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for the County of Los Angeles

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MINUTES OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

March 12, 2014

Present:

Jerry Gladbach, Chair

Richard H. Close
Donald L. Dear
Margaret Finlay
Gloria Molina
David Spence
Zev Yaroslavsky

Don Knabe, Alternate
Judith Mitchell, Alternate
Joe Ruzicka, Alternate

Paul A. Novak, AICP; Executive Officer
Helen Parker, Legal Counsel

Absent:

Tom LaBonge
Henri F. Pellissier

Lori Brogin-Falley, Alternate
Paul Krekorian, Alternate
Gerard McCallum, Alternate

1 CALL MEETING TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. in Room 381-B of the County Hall of Administration.

2 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Chair Jerry Gladbach.

3 DISCLOSURE OF CAMPAIGN CONTRIBUTION(S)

The Executive Officer (E.O.) read an announcement, asking that persons who made a contribution of more than \$250 to any member of the Commission during the past twelve (12) months to rise and state for the record the Commissioner to whom such contributions were made and the item of their involvement (None).

4 SWEARING-IN OF SPEAKER(S)

The Executive Officer swore in members of the audience who planned to testify (None).

5 INFORMATION ITEM(S) – GOVERNMENT CODE § 56751 & 56857 NOTICE

- a. Reorganization No. 2014-01 to the City of Los Angeles (Reorganization to the City of Los Angeles and Amendment to the City of Los Angeles Sphere of Influence).
- b. Reorganization No. 2014-01 to the City of Los Angeles (Reorganization to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County and Amendment to the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County Sphere of Influence).

The Commission voted to receive and file both notices.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLEY
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES:	6/0/0

6 CONSENT ITEM(S) – OTHER

The Commission took the following actions under Consent Items:

- a. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 291 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15, Resolution No. 2014-08RMD.
- b. Adopted the Resolution Making Determinations Approving and Ordering Annexation No. 1026 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County, Resolution No. 2014-09RMD.
- c. Approved Minutes of February 12, 2014.
- d. Approved Operating Account Check Register for the month of February 2014.
- e. Received and filed update on pending applications.

MOTION: FINLEY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES: 6/0/0

[Supervisor Knabe arrived at 9:06 a.m.]

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- a. Annexation No. 82 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Approved Annexation No. 82 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, Resolution No. 2014-10RMD.
- Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, set May 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., as the date and time for Commission protest proceedings.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE (ALT. FOR YAROSLAVSKY),
MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

[Supervisor Yaroslavsky arrived at 9:08 a.m.]

7 PUBLIC HEARING(S)

The following item was called up for consideration:

- b. Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) for the City of Gardena.

The public hearing was opened to receive testimony. There being no testimony, the public hearing was closed.

The Commission took the following action:

- Adopted a finding that adoption of the Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) Update for the City of Gardena is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) because it can be seen with certainty that the recommended actions have no possibility of having a significant adverse effect on the environment; in the alternative, that these recommendations are not a project for purposes of CEQA because they are organizational activities of governments with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment pursuant to Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.
- Adopted the March 12, 2014 City of Gardena Municipal Service Review.
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for a Municipal Service Review as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56430.
- Adopted the recommended determinations required for the Update of the Sphere of Influence as contained in both the staff report and the MSR pursuant to Government Code Section 56425.
- Adopted the SOI Update for the City of Gardena, pursuant to Government Code Section 56425, as shown on Exhibit "A" map.
- Adopted Municipal Service Review (MSR) and Sphere of Influence (SOI) for the City of Gardena, Resolution No. 2014-11RMD.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	LaBONGE, PELLISSIER
MOTION PASSES:	7/0/0

Commissioner Dear stated that he was elected in 1970 as a councilman with the City of Gardena (City). He was involved with five previous annexations which ultimately "squared" off the City boundaries.

8 PROTEST HEARING(S)

(None.)

9 OTHER ITEMS

(None.)

