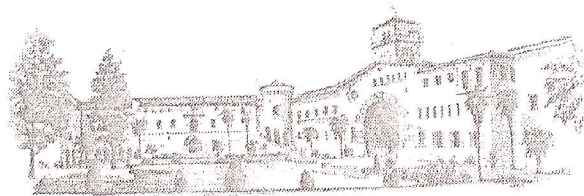


Correspondence Regarding Proposed City of Goleta Sphere of Influence

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EXECUTIVE OFFICE

February 20, 2009

Bob Braitman, Executive Officer
Santa Barbara LAFCO
105 East Anapamu Street, Room 239
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Re: City of Goleta Sphere of Influence Application

Dear Mr. Braitman:

The County of Santa Barbara is in receipt of the January 16, 2009 application to the Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Committee (LAFCO) from the City of Goleta for a proposed sphere of influence (SOI) expansion. The City of Goleta's adopted General Plan identifies three subareas located within the unincorporated Goleta Valley Planning Area as "Future Service Areas A, C and E." Due to the County's current community planning efforts in the Goleta Valley Planning Area, concerns about potential impacts to agriculture, and comments on the overall completeness of the City of Goleta's application for a SOI expansion, the County recommends that a sphere of influence should not be considered for areas of the unincorporated Goleta Valley without a concurrent reorganization proposal submitted by the City of Goleta to LAFCO for annexation.

The County understands the statutory purposes of a Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to include discouraging urban sprawl, preserving open space and prime agricultural lands, and efficiently extending government services. The County also understands that on October 11, 2007, LAFCO denied the City of Santa Barbara's proposed SOI expansion over the entire Eastern Goleta Valley without a concurrent annexation proposal based on the following findings of the October 11, 2007 LAFCO staff report:

"Annexations require both LAFCO approval and the concurrence by those being annexed. When LAFCO approves an annexation, it is ultimately the voters and landowners within the area who determine the outcome, via written protests and possibly elections."

"As expressed at earlier hearings: A sphere is like an engagement; an annexation is like a marriage. Engagement presumes marriage. The only true way to measure resident or landowner support is through an actual annexation proceeding."

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[LAFCO] Staff recommends that city sphere expansions within the Eastern Goleta Valley be approved only in conjunction with concurrent annexation to the city. In this way affected voters and landowners will determine to which city, if either, they wish to annex.

Tying sphere changes to annexations will also avoid situations, which have existed before, where land is included by LAFCO in a city sphere with little or no likelihood of being annexed to the city within the foreseeable future."

Similar to the proposal from the City of Santa Barbara, the City of Goleta's application does not commit to annexation of these subareas concurrently or in the future, stating instead in response to Question 11 of the application that the increased potential for annexation is both "yes and no." Since §56076 of the Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 defines "Sphere of Influence" as a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission [LAFCO], it is of particular concern that the City's response asserts that "the point of having a City Sphere...is to create a framework for pragmatic and efficient delivery of public services regardless of political boundary." Additionally, in response to Question 10, the application clarifies that the proposed sphere would "not facilitate changes to the type, capacity, and jurisdictional reach of public services provided by the City, the County, the Goleta Sanitary District, the Goleta West Sanitary District, and the Goleta Water District," which indicates no changes to achieve a more pragmatic or efficient delivery system of public services for residents and landowners of the proposed subareas. Given the uncertainty of the City of Goleta's pursuit of a concurrent or future annexation to guarantee provision of services within physical boundaries of a city limit, the County recommends that LAFCO consistently apply the findings for the City of Santa Barbara's proposed SOI in reviewing this sphere of influence request.

While the County appreciates the initial efforts undertaken by the City to notify the County and the Goleta Valley community of the proposed SOI, additional dialog between the County, City and community residents is warranted regarding the City's intentions for the unincorporated area. Of particular importance, the application states "Also in these regards, Anne Wells, the City's Advance Planning Manager has attended two meetings of the General Plan Advisory Committee to discuss with them the City's various planning efforts." However, this statement should be corrected to indicate Ms. Wells participated in meetings of the Goleta Visioning Committee to inform the development of the GVC 20/20: A Comprehensive Vision of the Eastern Goleta Valley. This document, and public process, was not the update of the 1993 Goleta Community Plan, which is currently underway with the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC). To date, the City of Goleta has provided no public comment or attempted to formerly discuss their proposed SOI with members of the GVPAC. Of particular concern to this comprehensive planning process are issues of agriculture, community involvement, roadway and mobility planning and public service delivery, including fire, sheriff, and emergency response services provided by the County.

