LAFCO 4/7 meeting

LAFCO Boardmembers,

With the Natural History Museum's annexation application, one can argue that the city Sphere Of Influence is and encroachment on the County.
The properties in proximity to the woodland acres are in the County with the exception of the Museum campus that was originally in the county.

Neither the Sphere of Influence, being minor in this case nor consideration of the Museum's ease of operations under one entity is justification for annexation.
Reviewing the annual reports and audits of this complex non-profit, one audit particularly stood out.
On page 28 of the 2013-14 independent audit done by McFarland Faleiti & Co LLP
It shows the Museum entered into agreements with planning consultants totaling 627,000 Thru 12/31/14 with an additional 63,595 for 3/5/15 for the conditional use update prior to the annexation application.
It was also noted that the studies and plans would ultimately lead to land use permits and the costs of consultant's expenses are being capitalized.

This Commission's duty is to take into account the local conditions and needs.
This is very special open space in a historic area.
The Coalition to Preserve Mission Canyon feels the woodland acres are better protected under County, as with the potential for future development the density allowed in the County is considerably less than the City.
The Museum has said there will be no change in Land use, so the need for annexation is being questioned by the neighborhood.

From The document library of the LAFCO web site, under Policies encouraging orderly Urban Development and Preservation of open space (www.sblafco.org/policy_04.sbc)
Item 3 states: Proposals to annex **undeveloped or** agricultural parcels to cities or districts providing urban services shall demonstrate that urban development will be contiguous with existing or proposed development; and that a planned, orderly and efficient urban development pattern will result. Proposals resulting in leapfrog, non- contiguous urban pattern will be discouraged.

Lastly, under this LAFCO policy, we feel there is direct conflict with this annexation application because at this time, there are no plans for development of the woodland acres.

Thank you,
Rosanne Crawford
Mission Canyon Resident

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 100th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 100 people have signed the petition.

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The petition states:

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My additional comments are:

> Keep them in the County!

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Alex Mahto
SANTA BARBARA, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: michael Gray <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Tuesday, January 12, 2016 4:07 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 98th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 98 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> home is on Montrose. Leave the way it is. It works just fine

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michael Gray
Goleta, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Neil Botts <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Monday, January 11, 2016 4:06 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 95th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 95 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> I am an adjacent landowner to Museum property.

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Neil Botts
SANTA BARBARA, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Mary O. Furner <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 11:09 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 79th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 79 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> Changing the route will increase already danger our speeds and despoil scenic landmarks.

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Mary O. Furner
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Tina Messineo <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 3:05 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 71st signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 72 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> I am a Santa Barbara native and grew up in one of the first homes built in Mission Canyon. I ask that you allow the corridor to remain the same, keeping the canyon's treasured history intact. Please do not make it into something that it is not with the idea that it needs to change to keep up with the times. I use the area every day and see no reason for improvements.

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Tina Messineo
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From:	Marie Maschal <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent:	Friday, January 08, 2016 1:42 PM
To:	Email Lafco
Subject:	I'm the 62nd signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 62 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> I prefer no annexation, leave it as it is with the County of Santa Barbara.

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Marie Maschal
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Diana Wolf <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 1:37 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 61st signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 61 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> Please do NOT annex the woodland acres or take control of the ;entry into mission canyo

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Diana Wolf
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Renee Malloy <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 1:29 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 59th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 59 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> Thank you for protecting us!

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Renee Malloy
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Celina Andrade <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 1:25 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 58th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 58 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> As a Museum member and volunteer, it is most important to me that it remain natural and pristine.

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Celina Andrade
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: jennie riker <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Friday, January 08, 2016 11:47 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 53rd signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 53 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> This is one of the most iconic parts of our city. Please don't do this. It would be a terrible mistake. Jennie Riker.

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jennie riker
santa barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paulina Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Cc: Email Lafco; Farr, Doreen; Wolf Janet and Harvey
Subject: Museum of Natural History

Dear LAFCO Board,

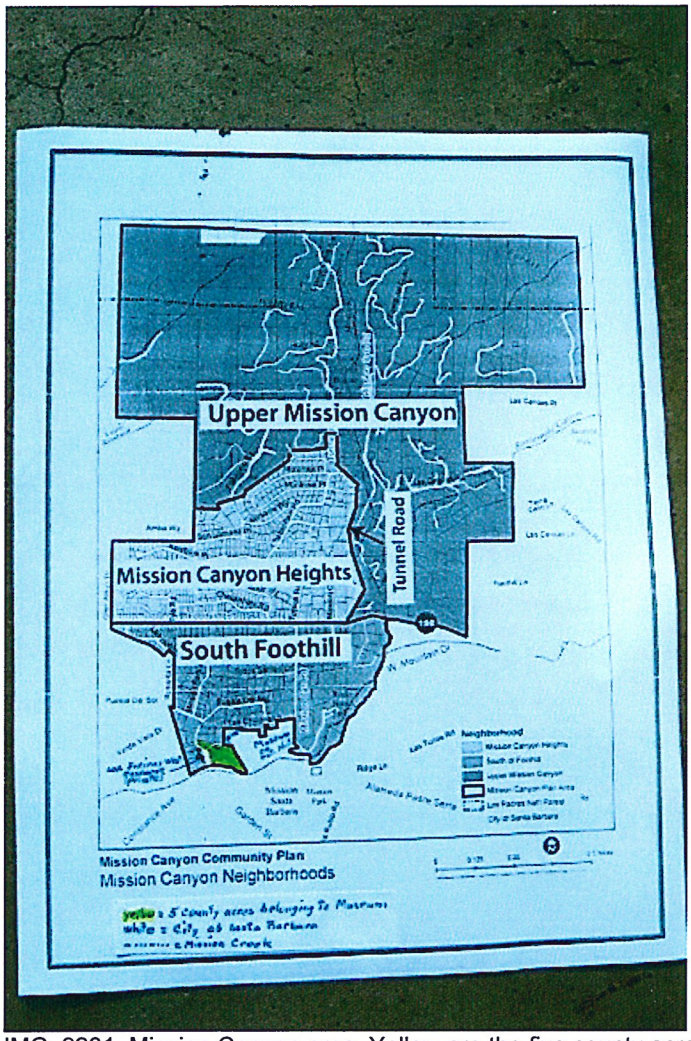
I am wondering if the map you receive for the proposed change of jurisdiction from County to City of the five acres belonging to the Museum of Natural History also shows what would be left in the County to the west if annexation occurred?

There would be only a sliver of land left. Nearest Mission Creek there are two landowner parcels between Las Encinas West (private easement in the County) and Miradero Drive (public road in the City). The rest of the way there are private parcels with, I believe, single owners between the five acres and the City boundary. I have heard these property owners have expressed a desire to remain in the County. Annexation by the Museum of parts of Mission Canyon into the City could well put pressure on these owners to also become part of the City. I believe that piecemeal annexation is detrimental to the ambiance of Mission Canyon and to land use policies.

Is it possible for Mission Canyon residents to request that the Museum of Natural History property in Mission Canyon and currently in the City be detached from the City and reattached to the County? The rest of Mission Canyon is in the County. Conflicts in values are being created. I believe there is no need for any part of the Museum to be in the City. All services are available to the Museum and its properties through County jurisdiction. This would put all the Museum's Mission Canyon holdings in one jurisdiction. the County is the best jurisdiction in my opinion.

I believe that if and when the time is right, all of Mission Canyon should be annexed to the City in one piece not a few acres or parcels at a time. The values of the newly adopted Mission Canyon Community Plan need to be enforceable without conflict. The five acres need to stay in the County.

As you can tell on the map, the Museum is already a peninsula. By reverting the Museum properties to the County this peninsula will be removed not only on the map but also in reality as the topography merits reattachment to the County.

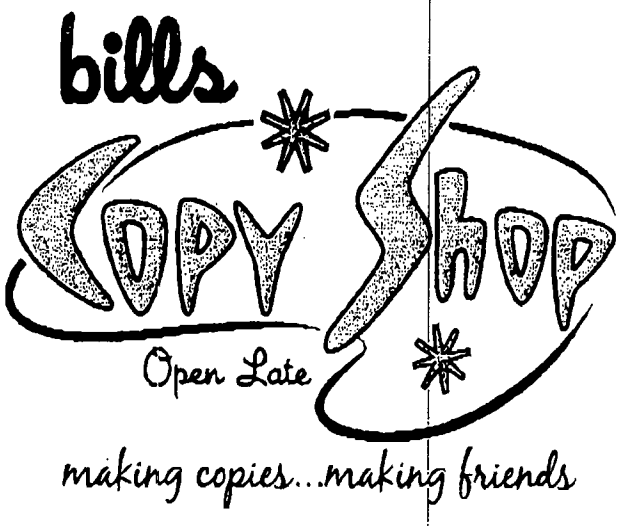


IMG_9231. Mission Canyon area. Yellow are the five county acres belonging to the Museum of Natural History that the Museum wants changed to be in the City. The dotted line is Mission Creek. White is City of Santa Barbara. Museum, private city parcel, and Las Encinas West easement are labeled on map in blue. Map is from Mission Canyon Community Plan. Additions by Paulina Conn. The Museum is the outlier. 1-7-2016.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paulina Conn
682-5183
2612 Foothill Road, Santa Barbara, CA 93105



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To: Paul Hood + Doreen Farr + members of

From: Francesca Galt

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Fax #: 568 2249

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Notes:

Re: Natural History Museum annexation of Mission Canyon land including changes at Puesta del Sol and Mission Canyon Rd

(1)

From: Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>
Subject: **public hearing Aug 11 re: annexations to city**
Date: August 6, 2015 10:39:25 AM PDT
To: Hschneider@SantaBarbaraCA.gov, Dfrancisco@SantaBarbaraCa.gov, ghart@santabarbaraca.gov, fhotchkiss@santabarbaraca.gov, RRowse@santabarbaraca.gov, cmurillo@santabarbaraca.gov
Cc: Hwhite@SantaBarbaraCA.gov

Dear Mayor and City Council,

I am against any city annexing of county (Mission Canyon) lands.