10 COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Supervisor Knabe and other Commissioners congratulated Commissioner Ruzicka for finishing the 2014 Los Angeles Marathon.

Commissioner Yaroslavsky requested that the record reflect his support for the items on the Consent Calendar (6).

11 EXECUTIVE OFFICER'S REPORT

The E.O. reminded Commissioners to provide copies of Form 700 by March 21, 2014. LAFCO is required to file copies of Form 700 to the Executive Office no later than April 1st. The E.O. stated for Commissioners who file electronically, print out a copy and provide it to the LAFCO office. If Commissioners filed Form 700 with other agencies, a copy must be provided to LAFCO.

Chair Gladbach stated that if Commissioners provided Form 700 to other agencies, LAFCO requires an original signature submitted with the form.

The E.O. stated, within the Agenda Package, Commissioners were provided a copy of the CALAFCO Quarterly, which provides information about CALAFCO activities.

12 PUBLIC COMMENT

(None).

13 FUTURE MEETINGS

April 9, 2014
May 14, 2014 (Room 374-A)
June 11, 2014
July 9, 2014

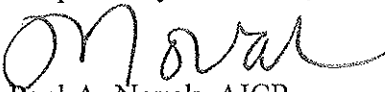
14 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

(None).

15 ADJOURNMENT MOTION

On motion of Commissioner Finlay, seconded by Commissioner Spence, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-08RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 291 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 15"**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15 (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Part 3, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to District, all within unincorporated territory of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 6.782± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 291 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to three single-family homes and a storage building including a snack stand; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the Proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for March 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, this Commission considered the Proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceedings for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and
 - c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

2. The Commission finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a) (the annexation consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning), for the portion of the project consisting of the existing three single-family homes. The proposal is also categorically exempt from the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (I) and 15302 (the project involves the removal and replacement of an existing park storage building with a new structure located on the same site and having substantially the same size, purpose, and capacity), for the portion of the project consisting of the removal and replacement of the existing building at Rimgrove Park.
3. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
4. The affected territory consists of 6.782± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 291 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15".
5. Annexation No. 291 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:

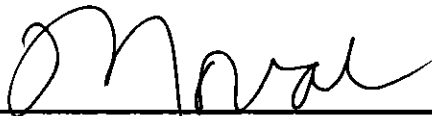
- a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
- b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
- c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
- d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
- e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
- f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
- g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District
- h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.

6. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 15.
7. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5, and to prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2014.

MOTION: FINLEY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES: 6/0/0

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**



**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-09RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING AND ORDERING
"ANNEXATION NO. 1026 TO SANTA CLARITA VALLEY SANITATION DISTRICT
OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY"**

WHEREAS, the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Part 3, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District , all within the City of Santa Clarita; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 70.876± acres of uninhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 1026 to the Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to a college; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Commission has determined that the proposal meets all of the criteria for the Commission to make a determination without notice and hearing and waive protest proceedings entirely, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer set the item for consideration for March 12, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, this Commission considered the proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. Pursuant to Government Code Section 56662(a), the Commission hereby finds and determines that:
 - a. The territory encompassed by the annexation is uninhabited; and
 - b. Pursuant to Government Code Sections 56658(b)(1) and 56662(c), the Executive Officer has given the required mailed notice to each affected agency of the application to initiate proceeding for the proposed annexation, and no affected local agency has submitted a written demand for notice and hearing during the 10-day period following the notice; and
 - c. The annexation was accompanied by satisfactory proof that all owners of land within the affected territory have given their written consent to the proposal.

Based thereon, pursuant to Government Code Section 56662 (a), the Commission may, and hereby does, make determinations on the proposal without notice and hearing, and the Commission may, and hereby does, waive protest proceedings entirely.