With regard to the completeness of the application's information and analysis, the County suggests the following corrections and clarifications:

- The County has concerns regarding the process by which the City of Goleta should pursue the expansion of the SOI. In 2005, the LAFCO Municipal

Services Review (MSR) reported the City of Goleta as having a SOI coterminous with the city limit, which has since been redefined in the 2006 City of Goleta General Plan with future service areas A, C, and E. Given this fact, it is unclear whether the City's application should reflect an amendment to the City of Goleta's existing SOI, or the establishment of its initial SOI, as the proposal is described in the January 27, 2009 distribution cover letter from LAFCO. The application should make the clear distinction between the proposed SOI as an amendment to the original or a newly established SOI to ensure circulation and review of the appropriate application and questionnaire for review and comment consistent with the Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

- The application has not adequately documented the existing County land use and zoning designations for the proposed subareas and/or inadequately analyzed implications of a SOI for each subarea. In general, the application should reflect all Assessor Parcel Numbers (APNs) relevant to this application and their County of Santa Barbara General Plan land use and zoning designations. Also, the application should identify any APNs that are designated Prime or Important Agricultural Land as defined by G.C. §56064 and Open Space as defined by G.C. §65560. Specifically, the following information should be acknowledged for each subarea:
 - **Subarea A: Patterson Agricultural Area:**
 - Subarea A is currently part of the Patterson Agricultural block in the County and is zoned AG-I-10 for urban agriculture.
 - The 1993 Goleta Community Plan designates the area for agricultural uses for 10 years or the life of the plan, to be assessed during the Goleta Community Plan update process.
 - Significant portions of Subarea A are defined Important Farmlands.
 - The applicant indicated that the County “recently approved the conversion of orchard land within Area A for the development of a church campus [Saint Athanasius Orthodox Church].” It should be clarified that under the provisions of the County Land Use and Development Code (LUDC) the church is a permitted use for agricultural land use designations with the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit (CUP). Though the County granted a CUP for the development of church facilities on the parcel, the majority of this property remains in agricultural production and the designation of A-I-10 remains.
 - **Subarea C: Holiday Hill EDRN/North Fairview Ave**
 - Subarea C is zoned for single family residential and rural ranchette uses by the County (RES-1.5, RES-1.8, RR-5).

- The application indicated that Area C drains into the City and is solely accessed through city streets. The application should reflect the fact that Area C drains into Goleta Beach (within County jurisdiction) and the Goleta Slough (within City of Santa Barbara jurisdiction) through the Las Vegas and San Jose Creek Watersheds sub-basins. While mapping confirms that Fairview Avenue is the main access road to/from Area C and is owned by the City, it is plausible that County owned surface streets near N. Patterson Avenue and Cathedral Oaks would be utilized to connect to Fairview Avenue. The applicant should include a discussion of the probable needs for public facilities and services in Area C related to the residential services, such as roads, sewer, water, etc.
 - The application did not include a discussion of Area C, the largest residential portion of the proposed SOI, as a social or economic community of interest in the proposed SOI in response to Question 10. Area C should be acknowledged as an Existing Developed Rural Neighborhood (EDRN) with a strong social and economic interest in any and all jurisdictional reorganizations.
- **Subarea E: Glen Annie Golf Course**
- Subarea E is zoned for agricultural uses outside the urban/rural boundary (AG-II-40).
 - Approximately 30,000 sq ft of commercial square feet exist on about 159 acres of open land.
 - The City of Goleta has shown an interest in the future annexation development of the Subarea, made clear in the following discussion from the September 4, 2007 City of Goleta staff report:
 - “Staff believes that the Glen Annie Golf Course property fits the criteria for inclusion in a Sphere for Goleta. All of the traffic associated with the golf course and facilities must travel through the City. Delivery vehicles, customers, employees, etc. must traverse City streets; all the while the City receives no taxable revenue or land-use oversight. Taking such an example one step further, if the golf course were to seek a change in land use or were to alter their facility, the City would experience the impacts of that change but would have no say or control over the application. Neither would the City realize any of the benefits that might be associated with a more intense land use.”
 - To date, no plans have been submitted to the County for a change or intensification in land use at Glen Annie Golf Course.

- Details of the conceptual plans for the Glen Annie Golf Course should be disclosed as well, including any discussion of potential annexations, rezones, or general plan amendments to realize a potential development plan. This information should be addressed in greater detail in the application to address how the conceptual plans under review with the City of Goleta impact the existing and planned uses in the entire Goleta Valley, including agricultural and open-space lands pursuant to C.C. §56425.

