room in the Eastern Goleta Valley.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer