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Local Agency Formation Commission
105 East Anapamu Street
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Consideration of Draft Santa Barbara LAFCO Mission Statement

Dear Members of the Commission

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission review the Draft Santa Barbara LAFCO Mission Statement and Provide Direction to Staff.

DISCUSSION

One of the items that was discussed at the Commission's October 3, 2013, Strategic Planning Retreat was the development of the Mission Statement. A mission statement is a statement of the purpose of an organization, its reason for existing. A mission statement should guide the actions of the organization, spell out its overall goal, provide a path, and guide decision-making. It provides "the framework or context within which the organization's strategies are formulated.

I reviewed a number of mission statements from LAFCO around the State and selected some draft language that can serve as a basis for Santa Barbara LAFCO's "Statement of Purpose." As an example, I also considered San Luis Obispo LAFCO's mission statement that I drafted some years ago.

The Santa Barbara Local Agency Formation Commission is committed to serving the residents of Santa Barbara County and the State of California by promoting and coordinating the efficient delivery of local government services, facilitating constructive changes in governmental structure and boundaries, encouraging the preservation of open space and agricultural land, and discouraging urban sprawl.

I would appreciate the Commission's comments and suggestions on the Draft Mission Statement.

Sincerely,



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Executive Officer