

## **Sphere of Influence Policy**

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### Background:

The Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“Act”) is the primary body of State Law governing the operation of Local Agency Formation Commissions (“LAFCOs”).

Within the Act, Government Code § 56076 defines a Sphere of Influence (“SOI”) as “a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the Commission.”

### Policy:

The Commission hereby adopts the following definitions of types of SOIs for cities and special districts in Los Angeles County:

**Coterminous Sphere of influence:** A sphere of influence (SOI) for a city or special district that includes the same physical territory as the jurisdictional boundaries of that city or special district. The Commission adopts a Coterminous SOI if there is no anticipated need for services outside the jurisdictional boundaries of a city or special district, or if there is insufficient information to support inclusion of additional territory within the sphere.

**Larger than Sphere of Influence:** A sphere of influence (SOI) for a city or special district which includes territory that is larger than the jurisdictional boundary of the subject city or special district. The Commission adopts a Larger than SOI if there is an expectation of future growth of the agency’s physical boundaries and associated service area.

**Zero Sphere of Influence:** : A sphere of influence (SOI) for a city or special district that includes no territory. The Commission adopts a Zero SOI if the functions, services, assets, and liabilities of that city or special district should ultimately be re-assigned to another public agency or service provider.