Should LAFCO not deny the sphere request, then the Commission is to consider four factors in determining the sphere of influence per G.C. §Section 56425(e) as noted below.

- The present and planned land uses, including agricultural and open space lands,
- The present and probable needs for public facilities and services in the area,
- The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide, and
- The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they area relevant to the agency.

With these factors in mind, the County suggests the following key issue areas to inform the consideration of the proposed City of Goleta SOI.

Agriculture: Preservation of Urban and Rural Farmlands

The protection of agriculture is of importance to the County, and portions of Area A, the Patterson Agricultural Block, are part of the urban agricultural profile of the County. The areas identified as Subareas A and E of the proposed SOI for the City of Goleta contain eight (8) individual parcels, totaling approximately 244 acres, of agriculturally zoned land. Preservation of the existing agricultural land use and zoning designations, particularly in the rural areas of Subarea E, would be consistent with the County of Santa Barbara Comprehensive Plan Land Use Element. LAFCO should ensure that these parts of the community remain viable for agriculture consistent with the County Comprehensive Plan.

Within the urban area of the Eastern Goleta Valley, the agriculturally zoned parcels in the Patterson Agricultural Block and surrounding farmlands are designated for agricultural uses by the Goleta Community Plan for the life of the plan. The Final Environmental Impact Report for the City of Goleta General Plan Land Use Element finds no short or long term significant impacts associated with the sphere expansion or annexation of Subarea A due to the sustained agricultural designation of the property. However, the City of Goleta identifies the proposed SOI over the Patterson Agricultural Block as *"an opportunity ...to evaluate the City's role and possible future jurisdiction over the orderly, efficient development of all or portions of this area"* (City of Goleta staff report, June 18, 2007). Use of these parcels for non-agricultural development of use

would be in conflict to the County adopted policies of the Goleta Community Plan and Comprehensive Plan, which protect this area from development encroachment.

Additionally, G.C. §56377 from the Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 should be considered with regard to reorganization of agricultural designations in subareas A and E, as follows:

“In reviewing and approving or disapproving proposals which could reasonably be expected to induce, facilitate, or lead to the conversion of existing open-space lands to uses other than open-space uses, the commission shall consider all of the following policies and priorities:

(a) Development or use of land for other than open-space uses shall be guided away from existing prime agricultural lands in open-space use toward areas containing nonprime agricultural lands, unless that action would not promote the planned, orderly, efficient development of an area.

(b) Development of existing vacant or nonprime agricultural lands for urban uses within the existing jurisdiction of a local agency or within the sphere of influence of a local agency should be encouraged before any proposal is approved which would allow for or lead to the development of existing open-space lands for non-open-space uses which are outside of the existing jurisdiction of the local agency or outside of the existing sphere of influence of the local agency.

Public Services and Facilities

The Commission’s discussion regarding present and probable need for public facilities and services should recognize that the municipal services of fire and law enforcement are currently provided by the County and the provision of these services are not likely to be transferred to the City. Other services of sewer and water are currently provided by special districts.

The Goleta Community Plan Update: Community Involvement

Social and economic communities of interest in the area must be given serious consideration by LAFCO. Residents should be given ample opportunity to discuss the establishment of the sphere of influence and the possibility of being under the City’s jurisdiction should an annexation proposal arise, and the Commission should take these comments into consideration prior to rendering a decision on the sphere.

On March 12, 2008, the Board of Supervisors created the Goleta Valley Planning Advisory Committee (GVPAC) to update the 1993 Goleta Community Plan including integration of elements from Goleta Vision Committee (GVC). The 1993 Goleta Community Plan update began with the adoption of the 2006 Goleta Visioning Committee GVC 2020 Vision Document for the Eastern Goleta Valley. Regular meetings of the GVPAC began in October 2008 and are scheduled to continue through the development of a draft updated Goleta Valley Community Plan by Fall/Winter 2009. The updated plan shall define goals, objectives, policies, actions, and development standards for the Eastern Goleta Valley for the next 10 – 20 years.

The County has taken great liberty to solicit the input of the community regarding their preferences on current and future development. The intention of the County is to proceed with this process until an updated Goleta Community Plan is adopted. As stated in the October 11, 2007 LAFCO staff report:

“The [Goleta Valley Community] planning effort will be a substantial investment by the County and will likely advance the unique identity that many Eastern Goleta Valley residents hold about the area.