The Mission Canyon Community Plan is in place to protect all our Natural, Cultural and Historic resources, including traditional trails and the darkened night sky enjoyed by all. The contrast from the city atmosphere is a vital part of our quality of life.

This quote is from Walter A. Tompkins, Santa Barbara Neighborhoods,1989, and is just as true today.

" The residents of Mission Canyon have steadfastly resisted annexation to the city, pointing to the superior maintenance of their roads and streets. and their localized county fire protection, as reason's to maintain their present autonomy in what they consider to be one of the South Coast's choicest residential neighborhoods."

I see no good reason for this annexation and many possible problems.

Thank you for your consideration and all your hard work for the city.

Sincerely,

Francesca Galt 980 Andante Rd Santa Barbara 93105

(1)

Mayor and City Council,

I am against any annexation of Mission Canyon lands and any exemptions from the Mission Canyon Community Plan.

CEQA review should be required for annexation and should be part of the Museum of Natural History's Conditional Use Permit.

The natural, cultural and historic environment has special protections in the Mission Canyon Community Plan regarding environmental impacts near Mission Canyon Road.

The Museum landscape plan removes too many mature oaks and sycamores, altering the character of public streets. The trees offer shelter and cooling shade, they hide traffic and muffle noises.
Removal of trees would significantly impact the aesthetic and historic character of this significant cultural landscape.

All the historic buildings and structures in this area are from the late 1800's and early 1900's. There were no sidewalks or lighting on our streets in the late 18 and early 1900's and this change would alter the distinctive character and significantly impact this significant cultural landscape.

Importantly and ironically, walking directly on the land and seeing the stars at night connects us to our past. This is something very special and has been preserved for us for hundreds of years.

Thank you

Spoken @ meeting

Fran Gale

(3)

LAFCO staff Paul Hood chairman Doreen Farr and members

I am against the Museum annexation of any county lands, it is unnecessary and in conflict with the goals of the Mission County Community Plan. This plan was approved by the county after exhaustive and careful discussion of all details. It is a preservation document, written to protect all our Mission Canyon resources.

The Museum should have CEQA review for their entire plan and more complete requirements in their CUP. Institutions in residential areas need more protections for the community in order to limit future problems and disputes or community needs could easily be overlooked.

I am particularly alarmed at the inclusion in the Museum plan regarding "Safe Passage" - or any of its other names. This is a concept plan only and there is a great deal of opposition to it.
Including Puesta del Sol (a public street) in their plan, with changes to the environment, including sidewalks and street lights which would necessitate removing healthy, mature, native trees is unacceptable. Both of these issues are complex and should not be considered together.

Mission Canyon Rd from the Mission to Foothill, and all nearby areas are a significant cultural landscape. There are probably more natural, cultural and historic resources here in one place than in all of California.

As someone at the last city council meeting re: Museum annexation said " a lot of money has been spent"...
I expect it will be difficult to get an unbiased review, however, I look forward to an impartial, public review of the issues.

Sincerely,

Francesca Galt

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: Museum proposal for annexation of Western Parcels

From: Jana Zimmer [mailto:zimmerccc@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 11, 2015 9:25 AM
To: Dillon, William; Allen, Michael (COB)
Cc: Carbajal, Salud; Schneider, H; Farr, Doreen; Wolf, Janet
Subject: Museum proposal for annexation of Western Parcels

Re: Annexation of Museum owned parcels in Mission Canyon

Dear Mayor Schneider and Council members:

This is to request that the City reconsider the annexation of the Western parcels to the Museum property. The Museum's stated intention for these parcels is restoration, conservation, and continued public access. That purpose can be achieved by the Museum applying for and obtaining a Conditional Use Permit from the County to enable whatever educational and conservation activities they propose for the future, with appropriate review and findings of consistency with the Mission Canyon Plan, including with the ESH and public trail policies of that plan. The County has a good record (see, e.g. the Botanic Garden CUP, among others) of carefully reviewing such proposals and enumerating the type and intensity of uses and events permissible on sensitive lands. These five acres of oak woodland and riparian habitat qualify as a unique urban refuge for wildlife and passive recreation. The oak woodland is a distinct and different environment than the existing developed campus, and needs to be treated accordingly.

The annexation and proposed upzoning of the oak woodland for up to three residences per acre has no rational policy basis, and is counterproductive to the Museum's stated purposes of conservation and restoration. The CUP that the City approved for the developed portion of the Museum property should not be extended to apply to the woodland, because it does not adequately specify the proposed intensity of use of the woodland for Museum educational and event uses. Without any legally enforceable mechanism to implement the Museum's representations that these parcels will not be further developed for residential uses, (which the Museum has consistently refused to provide) and that the existing trail network will in fact continue to be available to the public, this annexation will be contrary to the community's interest, in particular the policies of the Mission Canyon Plan. Our legal and practical concerns have intensified since the Council's action on the CUP as a result of the following occurrences:

First, on May 7, 2015, the Court of Appeal held, on similar facts, including the potential for impacts from noise from exterior speakers and events on biological resources, that the County of Santa Clara should have prepared an EIR, rather than a mitigated negative declaration in a case involving the use of sensitive lands for noise generating events. See, Keep our Mountains Quiet v. County of Santa Clara 5/7/2015. Here, the Museum has asserted that the annexation of five acres of pristine oak woodland/riparian habitat for inclusion in the City's CUP, its use for an unspecified intensity of Museum 'educational activities', and the installation of 13 external speakers, (which had previously been declared a nuisance by the City), and oriented toward the woodland and the creek can be exempt from environmental review.

We have previously set forth why none of the categorical exemptions applies to this annexation. Evidence has been provided on the effect of noise on wildlife in the riparian area and ESH, but this issue has not been analyzed in any environmental document circulated to the public. The CUP that the City approved allows for a significant increase from long range historical documented annual visitation to the developed portion of the property, which has averaged since 1988 approximately 100,000 per year, to potentially up to
165,000 visitors per year. Despite our requests, the CUP failed to enumerate the types or numbers of classes, events, times of day, or numbers of visitors using the oak woodland. The entire woodland is sensitive habitat, identified as such

in the Mission Canyon Plan. While other public agencies charged with the protection of sensitive lands have recognized that overuse-and even ill-conceived and improperly executed "restoration" plans,-- may damage or destroy the resource, the City has failed to analyze the potential impacts of Museum uses to ESH, let alone address them through enforceable limitations.

We have observed that the City seems to have developed a pattern and practice of exempting certain projects, no matter how they may impact the environment, from CEQA review. In this case, after three years of ex parte contacts and 'preliminary' meetings with the Museum's representatives, the City short-circuited the public review of the Museum's CUP by declaring the entire project exempt from CEQA after the Museum's application was called complete. We have recently been made aware that efforts by members of the public, including the Chair of the County's Mission Canyon Plan Advisory Committee, to obtain records under the Public Records Act to establish how this might have occurred have simply been ignored. These practices are contrary to the purposes of CEQA, the Public Records Act, and the Brown Act, to enable citizens to participate and understand what their elected officials are doing, and why.

Second, the CUP 'formalized' certain unpermitted Creekside development, and re-privatization of certain trail segments that had long been identified for public access through the property. There is already evidence that the City's failure to specify the Museum's obligations as to public access on the trail system has and will lead to reduced opportunity for the public to use the trail networks that have been used for decades. We informed the City Attorney and the project planner that several weeks ago, a large tree fell across a portion of the loop trail, and the Museum stated its intention to simply leave it, blocking the trail. The photographic and documentary evidence of this is in the City's record. It was only after this was brought to the attention of City officials that the Museum removed the segment of the tree that had blocked the trail. In the CUP process, the Museum had asserted that it would create a 'new' trail segment to replace those portions which it asked to re-privatize, but there is no time frame set for that replacement. There is also signage on the trails that implies that permission to use the trails can be revoked at will, despite the representations in the CUP that the trails will remain available. The effect of this is that already members of the public who have used these trails for decades are being actively discouraged from continuing to access the property.

