SANTA BARBARA
LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE OF 21-DAY PUBLIC REVIEW AND INTENT TO ADOPT A SPHERE OF INFLUENCE AND MUNICIPAL SERVICE REVIEW FOR LOCAL AGENCIES PROVIDING FIRE, LAW ENFORCEMENT, SAFETY, AND EMS SERVICES

Project Summary. A Sphere of Influence (SOI) is defined by Government Code 56425 as "…a plan for the probable physical boundary and service area of a local agency or municipality…" The Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Review for the Fire, Police, Safety, and EMS Agencies identify the areas where future annexations might be considered and evaluated. The Agencies included in this Sphere of Influence and Municipal Services Review Update are; the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire, Montecito Fire, Santa Barbara County Fire Districts, , and Isla Vista Community Services District. In addition, the Cities of Buellton, Carpinteria, Goleta, Guadalupe, Lompoc, Santa Barbara, Santa Maria, and Solvang are included. The Municipal Service Reviews evaluate the jurisdiction's capabilities to serve existing and future residents and is the basis for Sphere of Influence decisions. The SOI for the Carpinteria/Summerland Fire and Montecito Fire Districts will not change from the existing SOI, which are coterminous. The Sphere of Influence for the County Fire Protection District is recommended to be amended to include the Hollister Avenue right-of-way along Santa Barbara Airport not currently within the boundaries of a fire protection agency.

Public Review Period. Runs through November 5, 2026 to December 8, 2026. Comments are due by 5:00 pm on Monday December 7th. Sent to: Santa Barbara LAFCO, 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 or by email at lafco@sblafco.org, Attention Mike Prater. Any additional comments can be made at the hearing.

Public Hearing. A public hearing will be scheduled for Thursday, December 10, 2026 at 1:00 p.m. at the Board of Supervisors' Hearing Room at 511 East Lakeside Parkway, Suite 141, Santa Maria, CA. 93455.

Environmental Determination. It has been determined that this project is exempt from CEQA because it either will not have any potentially significant environmental impacts pursuant to section 15061(b)(3) of the State Guidelines and no substantial changes to existing SOI are proposed.

Disclosure of Campaign Contributions – LAFCO Commissioners are disqualified and are not able to participate in proceedings involving an "entitlement for use" if, within the 12 months preceding the LAFCO decision, the Commissioner received more than $500 in campaign contributions from the applicant, an agent of the applicant or a financially interested person who actively supports or opposes the LAFCO decision on this matter.

Persons participating in this proceeding who have made such contributions are required to disclose that fact for the official record of the proceedings. Disclosures must include the amount of the contribution and the recipient Commissioner and may be made either in writing to the Executive Officer of the Commission prior to the hearing or by an oral declaration at the time of the hearing.

The foregoing requirements are set forth in the Political Reform Act of 1974, specifically in Government Code section 84308.

Additional Information. – The following documents are available for review: Sphere of Influence Update and Municipal Service Review for Fire, Law Enforcement, Safety & Crime, and Emergency Medical Services. These documents can be downloaded from our website at **www.sblafco.org** at no cost, or may be viewed at the LAFCO office. Additional information regarding items to be considered at the meeting may be obtained by contacting the LAFCO office at 105 East Anapamu Street, Santa Barbara CA 93101 or by calling 805-568-3391. The agenda and staff report for the hearing will be available at the LAFCO website at www.sblafco.org. 5 days before the hearing.

Contact. Mike Prater, Executive Officer, (805) 568-3391 or lafco@sblafco.org.

Dated this 12th day of November 2026.

Mike Prater, Executive Officer
Santa Barbara LAFCO