This situation raises interesting questions:

- If the County is embarking on an organized land use planning effort for Eastern Goleta Valley, does it make sense to include the area within a City sphere of influence?*
- Conversely, if LAFCO includes the Eastern Goleta Valley in the City’s sphere of influence, should the County defer to the City with respect to land use planning for this area?”*

LAFCO should consider the impact of the establishment of a SOI over this County planning area on these current planning efforts and related documents. Of particular concern, LAFCO should consider how each jurisdictional SOI and future annexation would incorporate the policies, goals, and visions defined by the residents of the unincorporated Goleta Valley. A concern arises from the City of Goleta’s claim that a SOI in Area C will “offer an additional voice for residents and property owners to guide decisions about growth, housing, environmental protection, neighborhood compatibility, preservation, roads, transportation, landscaped medians, etc.” as stated in response to Question 11 of the LAFCO application. However, at this time, the residents of the Goleta Valley have access and opportunity to provide public comment to the GVPAC and the County during the Goleta Valley Community Plan update consistent with California state guidelines for general planning and the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) to determine the future of the unincorporated Goleta Valley for the next 10-20 years.”

The response to Question 11 also states that the City’s interest in Area C is to “have an officially recognized voice in the amount and character of land use change and development in adjoining unincorporated areas, especially those that may result in impacts inside Goleta,” and that “The City desires to be in a stronger position to provide guidance with respect to the mitigation of those [land use change and development] impacts.” The applicant should explain how the proposed SOI affords greater input and comment than those afforded by the State of California CEQA requirements and the County’s opportunities for public participation in general planning efforts.

The County’s position is that the sphere of influence application should be denied until an annexation application is filed and the intent of the City is clear regarding any planned development in the Areas of A, C and E. In this event, the incorporation of the defined land use policies and goals adopted for and by unincorporated Goleta Valley residents into any sphere of influence agreements should be of principal concern. Moreover, any property tax agreements derived in response to subsequent annexation proposals should ensure that unincorporated residents do not subsidize the public services for

City of Goleta Sphere of Influence

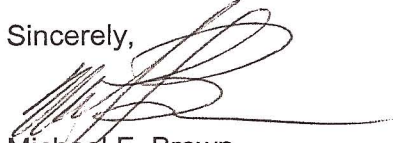
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these subareas, including, but not limited to, fire and law enforcement services, and transportation planning projects.

Thank you for the consideration of this request. If you have any questions, please contact Assistant County Executive Officer John Baker of my Office at (805) 568.3400.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "M. F. Brown", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Michael F. Brown
County Executive Officer

cc: Members, Board of Supervisors
Members, Goleta City Council
Dan Singer, City Manager, City of Goleta
John McInnes, Director, Long Range Planning

February 13, 09

Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
Attention: Mr. Bob Braitman
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

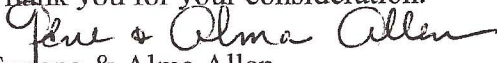
Dear Mr. Braitman:

We are residents of the North Fairview area included in the City of Goleta's Sphere of Influence application.

We DO NOT WANT TO BE INCLUDED IN THE "SPHERE OF INFLUENCE" application by the City of Goleta. We have all voiced our objection to this plan at several meetings with the City of Goleta's Council, and they do not seem to pay attention to our objections.

We hope LAFCO will pay attention to all of the residents in the North Fairview area, and deny the application from the City of Goleta to continue with the "Sphere of Influence" process.

Thank you for your consideration.


Eugene & Alma Allen
5994 Cuesta Verde
Goleta, CA 93117

805-967-2095

Via Email

February 19, 2009

We would like to add our names to the overwhelming majority of residents of the North Fairview area who strongly oppose becoming the City of Goleta's Sphere of Influence.

We have lived in our home for twenty five years and prefer the status quo.

Sincerely,
Ron and Carol Anderson
1550 N. Fairview Ave.
Goleta Ca.93117

Via Email

February 23, 2009

Mr. Braitman,

We are longtime Holiday Hill Homeowners who do not wish to be included in the Goleta Sphere of Influence that is proposed. Please consider our requests when you review the proposal.

Thank you,

Phillip E. and Mary Jane Archenbronn
1475 Holiday Hill Road
Goleta, CA 93117

Via Email

Feb. 20, 2009

Mr. Bob Braitman
c/o Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 E. Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Dear Mr. Braitman:

We would like to express our desire to remain in the County of Santa Barbara and not be annexed into the City of Goleta or be included in their Sphere of Influence. North Fairview residents have consistently expressed this desire since before Goleta became a city. Frankly, it baffles us that the City of Goleta has blatantly disregarded our wishes and forced us to repeatedly fight them.