Therefore, in order for this annexation to achieve its stated purposes to 'preserve and protect' the oak woodland, and to assure that the project will have no possibility of a significant effect on the environment or on existing public access, the Council and/or LAFCO must, at a minimum, require the following:

1. Delete the residential zoning and substitute open space zoning. If the Museum's intention is to preserve the oak woodland for restoration and conservation, rather than for future sale and residential development, it is completely counterproductive for City to zone the annexed property at a residential density that would allow even more homes to be constructed than under the existing County zoning.

2. Require a conservation and open space easement, as well as formal dedication of all trail areas that the Museum has stated it intends to preserve for the public. The trails that the Museum has stated it will preserve for the public must be clearly identified, and the Museum's maintenance obligations (i.e. prompt removal of obstacles, welcoming signage) must be set forth.

3. Delete the use of external speakers from the CUP. The conditional

use permit purports to 'guarantee' that sound from the unlimited announcements of planetarium shows and events will not migrate beyond the property line. However, the sound, and the very purpose of the speakers is to 'reach' Museum customers who are outside, in the play area that was been built without benefit of permit in riparian habitat, and throughout the oak woodland ESH. The Museum has no limitation on the number of announcements permitted per hour, throughout the day. Impacts of the disturbance to wildlife from this repetitive noise source has not been evaluated.

4. In addition, the City must specify within the conservation easement
the specific types, numbers, and intensity of activities intended for the riparian/oak woodland area. Contrary to the implications of the staff report, the Museum has no current right to engage in Museum related activities, such as classes or camps, on the annexation parcels, as those parcels are zoned for residential use only, and the Museum has never applied for or received a conditional use permit for such activities from the County.

Finally, we are concerned that the proposed annexation of certain roadways and parcels for the benefit of access to the Museum has been segmented from this project.

Once again, all we are requesting is that the Museum be held to the same rigorous standard as the hundreds of residential properties with lesser impacts to the environment in the Mission Canyon Plan area.

Cc: Paul Hood, LAFCO

Salud Carbajal

Doreen Farr

Janet Wolf

William Dillon, County Counsel

2612 Foothill Rd.
Santa Barbara, CA 93105

September 10, 2015

Paul Hood, Executive Director, and Commissioners of LAFCO
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

RE: 1. Request to **deny change of jurisdiction from County to City for APNs 023-250-39, 066, and 068,** the five woodland and Mission Creek acres owned by the Museum of Natural History.
2. Request to **deny annexation from County to City of Mission Canyon Road** from the historic bridge over Mission Creek to Puesta del Sol or Las Encinas Road which ever is eventually decided on as the annexation boundary. This annexation request is in the Museum's building expansion/renovation plans.

Good afternoon Mr. Hood and Commissioners,

The Museum of Natural History is a non-profit corporation that pays no property taxes and operates under a major Conditional Use Permit in the high fire, semi-rural, informal, scenic and historic residential area of Mission Canyon.

The Museum is completely separated along its entire southern boundary from the City visually and in actuality by a 30' high escarpment, by a creek, and by different ecology. The topography makes the Museum's City land an island in reality rather than a peninsula. Please visit if you have not done so. Annexation in 1968 was a mistake. This could be rectified by returning these land holdings to County jurisdiction instead of by annexing more land, piece-meal, into the City. Mission Canyon residents do not want their community annexed as was discovered in 2000 during the Goleta Cityhood deliberations.

The Mission Canyon Community Plan, a County document, and the County Comprehensive Plan should be enforceable without conflict. If a CUP is changed, it is the County that is affected. Please deny change of jurisdiction of the Museum's five western acres from County to City. Please also deny annexation into the City of several blocks of Mission Canyon Road, a County public road, and entry into Mission Canyon.

The Museum receives all services adequately right now. County Fire Station #15 is the closest first responder in an emergency. The Museum should not opt out. Lighting is lower in Mission Canyon than the City. The Museum should stay in. Service Area 12 is water and sewer that all of Mission Canyon receives. The Museum can negotiate City rates as has been done by another non-profit in Mission Canyon.

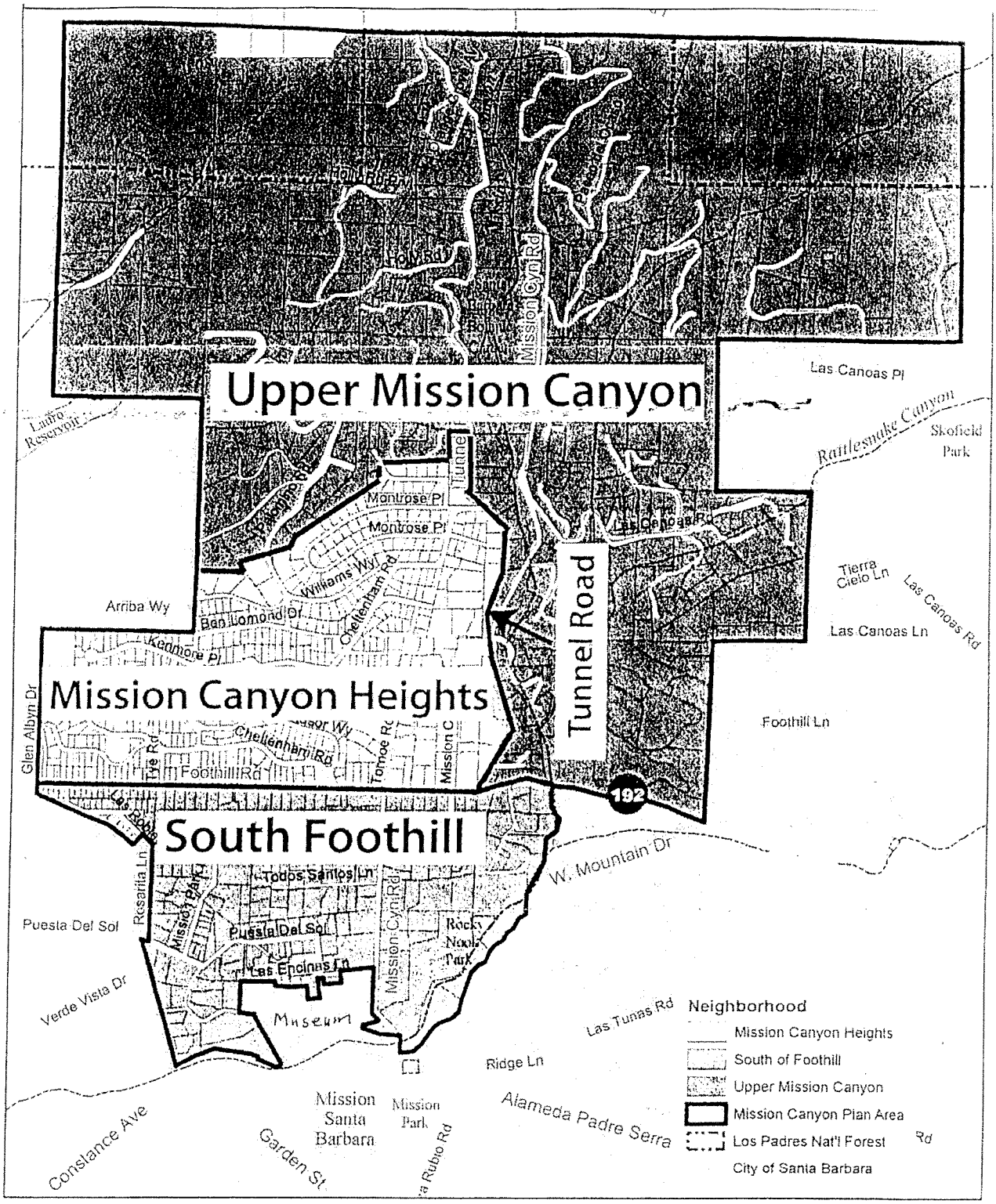
Should the Museum decide to sell or develop these five County acres, the City housing density could be as high as 15 homes or even 30 if granny units are allowed. County allowable could be 9 homes or 18 with granny units. Lower density is better. New property taxes should go to the County.

Residents of Mission Canyon enjoy and respect the Museum of Natural History and its mission. Let the Museum keep its current City approved CUP but development on APNs 023-250-039, 066, and 068 should need a County CUP.

Thank you.

Paulina M. Conn

Paulina Conn
682-5183



Mission Canyon Community Plan

Mission Canyon Neighborhoods

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: Annexation of Natural History Museum County property City Coucil meeting 8/11 2pm
Attachments: City Hearing Aug 2015.pdf

From: Rosanne Crawford [mailto:info@childtimenanny.com]
Sent: Monday, August 10, 2015 9:47 PM
To: sbcob
Subject: Annexation of Natural History Museum County property City Coucil meeting 8/11 2pm

I understand by the website that Jaquelyne Alexander is the Clerk of the Board for LAFCO.
Please direct my questions below to her thank you.