2. The Commission finds that this annexation is categorically exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines Section 15319(a), because it consists of areas containing existing structures developed to the density allowed by the current zoning.
3. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
4. The affected territory consists of 70.876± acres, is uninhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 1026 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County".
5. Annexation No. 1026 to Santa Clarita Valley Sanitation District of Los Angeles County is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.

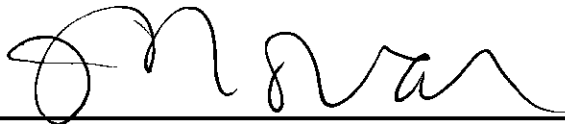
- b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.
 - c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
6. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Government Code Section 56882.
7. The Commission hereby orders the uninhabited territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" annexed to District.

8. The Executive Officer is directed to transmit a copy of this resolution to the District, upon the District's payment of the applicable fees required by Government Code Section 54902.5 and prepare, execute and file a certificate of completion with the appropriate public agencies, pursuant to Government Code Section 57200, *et seq.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2014.

MOTION: FINLEY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES: 6/0/0

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Novak", is written over a horizontal line.

**Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer**

**RESOLUTION NO. 2014-10RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
MAKING DETERMINATIONS APPROVING
"ANNEXATION NO. 82 TO THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SANITATION DISTRICT NO. 20"**

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 (District) adopted a resolution of application to initiate proceedings, which was submitted to the Local Agency Formation Commission for the County of Los Angeles (Commission), pursuant to, Part 3, Division 3, Title 5, of the California Government Code (commencing with section 56000, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000), for annexation of territory herein described to the District, all within the City of Palmdale; and

WHEREAS, the proposed annexation consists of approximately 240.860± acres of inhabited territory and is assigned the following distinctive short-form designation: "Annexation No. 82 to the Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20"; and

WHEREAS, a description of the boundaries and map of the proposal are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein; and

WHEREAS, the principal reason for the proposed annexation is for the District to provide off-site sewage disposal to 175 single-family homes and an additional 677 proposed single-family homes; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has reviewed the proposal and submitted to the Commission a written report, including his recommendations therein; and

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has given notice of the public hearing pursuant to Government Code Sections 56150-56160, 57025, and 57026, wherein the public hearing notice was published in a newspaper of general circulation in the County of Los Angeles on February 13, 2014, which is at least 21 days prior to the public hearing, and said hearing notice was also mailed to all required recipients by first-class mail on or before the date of newspaper publication; and

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, after being duly and properly noticed, this proposal came on for hearing, at which time this Commission heard and received all oral and written testimony, objections, and evidence which were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission set the protest hearing for May 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m., at the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Hearing Room, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration Room 381-B, located at 500 West Temple Street, Los Angeles, California, 90012; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The Commission, acting in its role as a responsible agency with respect to Annexation No. 82 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20, pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines Section 15096, certifies that it has independently considered and reached its own conclusions regarding the environmental effects of the proposed project and the Mitigated Negative Declaration adopted on

November 25, 2003 by the City of Palmdale, as lead agency, and has determined that the document adequately addresses the environmental impacts of the proposed project. The Commission finds that it has complied with the requirements of CEQA with respect to the process for a responsible agency, and hereby adopts by reference the environmental findings, including the Mitigation Monitoring Plan previously adopted by the lead agency in connection with its approval of the project.

2. A description of the boundaries and map of the proposal, as approved by this Commission, are set forth in Exhibits "A" and "B", attached hereto and by this reference incorporated herein.
3. The affected territory consists of 240.860± acres, is inhabited, and is assigned the following short form designation:

"Annexation No. 82 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20".

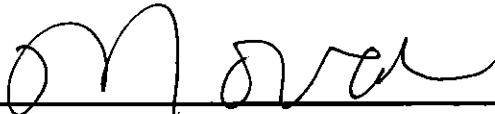
4. Annexation No. 82 to Los Angeles County Sanitation District No. 20 is hereby approved, subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - a. The District agrees to defend, hold harmless and indemnify LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees from any claim, action or proceeding against LAFCO and/or its agents, officers and employees to attack, set aside, void or annul the approval of LAFCO concerning this proposal or any action relating to or arising out of such approval.
 - b. The effective date of the annexation shall be the date of recordation.