Thank you for this opportunity to respond to LAFCO.

Sincerely,

Dan and Judy Braun
1461 Holiday Hill Rd.
Goleta, CA 93117
692-1188

February 18, 2009

To: Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, CA 93101

Attn: Mr. Bob Braitman

Re: North Fairview, Goleta, Sphere of Influence

Dear Sir,

This is to inform you that I am not in favor of our neighborhood (North Fairview, Goleta) and residence joining the City of Goleta. I will oppose our inclusion at every stage of the process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jean Driskel".

Jean M. Driskel
1156 N. Fairview
Goleta, CA 93117
805-403-2503

February 18, 2009

To: Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
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Sincerely,

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Julianna Driskel
1156 N. Fairview
Goleta, CA 93117
805-403-1425

February 18, 2009

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Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patty Devlin-Driskel". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and address.

Patty Devlin-Driskel
1156 N. Fairview
Goleta, CA 93117
805-708-5228

Attention: Mr. (B) Braitman,

I totally resent the City of
Helita's attempt to include us,
upon Holiday Hill Rd, in their
SOI application to Lefco!

Every community in this
country is having financial
problems of one kind or
another. Helita (City) need
not get greedy now, just
because they originally couldn't
see the writing on the wall.
I didn't want to be part of the
City hood originally and I still
do not want to be included
in the City of Helita.

52 years of living in this quiet
country atmosphere is what we
want for us! This attempt
at railroading us into the
City is "undemocratic", to say
it nicely!

Imus V. Eckert
1415 Holiday Hill Rd

Rudy & Helene Fischer
1168 Edward Place
Goleta, CA, 93117

Mr. Bob Braitman
C/o Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA, 93101


Dear Mister Braitman,

We are writing to you in regard to the SPHERE OF INFLUENCE the City of Goleta is trying to establish in our neighborhood; referred to as AREA 'C'.

Mister Braitman, you were present at that first meeting at the Goleta library in November 2008; that means that you are fully aware of the opinion of a large majority of the residents in the effected area. It should have been clear to any unbiased observer that there was no support for this ill-conceived proposal. People asked repeatedly what could be done to get the application dropped. The reluctant answer came from the city administrator, recommending addressing the Goleta City Counsel. We did that, repeatedly, at different Counsel meetings. The result was predictable. When we were finally put on the Counsels Agenda we learned that 4 days prior the application had been filed with LAFCO.

Now our hope is focused on the next LAFCO meeting. It will be the first time we can express our feelings in front of a decision-making panel, and unless the City of Goleta can give a compelling reason why this SPHERE OF INFLUENCE must be implemented our vote is: NO.

Sincerely,


Helene O. Fischer

Via Email

February 19, 2009

Hello Mr. Braitman,

This letter is in regards to the application to LAFCO from the city of Goleta, pertaining to our north Fairview area. My husband and I have lived in this neighborhood for the past 14 years, and farmed here for 24 years. We do not wish to be annexed to, or be part of the sphere of influence with the city of Goleta. We are a rural community that needs to stay that way.

We believe the City of Goleta will always be trying to extend the suburban boundaries for their own interests and not at all for the residents who live here. Please don't even consider the sphere of influence, as we are away from the sight of the city enough that they don't need to influence ours and the county's decisions. Please keep the city near the business areas, Hollister, 101, Calle Real, etc.

Thank you for giving us this chance to respond.

Sincerely,

John Givens and Carrie Givens
1133 No Fairview Ave

Via Email

February 17, 2009

Mr. Bob Braitman
c/o Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 E. Anapamu St.
Santa Barbara, Ca. 93101

Dear Mr. Braitman

Thank you for meeting with us on Wednesday, Feb. 11th regarding this subject.

I have lived in this area for nearly 30 years and have had a 5 acre persimmon ranch for 22 years of that period. We chose this county location because of its rural character. Santa Barbara County continues to do an excellent job of providing all the public services I need. I do not want to be subjected to another layer of government.

It is my understanding that being in the City's sphere of influence will allow them to influence planning decisions being made by the County. Furthermore, being in a sphere of influence is one step closer to annexation to the City.

If this area were annexed, the City could mandate street lights which would greatly destroy the country atmosphere. I am concerned about potential rezoning which would allow more dense development and the prospect of higher taxes.