Has LAFCO Board had a meeting about this?
The meeting tomorrow at 2pm at City Hall to discuss the annexation from County to City by request of the Natural History Museum is a concern to county residents in Mission Canyon.
Does the County have a position on this? Has this been heard by the Supervisors? Why would this benefit the County in any way? Would the County be able to stop this?
Thank you for your response.
Rosanne Crawford
Mission Canyon and County resident

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: joel fithian <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Sunday, November 22, 2015 7:56 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 47th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Land in the County*. So far, 47 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63534-20251122-uvnQoq

The petition states:

> "We do not support the annexation of the woodland acres from the County to the City. Further, we do not want the City to take control from the County the entry into Mission Canyon from the bridge to Puesta del Sol or an Easement for Las Encinas Road annexed to the City."

My additional comments are:

> This area is too beautiful to allow a major development project from destroying it charm.

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joel fithian
santa barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Francesca Galt <frangalt@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, November 05, 2015 7:22 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Natural History Museum

LAFCO Commission,

Please deny any annexation of Mission Canyon land to the City. It would be a great loss to Mission Canyon. The rural acres that the Museum has refused a conservation easement for are valued greatly by Mission Canyon and have been held to restrictive and rural Mission Canyon regulations.

Mission Creek should be (and is) the dividing line for city and county land at Mission Canyon Rd. This is one of Mission Canyons most treasured and Historic places and must not be given away or changed for desires of one institution.

Thank you for your attention to this important issue.

Francesca Galt 980 Andante Rd Santa Barbara 93105=

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Stephanie Roston <stephr-001@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:16 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Museum Annexation & Las Encinas Road

To LAFCO,

We completely oppose removing the Museum of Natural History (with Las Encinas Road and parts of Mission Canyon Road) from the county of Santa Barbara, and changing it to the City of Santa Barbara.

We have lived on Las Encinas Road for 41 years, own two properties on that road and are adjacent to that of the museum.

The museum has been in Mission Canyon and in the County since its inception. We do not want to be City of Santa Barbara and oppose the likely development goals that the city annexation would facilitate.

Thank You,
Richard and Stephanie Roston
2745 Las Encinas Road

Sent from Windows Mail

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Luke Swetland <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Wednesday, November 04, 2015 9:22 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 35th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 35 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63534-20251104-trGHFF

The petition states:

> "We do not support the annexation of the woodland acres from the County to the City. Further, we do not want the City to take control from the County the entry into Mission Canyon from the bridge to Puesta del Sol or an Easement for Las Encinas Road annexed to the City."

My additional comments are:

> This petition asserts that this annexation constitutes a 'land grab' by the City. This is not true; here are the facts: The Museum campus consists of two different land uses. The Museum itself, its buildings, astronomical observatory, and related uses are all located on one parcel of land that fronts on Puesta del Sol. Most Museum activities occur on this parcel, which is within the City of Santa Barbara and has been since 1968. The other part of the Museum campus is the woodland area, which is located immediately west of the Museum's parking lot. It makes absolutely no sense to have the single Museum campus to be regulated by two different jurisdictions. Thus, when the Museum applied to the City of Santa Barbara in 2014 to update its Conditional Use Permit, we requested that the City support annexation of the woodland area to the City. City of Santa Barbara staff agreed that this made sense and would create orderly and logical governmental boundaries. In fact, the woodland parcels already have City water and sewer services and are also within the City's Sphere of Influence which means that annexation of this property has been anticipated as a probable City boundary adjustment. The City Planning Commission and City Council both voted unanimously to initiate this annexation, and the City has filed a petition with the Local Agency Formation Commission requesting that LAFCO approve the annexation. The bulk of Museum operations occur on the portion of the campus that has been under City jurisdiction for 47 years, and there is no benefit in splitting regulation of the Museum campus between two governmental jurisdictions, so annexation of the woodland area to the City makes sense. Luke J. Swetland, President & CEO, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

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Luke Swetland
Santa Barbara, CA

This email was sent through MoveOn's public petition website, a free service that allows anyone to set up their own online petition and share it with friends. MoveOn does not endorse the contents of petitions posted on our public petition website. If you have any questions, please email petitions@moveon.org. If you don't want to receive further emails updating you on how many people have signed this petition, click here: http://petitions.moveon.org/delivery_unsub.html?e=Lv2VdJnpT.8b9U.XZIHOhWxhZmNvQHNibGFmY28ub3Jn&petition_id=102115.

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 2nd signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 11 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63536-20251101-Xqm2Zj

The petition states:

> "We do not support the annexation of the woodland acres from the County to the City. Further, we do not want the City to take control from the County of the entry into Mission Canyon from the bridge to Puesta del Sol or an Easement for Las Encinas Road annexed to the City"

My additional comments are:

> This beautiful land is essentially my backyard holding memories of wonderful walks with my dog, my dad and my precious son - all who have passed in. It is a place of peace and beauty to be protected for all of our community. Keeping this area as county land assures that.

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Ann Corselius-Willson
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 5th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 11 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63533-20251101-U80=R3

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My additional comments are:

> I have lived in Mission Canyon for many years, but my official voting address is at my POB in Goleta. Mission Canyon is a very special place we do not wish the City of Santa Barbara to control. I am a native Californian of many generations and have lived among these oaks and sycamore and sleepy hollow neighborhoods forever. We MUST keep these 5 acres under County control or lose them, just as the City continues to build up to 3 stories and out to grab all the land they can. We do not want to become, as have Pismo and Morro Bay and so many other towns, another fake Disney style tourist trap. The Museum is already becoming that more and more, instead of concentrating on improving its upkeep and enhancement of its native american and other artefacts.

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Barbara Lyon
Goleta, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 7th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 11 people have signed the petition.

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My additional comments are:

> I love the Museum of NH & this area. Our grandkids & family are members oh the museum & we enjoy the area very much. Hope this works

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Debra beuoy
Santa Ynez, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 9th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 11 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63537-20251101-Wl2k_2

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My additional comments are:

> I think the Mission Canyon area is our best city park. Please keep it rural.

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richard garrett
santa barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Bettina Barrett <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 12:09 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 13th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 13 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63534-20251102-ukr2x1

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My additional comments are:

> I am acquainted with this area, have walked in it many times. I love the trees and that landscape as it reminds me of my hikes on the mountain. It is quiet, peaceful, and yet full of life. A true blessing for all of us as well as for the creatures with which we share life. It is of immense value to not letting it be taken over by the City. Please leave it as it now is.

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Bettina Barrett
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paulina Conn <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Monday, November 02, 2015 1:25 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 14th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 14 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63534-20251102-ukr2x1

The petition states:

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My additional comments are:

> The Museum of Natural History land that is currently in the City should be detached from the City and reattached to the County. The 20 to 50 foot high embankment , the southern boundary to the Museum, is the natural City/County boundary. All services are available in the County. Mission Canyon is a complete county community that begins at the bridge over MIssion Creek at West Mountain Drive. Detachment from the City has occurred three previous times. It is time to do it again.

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Paulina Conn
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: I'm the 16th signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 16 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63538-20251102-zTWDH6

The petition states:

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My additional comments are:

> I fully support the KEEPING of the S.B. Natural History Museum land within the County of Santa Barbara!

To download a PDF file of all of your constituents who have signed the petition, including their addresses, click this link: http://petitions.moveon.org/deliver_pdf.html?job_id=1659017&target_type=custom&target_id=63538

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Warren G. Wentink
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Stephen Sherrill <petitions-noreply@moveon.org>
Sent: Tuesday, November 03, 2015 9:45 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: I'm the 23rd signer: "Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County"

Dear Craig Geyer,

I just signed a petition addressed to you titled *Keep Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History land in the County*. So far, 23 people have signed the petition.

You can reach me directly by replying to this email. **Or, post a response for MoveOn.org to pass along to all petition signers by clicking here:** http://petitions.moveon.org/target_talkback.html?tt=tt-102115-custom-63534-20251103-QF=bVq

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My additional comments are:

> We do not want the possibility of increased development density. Proposals such as this have ulterior motives that are not in the best interest of the residents of Mission Canyon or honest historical preservation.

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Stephen Sherrill
Santa Barbara, CA

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Richard Sanders <richard@lynxproperty.com>
Sent: Sunday, November 01, 2015 8:22 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Museum of Natural History

As residents of Mission Canyon and neighbors of the Museum of Natural History, we encourage LAFCO to deny annexation of the museum's five acres and the Las Encinas easement to the City and to deny any annexation of Mission Canyon Rd into the city. We live at 270 Miradero Lane which connects by easement to Las Encinas Lane.
Thank you.
Richard and Rosemary Sanders

Richard Sanders

Sent from my iPhone

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Barbara Bates <batesbb@cox.net>
Sent: Thursday, September 10, 2015 11:28 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Against transfer of mission canyon property from county to city

To: Jacqueline Alexander, Clerk of the Board

I wish to register my stand against the annexation of the present county property belonging to the Museum of Natural History to the city.

Because the potential for more dense development will be harmful to the city, owing to limited resources, (mainly water) and restrictions on growth, these parcels should remain within the jurisdiction of the county whose regulations better enhance the natural rural atmosphere of the
Mission Canyon area.

