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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 403
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Proposed Processing Fee Schedule for FY 2010-11

Dear Members of the Commission:

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended the Commission direct the staff to distribute the Proposed Fee Schedule to the County, cities, special districts, land use consultants, engineers and other interested parties, and schedule a public hearing on June 3 to consider adopting the revised schedule.

DISCUSSION

The Commission generates revenue from fees paid by applicants for processing boundary changes, sphere modifications and out-of-agency service approvals.

Last June, in adopting the current year budget, the Commission decided not to amend the fee schedule, other than to institute a \$20 fee for copies of DVDs of Commission meetings.

The Commission can retain the existing fee schedule for the coming year or institute slight changes to reflect incremental inflationary changes. The staff recommends fees be increased by about two and a half percent (2.5%) to reflect incremental inflationary changes. We feel this is preferable to keeping the same fees for multiple years and then increasing them significantly.

The current and recommended fee schedules are shown on the enclosure.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,

BOB BRAITMAN
Executive Officer

SANTA BARBARA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF PROCESSING FEES

To be effective July 1, 2010

Annexations and Detachments

	<u>Existing Fee</u>	<u>Proposed Fee</u>
Acreage		
Less than 5	\$ 625	\$ 640
5 to 10	875	890
10 to 25	1,235	1,265
25 +	2,575	2,625

Reorganizations:

Annexation or detachment fee plus a 20% surcharge for each additional change of organization in the application, except for detachments from the County Fire Protection District or CSA 32.

<u>Formations and Incorporations</u>	\$2,470	\$ 2,530
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In addition to the processing fee, the cost of preparing the comprehensive fiscal analysis shall be borne by the applicant, proponents or supporters of the incorporation.

<u>Sphere of Influence Amendment</u>	\$950	\$970
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<u>Out-of-Agency Service Agreements</u>	The same fee as for an annexation.	
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<u>Documents</u>	1-50 pages is \$0.25 a page; 50+ is \$0.10 page	
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<u>DVDs of LAFCO meetings</u>	\$20	
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Fee Policies:

1. Fees are not charged for proposals that result from LAFCO orders or recommendations.
2. Fees must be received before proceedings are completed.
3. A supplemental fee shall be charged for proposals that require LAFCO to conduct public hearings, including conducting authority hearings. The fee shall recover actual costs to publish notices and mail notices to landowners and registered voters as required by law.
4. Additional fees to recover actual costs may be charged for preparing environmental documents when LAFCO is the lead agency.
5. A \$1,100 deposit payable to "County of Santa Barbara" for reviewing maps and legal descriptions must be submitted with proposals that include maps and legal. Boundary changes will be completed only when obligations to the County Surveyor are satisfied.
6. The fee for filing a request for reconsideration shall be 50% of the original processing fee amount. The fee shall be returned to the applicant if the Commission determines that the reconsideration is required to correct a procedural defect in its earlier action.
7. The cost for the State to review the Comprehensive Fiscal Analysis for an incorporation shall be the responsibility of those requesting the review.