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September 1, 2016 (Agenda)

TO: Each Member of the Commission

FROM: Paul Hood *PLH*  
Executive Officer

SUBJECT: **Determination of Value of Protests in Santa Ynez West Annexation Protest Proceedings**

*This is an Informational Report. No Action is Necessary*

This memorandum constitutes my findings pursuant to Government Code section 57075 regarding the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn in regard to the above referenced proposed annexation. As LAFCO Executive Officer, I held a protest hearing on this matter on June 30, 2016.

The area of annexation is “inhabited territory” and therefore a protest proceeding was conducted for both landowners and registered voters. Pursuant to Government Code section 57000(c), the Commission adopted LAFCO Rule and Procedure 6, section 5, delegating to me the duty to make these findings.

The protests filed by persons as registered voters were referred to and examined by the Santa Barbara County Elections Office. The protests filed by persons as owners of land within the affected area were referred to and examined by the Santa Barbara County Assessor’s Office.

- The County Elections Office determined:
  - the total number of registered voters residing in the affected area at the close of business on Wednesday July 29, 2016 was 712.
  - The total number of registered voters residing within the affected area who submitted a valid protest against the annexation was 153.

Finding regarding registered voter protests:

I hereby find that the number of valid registered voter protests received was 21.49 percent of the total number of registered voters in the affected area.

- The County Assessor's Office determined:
  - The total number of landowners owning land in the affected area was at the close of business on Wednesday July 29, 2016 was 531.
  - The total number of landowners owning land in the affected area who filed valid protests against the annexation was 131.
  - The total assessed value of land within the affected area was \$98,354,004.
  - The total assessed value of land owned by owners of land within the affected area who filed valid protests was \$21,828,905.

Findings regarding landowner protests:

I hereby find that 24.67 percent of the landowners owning land in the affected area filed valid protests against the annexation.

I hereby find that owners of land within the affected area who filed valid protests own land that is 22.19 percent of the assessed value of all land within the affected area.

Pursuant to Government Code section 57075(a)(3), I hereby order the change of organization to be completed without an election.

Please contact the LAFCO office if you have any questions.