Barbara Bonadeo
1002 Arbolado Rd.
Santa Barbara 93103
batesbb@cox.net

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Judi Doernberg <judidoern@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, September 09, 2015 10:36 PM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Museum of Natural History

This message is directed to Paul Hood, LAFCO Chief Executive, and Commissioners Roger Aceves, Bob Orach, Doreen Farr, Janet Wolf, Jeff Morehome, Craig Geyer and Roger Welt.

Please keep the five acres west of the Natural History Museum parking lot in the county. These should NOT be annexed to the city of Santa Barbara.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Judi Doernberg

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: Museum's Avoidance of Oak Woodland Regulations

From: Jana Zimmer [mailto:janazimmer@cox.net]
Sent: Wednesday, February 04, 2015 10:54 AM
To: Allen, Michael (COB)
Subject: FW: Museum's Avoidance of Oak Woodland Regulations

Mr. Hood:

Please consider the following as part of your substantive file documents on the potential Annexation of land owned by the Museum of Natural History to the City as a supplement to our previous correspondence.

As you know, members of the public have challenged the CEQA exemption proposed by the City for the annexation of the so called 'Western Pacels' to the City. That exemption is on appeal to the City Council, with a hearing date of March 24. The City and the public have been told that the Museum of Natural History is seeking annexation of parcels that are designated ESH in the Mission Canyon Plan, solely for the convenience of serving one master under a unified CUP. The Museum has never applied for a CUP for the use of the Western parcels for Museum purposes from the County. The City has proposed a residential zoning which would allow a greater intensity/density of future residential development, and its policies for the protection of oak woodland and ESH are less protective than the MCP. In addition, the Museum has specifically and adamantly rejected the request that, since they claim their purpose is to restore the parcels and to use them for 'passive recreation' consistent with current (minimal) use, they should place a conservation easement on the undeveloped portions of those parcels and formally dedicate the trails which the public has historically used.

The following is an excerpt from a report from the Bren School, http://www2.bren.ucsb.edu/~museum/ (which has been on contract with the Museum), which identifies that if the property is annexed, the Museum will be able to avoid the requirements of SB 1334. We believe that these requirements must be considered by LAFCO in its determination of the annexation application, and the appropriate CEQA review, and that they illustrate that these properties should not be annexed without requiring conservation and public trail easements to assure that the promises made by the current Museum administration are enforceable. The Conditions of Approval imposed by theCity Planning Commission are not sufficient to assure protection of this small, precious urban retreat area. Thank you.

State Oak Woodland Regulations

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Senate Bill 1334 (2004) reaffirms that oak woodland impacts are subject to CEQA review and gives specific guidelines for mitigation requirements if there are significant impacts on oaks. Passed in California in 2004, SB 1334 (Kuel) requires counties "to determine whether a project in its jurisdiction may result in a conversion of oak woodlands that will have a significant effect on the environment" (SB 1334, 2004). If there

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From: Mark Carey [mailto:oasissb@aol.com]
Sent: Thursday, October 03, 2013 9:12 PM
To: janazimmer@cox.net; Ronald Hill
Subject: Fwd: Bren 2014 Group Project

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

> **From:** Lauren Carey <oasissb@aol.com>
> **Date:** October 3, 2013, 5:51:45 PM PDT
> **To:** Lauren Carey <oasissb@aol.com>
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> This is the group involved with the Museum. The one member, Andre, is who I saw measuring the trunk of an oak and I spoke with near the path Mark made to the Museum's parking lot.
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> Gary is their contact on this project.
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Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Calonne, Ariel <acalonne@SantaBarbaraCA.gov>
Sent: Monday, July 06, 2015 11:06 AM
To: Jana Zimmer
Cc: Paul Hood; Carbajal, Salud; Casey, P; Buell, George; Gullett, Daniel P.; Vincent, Scott
Subject: RE: Museum Annexation

Hi Ms. Zimmer:

I advised the Council not to talk with you, during the pendency of the quasi-judicial land use appeal your neighbors brought against the Museum, without disclosing the communication at the public hearing. You should be very aware of ex parte contact rules given your role at the Coastal Commission. "All oral or written communications of a non-procedural nature by an "interested person" that are not made according to the above procedures are ex parte communications which are prohibited unless publicly reported by the Commissioner. If the Commissioner does not report the communication, the Commission's action that was the subject of the communication may be revoked and penalties may result."
http://www.coastal.ca.gov/roster.html You are free to speak with them now that the appeal is finished.

I am forwarding your concerns to the project planners and Community Development Director for review and possible action.

Regards,

Ariel Pierre Calonne
City Attorney
City of Santa Barbara
(805) 564-5326

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From: Paulina Conn <pconnt43@cox.net>
Sent: Monday, August 24, 2015 7:09 AM
To: Email Lafco
Subject: Thank you plus Annexation sharing

Dear Paul,

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We understand LAFCO has not received the application yet from the City for the annexation of woodland parcels belonging to the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, a non-profit 501c3 corporation, that are currently in the County.

I am concerned because only some of the public is aware of this annexation proposal and that awareness has come so late in the process. That awareness only came about because of the proposal to annex Mission Canyon Road along with the Museum parcels into the City. Evidently annexation of Mission Canyon Rd. is not going to be part of this process.

As you will soon find out with the application, the three parcels that are being requested for change of jurisdiction from the County to the City are APN 023-250–039, 023-250-066 and 023-250-068. All parcels are oak woodlands (see photos below). One parcel has a home that is unoccupied and accessed by the top road seen in photo #3 which evidently is an "easement" as it is not on the accessor's parcel map. This road is also used to access a private landowner's County parcel to the north (APN 023-250-047). The other "road" going south in Photo #3 accesses the other two SBMNH County parcels to the east plus private landowner County parcels on the opposite side of the road (west). Evidently this part of the private "road", Las Encinas (west), is also an "easement" not labeled on the assessor's map. Photo #1 shows the type of oak woodland on all three County parcels, 039, 066, and 068. Photo #2 shows the oak woodland parcel that borders Mission Creek. The Mission Canyon Community Plan, Figure 21, Page 98, Flood Hazard Overlay, indicates this is a 100 year flood zone. Photo #4 (left) shows the slim boundary lines as drawn on the assessor's map with parcels 039, 066. and 068 in yellow. It also shows a non-existent road going though parcel 039. The same Photo #4 (right) shows the roads drawn in black marker (by me after walking the area) as seen on the ground and in Photo # 3. All photos are mine.

County Fire Station #15 at 2491 Foothill Rd. seems to be the closest first responder in an emergency so taking these three parcels out of County jurisdiction will not change the need for the County Fire District.

The City portion of the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History (SBMNH) is a "peninsula" and an "island". Topographically, in reality, on the ground, the SBMNH is an island outside the actual City with a completely different ambiance from the City. It is bordered by Mission Creek and an embakment of 30' to 50' high along its southern border. It is not visible to the City. Its riparian and oak woodland environment and ecology are very different from the sloped, open, formal cityscape on the other side of the hill. On a flat paper map, even a topographic one, the SBMNH looks like a peninsula that juts into Mission Canyon with county land on three sides, east, west, and north. I believe it is best for the residents of Mission Canyon and for the integrity of the Mission Canyon Community Plan for these three parcels, 023-250-039, 066, and 068 to remain in the County. (

40' increments on the topo map I saw make a topo map useless for such things as 10' wide stream beds and banks. Google earth can work well however).

I have been reading the LAFCO application procedures and the LAFCO STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO CITIES.

I have written my ideas about the "Factors Favorable to Approval" and "Factors Unfavorable to Approval" below which I hope can be passed on to the Commissioners for consideration when the time comes.

Photo #1. 023-250-066 (County) Woodland SBMNH Photo #2. 023-250-068 (County) Mission Creek SBMNH Photo #3. 023-250-039 (County) (center) SBMNH. Easements that look like roads.

Photo #4. Assessor's Parcel Maps with parcels 039, 066, and 068 in yellow.
Left: as drawn on actual map. Right: with easements drawn in as seen in photo #3 above.

LAFCO STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO CITIES

Factors Favorable to Approval:*

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Factors Unfavorable to Approval:

1. Proposal would create islands, corridors or peninsulas of city or district area or would otherwise cause or further the distortion of existing boundaries. This is true. The Museum is the island or peninsula now and this enlarges the island that will continue to be surrounded by County. It is separated from the City by a natural creek (Mission Creek) and a steep hillside (30' to 50' embankment to 505 E. Los Olivos St. Mount Calvary Monastery that separates the City visually and in actuality topographically and ecologically from Mission Canyon).

2. The proposal would result in a premature intrusion of urbanization into a predominantly agricultural or rural area. This is true. Annexation makes more institutionalization and loss of open space easier. If the parcels are sold, in theory, the dwelling density would be greater in the City (3 dwellings per acre) than in the County (1.8 dwellings per acre). Mission Canyon has retained its relaxed, informal, rural character since the County began in the 1800s.

3. For reasons of topography, distance, natural boundaries, or like considerations, the extension of services would be financially infeasible, or another means of supplying services by acceptable alternatives is preferable. Not applicable because all services are already provided by either the City or the County or both such as through mutual fire protection agreements. If left as is, services would continue to be excellent, provided by City (water and sewer) and County (fire protection and light).