- c. Payment of Registrar-Recorder/County Clerk and State Board of Equalization fees.
 - d. The territory so annexed shall be subject to the payment of such service charges, assessments or taxes as may be legally imposed by the District.
 - e. The regular County assessment roll shall be utilized by the District.
 - f. The affected territory will be taxed for any existing general indebtedness, if any, of the District.
 - g. Annexation of the affected territory described in Exhibits "A" and "B" to the District.
 - h. Except to the extent in conflict with "a" through "g", above, the general terms and conditions contained in Chapter 2 of Part 5, Division 3, Title 5 of the California Government Code (commencing with Government Code Section 57325) shall apply to this annexation.
5. Pursuant to Government Code Section 57002, the Commission hereby sets the protest hearing for May 14, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. and directs the Executive Officer to give notice thereof pursuant to Government Code Sections 57025 and 57026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March 2014.

MOTION: FINLAY
SECOND: DEAR
AYES: CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, KNABE (ALT. FOR YAROSLAVSKY),
MOLINA, SPENCE, GLADBACH
NOES: NONE
ABSTAIN: NONE
ABSENT: LaBONGE, PELLISSIER, YAROSLAVSKY
MOTION PASSES: 7/0/0

**LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Novak", is written over a horizontal line.

Paul A. Novak, AICP
Executive Officer

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-11RMD
RESOLUTION OF THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION
COMMISSION FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES ADOPTING THE
MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) AND THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE
(SOI) UPDATE FOR THE CITY OF GARDENA

WHEREAS, the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Governmental Reorganization Act of 2000 (California Government Code Section (Section) 56000 et seq) provides that a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) must adopt Spheres of Influence (SOIs) of each local governmental agency within its jurisdiction (Section 56425(a)) and that it must update, as necessary, each Sphere every five years (Section 56425(g));

WHEREAS, the SOI is the primary planning tool for LAFCO and defines the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency as determined by LAFCO;

WHEREAS, Section 56430 requires that in order to prepare and to update Spheres of Influence, the Commission shall conduct a Municipal Service Review prior to or in conjunction with action to update or adopt a Sphere of Influence;

WHEREAS, the Commission has undertaken the MSR and SOI Update for the City of Gardena;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer has submitted to the Commission an MSR and SOI Update, including recommendations relative to any potential changes to the existing SOI for the City of Gardena;

WHEREAS staff previously shared a previous draft MSR with representatives of the City of Gardena, and has considered input from City staff as it prepared the draft MSR presented to the Commission;

WHEREAS, the MSR and SOI Update for the City of Gardena contain the

determinations required by Section 56430 for the municipal services provided by the City of Gardena;

WHEREAS, a map of the updated SOI of the City of Gardena is attached as Exhibit "A," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, the Executive Officer, pursuant to Government Code Section 56427, set March 12th, 2014, as the hearing date on this MSR and SOI study proposal, and gave the required notice of public hearing pursuant to Section 56427;

WHEREAS, after being duly and proper noticed, the Commission held a public hearing on the proposal on March 12th, 2014, and at the hearing the Commission heard and received all oral and written protests, objections, and evidence which were made, presented, or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to hear and be heard with respect to this proposal and the report of the Executive Officer;

WHEREAS, for the City of Gardena, and pursuant to Section 56425(d)(5), the Commission has considered the impacts of the proposed MSR and SOI Update relative to Disadvantaged Unincorporated Communities (DUCs) that are adjacent to the City of Gardena's SOI;

WHEREAS, a map of the DUCs adjacent to the City of Gardena's SOI is attached as Exhibit "B," attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein;