In conclusion, I do not want to be in the City of Goleta's sphere of influence nor do I want to be ultimately annexed to the City. I wholeheartedly support your reasoning to require an SOI application be submitted concurrently with an annexation application. This would then require a vote of the Area C residents who are in strong opposition to either being in an SOI or being annexed.

I therefore request that the LAFCO Commissioners vote in favor of a concurrent SOI/Annexation approach for Area C.

Thank you for your continued help.

Sincerely,

David Harms
1158 N. Fairview Ave.
Goleta, Ca. 93117

February 9, 2009

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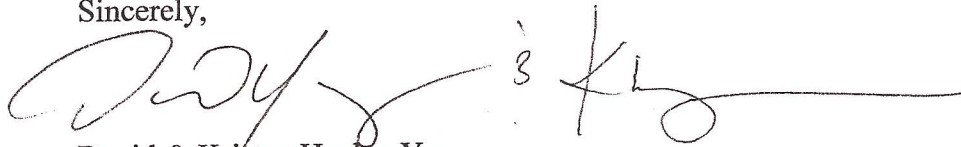
Dear Mr. Braitman:

I am writing you regarding the issue of North Fairview becoming part of the Sphere of Influence for the City of Goleta. We are vehemently opposed to this proposal and respectfully request that this action be halted.

We have a unique perspective on the situation as our home is my husband's childhood home – it was built by his parents before his birth, he was raised in the home, and three years ago, we purchased it from his parents and completed a substantial renovation. We intend to live here until our children, who are just babies now, are fully grown. And we hope to be able to bequeath it to them. Because of our long-standing ties to this neighborhood, its future and the preservation of its character, are of paramount importance to us.

We, as well as many of our neighbors, have been present at council meetings requesting that this action be stopped, but it continues to progress despite our wishes. We implore you to listen to our request and conclude this process at once.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David & Kristen Healey Young', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

David & Kristen Healey Young
5997 Cuesta Verde, Goleta, CA 93117

From: Alan + Dorothy Holmes
1124 North Fairview
Goleta, Ca. 93117

To: Bob Braitman
LAFCo

Date: Feb. 17, 2009

Dear Bob,

This letter is to inform you of our opposition to being included in the City of Goleta Sphere of Influence (SOI) application. We like the state of affairs the way they are, and do not see the benefit to us if this were to go through.

Thank You,

Alan Holmes

Sunday 2/17/09

Via Email

February 18, 2009

Mr. Bob Braitman
c/o Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission

Despite report in the *News-Press* that Goleta City Council Members were surprised at the reaction of residents to the above-stated proposal, residents of the North Fairview/Holiday Hill area have made it abundantly clear that they do not wish to be part of the City of Goleta. They prefer to remain on the rural side of the fence, under the government of the County of Santa Barbara, as indicated in a petition signed by a majority of residents over one year ago; during attendance at various City Council meetings; and in meetings with individual City Council members. If the City cannot even portend to listen to those residents now, why would there be any reason to believe their voices would be heard when directly under the governance of the City?

Furthermore, during a recent city council meeting, one of the council members and/or the mayor indicated that **they have no desire to include residents within the City of Goleta who do not want to be a part of the City.**

I therefore submit to LAFCO that **the residents of this area do not want to be a part of the City of Goleta, so please take the City at its word and deny their application, in keeping with our preference.**

Thank you.

Cyndy Kelly
1311 Holiday Hill Road
Goleta, CA 93117
805-964-8479

Via Email

February 11, 2009

This is to register my objection to being included in the Sphere of Influence that the City of Goleta wishes to establish in their application submitted to LAFCO on Jan 16.

Thank you.

Ruth Lane
1476 Holiday Hill Road

Via Email

February 17, 2009

Mr. Bob Braitman
c/o Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
805-568-3391

Dear Mr. Braitman:

Regarding the City of Goleta's Sphere of Influence Proposal before LAFCO, we live in the North Fairview area included in the Proposal. We do not want a change made to our status.

Any such change may lead to different zoning laws. We purchased our home over four years ago and chose this location for many reasons. The main reason being that our youngest son has severe autism and has no sense of safety. We feel that this neighborhood provides us with a quiet location and open spaces. We would not want any more development to take place as that would change the traffic and create a safety issue for our son. We also do not want to see the open agriculture threatened by the possibility of development. We feel very strongly about this and would welcome a response.

Thank you for an opportunity to respond to LAFCO.

Sincerely,

Dr. Earl and Colleen Lynch
5996 Cuesta Verde
Goleta, CA 93117
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