4. Annexation would encourage a type of development in an area which due to terrain, isolation, or other economic or social reason, such development is not in the public interest. This is true now and in the long term. This has historically been a place for walking, bird watching, and enjoyment of nature including accessing Mission Creek. Development is not in the public interest. If the parcels were to be sold to a private party than there would be less density in the County and the County would reap the property tax benefits that now are non existent because of the Museum's non-profit status. annexation causes conflict between City laws and the Mission Canyon Community Plan.

5. The proposal appears to be motivated by inter-agency rivalry, land speculation, or other motives not in the public interest. We can speculate that this is or could be true. It is not in the public interest to have these parcels annexed to the City. City values are different from Mission Canyon (County) values. Inappropriate development of open space parcels is easier in the City than under the Mission Canyon Community Plan. If sold there would be greater housing density than if left in the County. If sold to a private owner, the County would lose property taxes. If annexed, the Mission Canyon Community Plan and County values would be in conflict with those of the City. The surrounding County residents and especially all of MIssion Canyon would lose local control over their neighborhood. County residents can not vote in City Council elections.

6. Boundaries of proposed annexation do not include logical service area or are otherwise improperly drawn. The boundaries are improper or illogical because the topography puts these parcels into Mission Canyon which is in the County and not logically in the City. The County fire department Station #15 would to be the nearest for emergencies as a first responder. The Mission Canyon Community Plan is preferable to City Planning documents. In fact the current boundaries of the Museum of Natural History that are in the City are illogically drawn and should not have been annexed to the City back in 1968. It is much more logical to have the entire Museum be part of the County under one jurisdiction. This could be done now by changing the parcels currently in the City back into the County where they should have remained when the City limits were expanded from Mission street to include E. Los Olivos St and the Santa Barbara Mission. the Museum of Natural History never should have been included in this annexation. The SBMNH's current City Conditional Use Permit could be accepted by the County and the process begun to reverse the annexation by placing all of the SBMNH's Mission Canyon landholdings into the County. Then the SBMNH would be under a single jurisdiction in this location and there would no longer be a conflict with the Mission Canyon Community Plan in the future or other County ordinances.

7. The proposal is inconsistent with adopted spheres of influence and adopted general plans. It is inconsistent with the adopted Mission Canyon Community Plan and the County General Plan and Comprehensive Plan. It is illogical to be outside of the County Fire District when the County's Station # 15 is the nearest first responder in an emergency. The County values open space, natural ecology when feasable, and less density. All of Mission Canyon is in the City's sphere of influence.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paulina Conn
(805) 682-5183
2612 Foothill Rd. Santa Barbara,CA 93105

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From:	Rosanne Crawford <rosannexoxo@gmail.com>
Sent:	Monday, August 24, 2015 10:54 AM
To:	Email Lafco; raceves@cityofgoleta.org; cg@css.sbcoxmail.com; jrnjim@verizon.net; Paulina Conn; barbara lyon
Subject:	Meeting with Paul Hood re annexation of Natural History Museum parcels to City
Attachments:	Museum history.doc; LAFCO STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO CITIES.doc; circulated protest letter by Ray Smith.pdf

Mr. Hood,

Pauline Conn, Barbara Lyon and myself appreciate your time meeting with us regarding our concerns about the potential annexation of Museum land to the City. Historically, this land was donated to the Museum for public use.

I have included a few documents we had touched on in our meeting that go into greater detail.

Thank you for explaining the L.A.F.C.O. flow chart and criteria to be considered in deciding the outcome.

We have added some collective comments as to why we feel it is not in the County/public's best interest to approve this.

For those of you not familiar with the area and the named parcels, Pauline who lives in close proximity to the museum would be happy to walk with any of you thru that area.

Please keep us informed of any upcoming public meetings as part the review process.

Thank you,

Rosanne Crawford

Museum history

http://www.terryryken.com/santa-barbara-area-information/mission-canyon-history/

says:

Early in the century an ornithologist and oologist had his home on the north bank of the creek below the seminary. His name was William Leon Dawson, and he set up a museum to house his collections in two small cottages. In 1917 a group of prominent Santa Barbara citizens met in Dawson's home and founded what is now the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, one of America's finest.

Miss Caroline Hazard, former president of Wellesly College, and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Rowland Hazard, subsidized the fledgling museum as a memorial to their brother and husband. The present Spanish-style museum was started in 1922 by Miss Hazard, whose elegant home on the bluff above is now St. Mary's Retreat House. Mrs. Clinton B. Hale, the daughter of Col. W. W. Hollister of Glen Annie Ranch in Goleta, donated the Hall of Botany in her husband's memory. Mrs. Frederic C. Gould added a large Indian Hall to house an extensive anthropological collection owned by the famous artist Fernand Lundgren, whose home still stands on Mission Canyon Road. Major Max Fleischmann, the yeast king, added a Hall of Mammals and a Bird Hall, along with extensive laboratories, and a Lecture Hall.

Another of Santa Barbara's major cultural assets which is located in Mission Canyon is the Botanic Garden. In 1926 Mrs. Anna Dorinda Bliss of Montecito heard that a housing tract was being planned for upper Mission Canyon. Rather than see one of Santa Barbara's most beautiful untouched attractions ruined by "progress", Mrs. Bliss bought the entire 26-acre subdivision and dedicated it as a botanical preserve, confined to native flora of California, as a living memorial to her father, Henry Blakesley.

The Botanic Garden, later deeded to the Natural History Museum ...

Interesting is that the Mission Cyn Assn was formed in 1916:

Writers, photographers and artists of nationwide renown have made Mission Canyon their home. Residents of the area formed an improvement and protective organization early in the century. It was moribund by 1918, when it was reactivated by two young canyon dwellers, attorney Hugh J. Weldon, Tornoe's son-in-law, and Edward Selden Spaulding, the author-artist who founded Laguna Blanca School in Hope Ranch. They became secretary and president respectively of the Mission Canyon Association, which remains today, sixty years later, one of Santa Barbara's most vigilant, progressive and active community citizens' groups.

This same document is historically definitive to me and indicates that the City Council, attorneys and Museum backers were incorrect in saying the Museum properly belongs to the City, because ALL of the properties, the Mission itself, the Rose Gardens, etc, ALL belonged to the County and none of the City, at least that's what's said here:

When Santa Barbara was surveyed in 1851, the northern boundary of the city was Mission Street. Prior to World War I the city's first outside subdivision was laid out between Mission Street and Constance Avenue bordering the Old Mission. The new cross streets were named First, Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth – sidewalks on State Street still carry those unimaginative appellations imprinted in the concrete. Such prosaic nomenclature offended sentimental Barbarenos, who took pride in their Spanish-flavored street names.

So in 1927, by overwhelming demand, the five streets were rechristened. First Street became Padre, honoring our mission heritage. Second Street became Los Olivos, because it bisected the old mission olive grove. Third Street became Pueblo, honoring the fact that Santa Barbara was one of only four settlements in Alta California designated as a pueblo, or town, and therefore entitled to a gift of four square leagues of land from the King of Spain. (Our "pueblo lands" extend from the foothills to the sea between Tucker's Grove and the Rincon.) Fourth Street was renamed Junipero, meaning juniper, in honor of Padre Serra. Fifth Street picked up its Spanish equivalent, Quinto. Constance Street memorializes Constance Dreyfus, the wife of a well-known realtor who helped develop the Mission district. Up until the 1950s our city's main thoroughfare, State Street, dead-ended at Constance Avenue where the First Presbyterian Church is now located.

Except for this subdivision, the rest of the "Mission neighborhood", including the Old Mission and all of Mission Canyon and adjacent Mission Canyon Heights, are a part of Santa Barbara County. Rocky Nook County Park, at the entrance to historic Mission Canyon, formerly belonged to Mrs. G.T.S. Oliver. Upon her death in 1928, friends bought the land from her estate and deeded it to the County.

An Independent article

http://www.independent.com/news/2006/aug/29/q-can-you-give-me-a-biography/

says

Hazard is perhaps best remembered locally for her early involvement with the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History. Her brother, Rowland, was an avid collector of bird eggs. In 1916, he had built near Mission Hill the Tudor revival-style Dial House, so named for a sundial that his father had placed on an old stone wall. In 1917, he joined the board of the Museum of Comparative Oology, founded by William Leon Dawson in order to display his own extensive egg collection. The museum got its modest beginning in two small buildings on Dawson's Mission Canyon property.

Rowland died of a heart attack in early 1918 and his sister replaced him on the museum board. There was a growing disquiet over Dawson's narrow focus for the museum and some of his financial practices. Hazard sided with those who wanted to see the museum expand, and in 1922 she donated part of the family

land for a new museum dedicated in memory of her brother, whose widow donated the funding for the new buildings.

Dawson resigned in early 1923, and the museum was given a new name, the Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History, to reflect its expanded horizons. In ensuing years, Hazard would continue to give land and funds to the fledgling institution. She also spearheaded a drive in 1926 to purchase land south of the mission for a park. Today that land is part of Mission Historical Park.