WHEREAS, based upon staff review and the feasibility of governmental reorganization identified in Section 56425(h), staff has determined that any such reorganizations will not further the goals of orderly development and affordable service delivery, and therefore will not recommend reorganization of the City of Gardena;

WHEREAS, the proposed action consists of the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI for the City of Gardena; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the City of Gardena were determined to be exempt under Section 15061 of the State CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that the recommended actions have no possibility of having a significant adverse effect on the environment; and, in the alternative, that these recommendations are not a project for purposes of CEQA because they are organizational activities of governments with no direct nor indirect effects on the physical environment pursuant to Section 15378 of the State CEQA Guidelines.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED as follows:

1. The recommended actions are exempt from CEQA as set out herein.
2. The Commission adopts the following written determinations and approves the

Sphere of Influence Update for the City of Gardena:

- A. Present and planned land uses in the area: Gardena is a city that is largely built out, largely with residential uses comprising nearly half (44%) of the land area. Gardena has a fair amount of commercial and retail uses along major corridors, as well as a relatively large industrial area in the northern portion of the City. There is relatively little vacant land. No significant changes to the existing land uses are anticipated.
- B. Present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area: Gardena's recent growth rate of 2.4% between 2000 and 2012 is less than that of the County of Los Angeles as a whole (3.4% between 2000 and 2012). Even over the long-term, to the year 2035, a relatively modest increase of 275 persons per year is anticipated. Given a relatively stable population, the demand for services is unlikely to increase in any significant fashion.

- C. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide: Given the City's overall budget stability, combined with a relatively stable population, the City has the ability to provide services to residents and business for the foreseeable future. The City of Gardena, additionally, is well-served by regional providers such as the Consolidated Fire Protection District of Los Angeles County, the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, and the County of Los Angeles Sewer Maintenance District. The City of Gardena needs to continue its on-going efforts to build a new police facility and senior citizen center. The City of Gardena should endeavor to acquire and develop new parks, with the goal of providing the 175 acres of parkland identified in the City of Gardena General Plan.
 - D. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest: There are no significant social or economic communities of interest.
 - E. Present and probable need for public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection for any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing and proposed SOI. There are no DUCs within the City of Gardena's Sphere of Influence. The DUCs that are adjacent to the City of Gardena are located within the SOIs of other cities (Hawthorne and Los Angeles). With respect to the three adjacent DUCs, analysis indicates that each is within the SOI of either the City of Hawthorne or the City of Los Angeles. In most instances, landowners and business-owners in these DUCs are receiving services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, and structural fire protection from the same regional service providers as city residents. Even for Area 3, which, in an annexation to the City of Los Angeles, might involve a change in water service or structural fire protection (depending on the terms and conditions of the annexation), potential changes would involve switching over from one established service provider to another, and are not likely to have any significant impact upon residents and business-owners in the affected DUCs. Gardena representatives indicated that the City has no plans to expand into any adjoining unincorporated territories, including those in which these DUCs are located. Given that these DUCs are located within the SOIs of other cities, it is highly unlikely that Gardena would annex these DUCs at any time in the foreseeable future. The DUCs are more likely to be annexed by the city which has the SOI in which each DUC is located.
3. The Executive Officer's staff report and recommendations for adoption of the MSR and adoption of an SOI Update for the City of Gardena are hereby incorporated by reference and adopted.

4. The Executive Officer is hereby directed to add the words "Reconfirmed March 12, 2014" to the official LAFCO SOI map for the City of Gardena.
5. The Executive Officer is hereby authorized and directed to mail copies of this resolution as provided in Section 56882 of the Government Code.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of March, 2014.

MOTION:	DEAR
SECOND:	FINLAY
AYES:	CLOSE, DEAR, FINLAY, MOLINA, SPENCE, YAROSLAVSKY, GLADBACH
NOES:	NONE
ABSTAIN:	NONE
ABSENT:	LaBONGE, PELLISSIER
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PAUL A. NOVAK, Executive Officer