LAFCO STANDARDS FOR ANNEXATION TO CITIES

Factors Favorable to Approval:*

1. Proposal would eliminate islands, corridors, or other distortion of existing boundaries. No because area is still surrounded by County. The Museum is the island.
2. Proposed area is urban in character or urban development is imminent, requiring municipal or urban-type services. No, this area is not urban in character. It is semi rural. It already has urban services (water and sewer from the city and it is in a county lighting and fire district)
3. Proposed area can be provided all urban services by agency as shown by agency service plan and proposals would enhance the efficient provision of urban services. No, efficient services already exist for City water and sewer . The County is the most efficient in providing fire service (closest) and it already provides the style lighting service Mission Canyon desires (low lighting).
4. Proposal is consistent with the adopted spheres of influence and adopted general plans. True for spree of influence but conflict with County Genreal Plan and Mission Canyon Community Plan. City increases density if parcels are sold. County values open, natural space.
5. Request is by an agency for annexation of its publicly-owned property, used for public purposes. No, this is a private non-profit not a public one. It's public benefit can change by a violation of its CUP or by the closing down of its enterprise and selling its holdings.

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4. Annexation would encourage a type of development in an area which due to terrain, isolation, or other economic or social reason, such development is not in the public interest. True. This has historically been a place for walking, bird watching, and

enjoyment of nature including accessing Mission Creek. Development is not in the public interest.

5. The proposal appears to be motivated by inter-agency rivalry, land speculation, or other motives not in the public interest. We can speculate that this is true. It is not in the public interest to have these parcels annexed to the City. If sold there would be greater housing density than if left in the County. If sold to a private owner, the County would lose property taxes.

6. Boundaries of proposed annexation do not include logical service area or are otherwise improperly drawn. Boundaries are logical because the parcels are owned by the Museum which already has parts in the City.

7. The proposal is inconsistent with adopted spheres of influence and adopted general plans. It is consistent with the sphere of influence but not with the County General Plan and especially not the Mission Canyon Community Plan. The County values open space and less density.

Tschech, Susan

From: Peirce, Gwendolynn
Sent: Tuesday, March 17, 2015 9:53 AM
To: Tschech, Susan
Subject: FW: Appeal of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Master Plan

From: Schneider, Helene
Sent: Monday, March 16, 2015 6:07 PM
To: Peirce, Gwendolynn
Cc: Casey, Paul; Buell, George
Subject: FW: Appeal of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Master Plan

From: Raymond Smith [mailto:ray@eri.ucsb.edu]
Sent: Friday, March 06, 2015 3:43 PM
To: Schneider, Helene; Francisco, Dale; Hart, Gregg; Hotchkiss, Frank; Murillo, Cathy; Rowse, Randy; White, Harwood "Bendy" A.
Cc: Ray Smith
Subject: Appeal of Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Master Plan

Dear Mayor Schneider and Council members:

I understand that the City Planning Commission's approval of a new CUP for the Museum of Natural History, as well as a recommendation for approval for annexation of five acres of environmentally sensitive lands to the City, has been appealed to the Council by a neighbor. I have followed the Museum's various expansion plans over the past decade and am very concerned about the process the City has followed for approval of the current Museum plan. In particular, I cannot understand the CEQA exemption that entails a lack of environmental review.

I was the Chair of the Mission Canyon Plan Advisory Committee (MCPAC) that, over a period of years, developed the Mission Canyon Community Plan. For more than the past two decades I have also been an elected member of the Board of Directors of the Mission Canyon Association, concerned with issues affecting our community, most especially, emergency ingress and egress and fire related education for canyon residents. While I have this background of community understanding and involvement, I emphasize that in this letter I am speaking solely for myself.

The Mission Canyon Community Plan (MCCP) contains very important policies that affect both the City and the County jurisdiction, in particular with respect to evacuation in wildfires, and traffic and circulation policies/roadway capacities for the segment of Mission Canyon Road south of Foothill. The Final EIR for the MCCP, and approval of the MCCP, was delayed for about two years because the attorneys and consultants for the Museum of Natural History argued that the County had used an incorrect environmental baseline. This issue was important because the EIR addressed buildout of single family lots in Mission Canyon, as well as contributions to fire evacuation and circulation issues from conditionally permitted uses in residential zones, such as the Museum, the Botanic Garden, and the Women's Club. MCPAC and MCA were deeply involved in these discussions with the Museum as well as City and County planning department folk.

The Museum representatives argued several times, both to the MCPAC and to the Mission Canyon Association, of which I was then President, that roadway capacities proposed for Mission Canyon Road would result in a

moratorium on 'new' development, including an expansion of use/increase in visitation, of the Museum's own property. The Board of Supervisors approved the policies as initiated. In these discussions, we were led to believe that the issue of the Museum's own contribution to existing and future traffic would eventually be analyzed in an environmental document that would be circulated for public comment in context of the Museum's CUP/Master Plan.

This issue was not eliminated when the Museum decided not to build new buildings. The issue of what is the appropriate 'baseline' for visitation, both for high attendance events and daily visitation remains important. Indeed, the potential difference in traffic and circulation impacts between "community events" and "gate visitation between 10 am and 5pm" has not been adequately addressed. The Museum says its 'baseline' is the number of annual visitors it was 'permitted' under its prior permit. But the existing physical baseline has been much lower: the visitation in 2013 was only 119,000. The CUP contemplates growth up to the 165,000 over a period of years (this maximum number is apparently a previously permitted maximum which has never been reached). The increases in traffic and fire evacuation hazard from additional cars on the road in the future is not theoretical. Whether the future growth in visitation would result in a violation of Mission Canyon roadway and intersection standards, and fire evacuation standards, which must be mitigated, is also an important question. This baseline dispute should have been resolved in a public process, and it has been ignored, because your staff decided to recommend an exemption for the entire project, including the annexation of five acres of woodland, from CEQA.

Further, I would like to emphasize that the woodland, requested to be gerrymandered into the City, is identified in the MCCP (which your Council approved) as an environmentally sensitive habitat (ESH) and the creek side trail has been included in the County's PRT maps since the 1980's. The Museum has already re-privatized a portion of the trail previously available to the public, and the public is entitled to a level of certainty that the remainder of the existing trail network will, in fact, be preserved for public access. Indeed, this was a stated condition in MCA's letter of support sent in early January to the City Planning Commission by MCA President Barbara Lindemann. Also, it is my understanding that the Museum's proposed educational use of the woodland would require a CUP under the County's ordinance, and impacts from that new use to the biological resources would surely be analyzed in an environmental document. The CUP conditions requiring these remaining trails to be preserved can be changed by a future City Council, and if the Museum sells the Western parcels to a developer seeking to develop houses, they will be ineffective to protect the habitat. Consequently, if it is in fact the City's intent to protect the Western parcels, the only way to assure the public that the trails (including the Museum's latest version thereof), open space, and habitat will in fact be preserved is to require a trail dedication and a conservation easement now, and as a condition of the City's support of annexation.

For all of the above reasons, and especially since the Museum insisted on recirculation of the MCCP's Draft EIR (and they were the only objector) it came as a shock to learn that the City staff had recommended an exemption from CEQA for the entirety of the Museum's own project. It seems that the people who worked in good faith for two decades on the Mission Canyon Community Plan should be entitled to a transparent approval process and a full discussion of the issues the Museum cited for delay of the MCCP. The City has not provided any factual justification for having ignored these issues. As one who participated for decades in this process, I would like to know how this happened. Therefore, I am requesting, pursuant to the Public Records Act, that you direct your staff to provide any and all documents, memos, notes of meetings which reflect any communication between any representative of the Museum and any member of City staff, HLC, Planning Commission and/or City Council members, from January 1, 2013 to date.

Thank you.

Ray Smith

Mission Canyon Resident

Alexander, Jacquelyne

Subject: FW: Museum of Natural History
Attachments: IMG_9231.jpg

From: Paulina Conn [mailto:pconnt43@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 11:16 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Cc: Email Lafco; Farr, Doreen; Wolf Janet and Harvey
Subject: Museum of Natural History

Dear LAFCO Board,

I am wondering if the map you receive for the proposed change of jurisdiction from County to City of the five acres belonging to the Museum of Natural History also shows what would be left in the County to the west if annexation occurred?

There would be only a sliver of land left. Nearest Mission Creek there are two landowner parcels between Las Encinas West (private easement in the
County) and Miradero Drive (public road in the City). The rest of the way there are private parcels with, I believe, single owners between the five acres and the City boundary. I have heard these property owners have expressed a desire to remain in the County. Annexation by the Museum of parts of Mission Canyon into the City could well put pressure on these owners to also become part of the City. I believe that piecemeal annexation is detrimental to the ambiance of Mission Canyon and to land use policies.

Is it possible for Mission Canyon residents to request that the Museum of Natural History property in Mission Canyon and currently in the City be detached from the City and reattached to the County? The rest of Mission Canyon is in the County. Conflicts in values are being created. I believe there is no need for any part of the Museum to be in the City. All services are available to the Museum and its properties through County jurisdiction.
This would put all the Museum's Mission Canyon holdings in one jurisdiction.
the County is the best jurisdiction in my opinion.

I believe that if and when the time is right, all of Mission Canyon should be annexed to the City in one piece not a few acres or parcels at a time.
The values of the newly adopted Mission Canyon Community Plan need to be enforceable without conflict. The five acres need to stay in the County.

As you can tell on the map, the Museum is already a peninsula. By reverting the Museum properties to the County this peninsula will be removed not only on the map but also in reality as the topography merits reattachment to the County.
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IMG_9231. Mission Canyon area. Yellow are the five county acres belonging to the Museum of Natural History that the Museum wants changed to be in the City. The dotted line is Mission Creek. White is City of Santa Barbara.
Museum, private city parcel, and Las Encinas West easement are labeled on map in blue. Map is from Mission Canyon Community Plan. Additions by Paulina Conn. The Museum is the outlier. 1-7-2016.

Thank you so much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Paulina Conn

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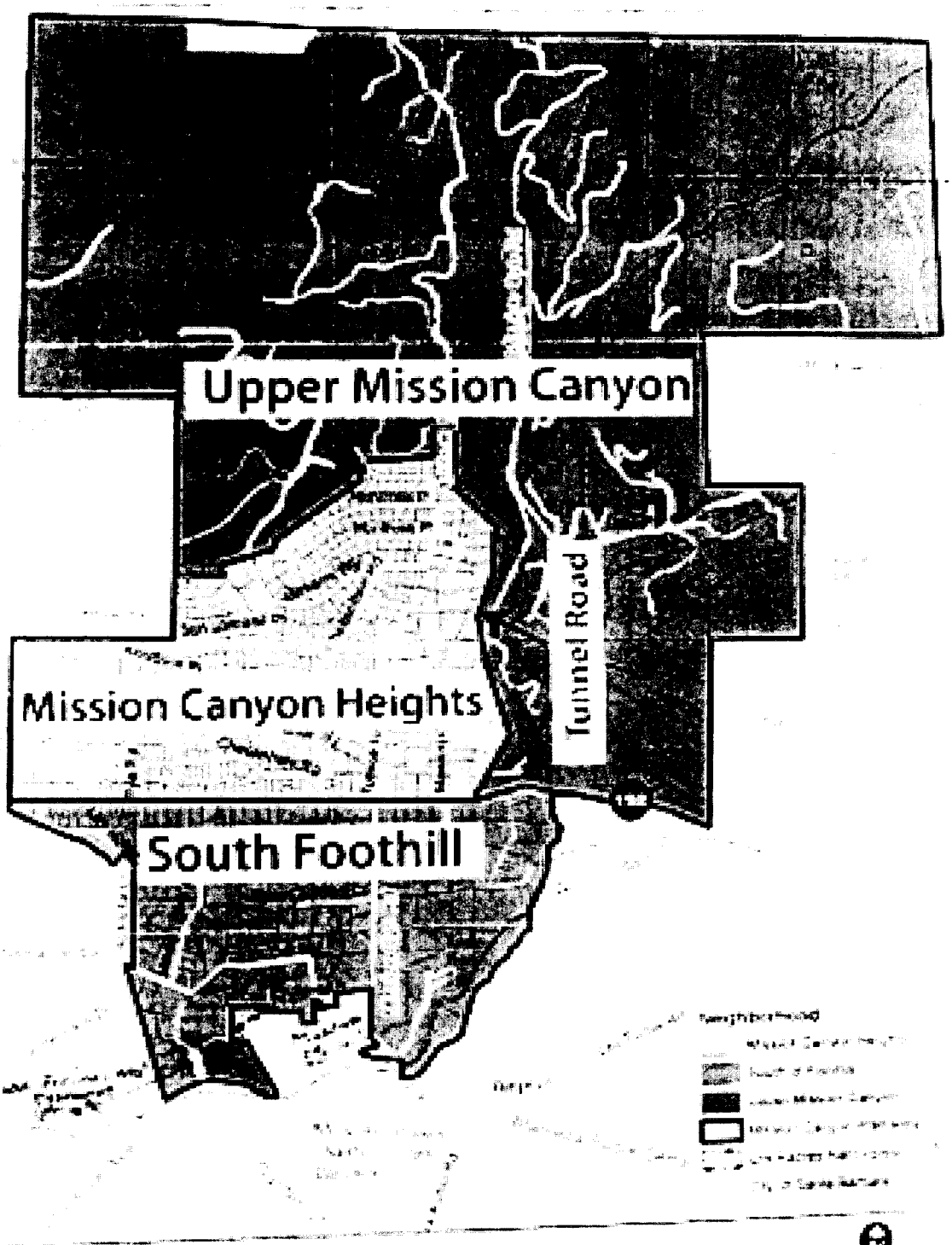

Mission Canyon Community Plan
Mission Canyon Neighborhoods

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: barbara lyon <barbelyon@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, March 17, 2016 9:54 PM
To: Paul Hood
Subject: Museum Open Space in Contention

Hi, Paul,

I met you with some others back in August re our desire to keep the Museum of Natural History 5 acres open. I promised at that time to send you my research on the biographies of the various individuals involved in the contentious battle over the Museum efforts to get LAFCO to agree to place the 5 acres under City control. I will get the bios to you one day hopefully, it's just such unpleasant business I keep putting off.

This is what we are up against. The Museum staff and bike trails people are so out of line and very unpleasant and difficult to deal with. Sneaky, political, back door ops, never let us know their plans. I know LAFCO isn't involved until the Plan is complete, and only that forward this to you as part of the ongoing unpleasantness. The Historical Landmarks Commission is doing a great job, and today sent the following link:

http://www.santabarbaraca.gov/SBdocuments/Advisory_Groups/Historic_Landmarks_Commission/Current/04_Historic_%20Structures_-_Sites_Reports/2016-03-23_March_23_2016_Item_3_2559_Puesta_del_Sol_Signage_Review_Letter_3-1-16.pdf

On page 8 is a Post/Hazeltine Associates report talking about the signage the Museum intends to place in front of those 5 acres they say are "open to the public" but which via this sign are obviously not public but which the Museum intends to force anybody who walks there to go to the Museum Office and PAY to walk there:

"Because the 5- acre woodland portion of the Museum grounds are open to the public , a small exterior sign is required to alert visitors they are entering the fee area of the Museum campus. **Five signs** (Sign Type 05, see Sheets 2.0, 23.0 and the Site Location Plan) consistent with the other Directional Signs are proposed. This sign would be a nine-inch tall by one-foot, five-inch wood sign attached to a one-foot, ten-inch tall square wood post with a pyramidal cap painted MP13200 and MP01433 (brown colors)."

the proposed signs will read:
Entering Museum
Fee Area
Please Visit Admission
Office to Purchase Ticket

Size is to be not really big - 1'5" long by 9" high on a 1' 10" post. They are proposed to be brown wood - darker brown on top for the first two lines and lighter brown for the bottom two lines with whitish letters.

This is outrageously unfair!

Sincerely,

Barbara Lyon
Mission Canyon resident

Alexander, Jacquelyne

From: Paul Hood <hood.paul@sbcglobal.net>
Sent: Friday, June 17, 2016 8:40 AM
To: Alexander, Jacquelyne
Subject: FW: LAFCO #15-05, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

From: Barbara Lindemann [mailto:lindemannb@cox.net]
Sent: Thursday, June 16, 2016 3:53 PM
To: hood.paul@sbcglobal.net
Cc: Luke Swetland <lswetland@sbnature2.org>; Suzanne Elledge <Suzanne@sepps.com>
Subject: LAFCO #15-05, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History

MISSION CANYON ASSOCIATION
SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA

June 16, 2016

Santa Barbara LAFCO

c/o Mr. Paul Hood

105 East Anapamu Street, Room 407

Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Subject: LAFCO #15-05, Santa Barbara Museum of Natural History Reorganization

The Mission Canyon Association supports the Museum's request for annexation of a five acre parcel from the county to the city. When the Museum first proposed the annexation we were concerned that city environmental protections were less rigorous than county. As riparian habitat, sycamore and oak woodland, the land enjoys a measure of environmental protection under the Mission Canyon Community Plan and we do not want to see future development that would alter or destroy this native habitat.

When the Museum developed its CUP we met many hours with CEO Luke Swetland. The result of

these discussions was that the CUP incorporated virtually all of the same protections for the property that are in the Mission Canyon Community Plan, including the agreement that the creek side and woodlands will remain open to the public, and the Museum will maintain public trails (delineated on a map) that are popular in the undeveloped area.

We are confident that, should the Museum in the future propose development of these 5 acres, its application will undergo rigorous scrutiny and will require preservation of the natural habitat. Mr. Swetland assures us that the Museum intends to use the property as an outdoor education site, interpreting the native environment as part of its education mission. They have no plans in the foreseeable future to sell or build on this property.

The annexation makes sense since the rest of the Museum's property is within the city's jurisdiction.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara S. Lindemann,

Immediate Past President