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I request that this item be put to rest - denied.

The City of Lompoc is not in a position to take on more land and city responsibilities.

The city lives off of grant money to make up for its lack of revenue. If it had not been for the federal money given to the city, the city would have had to cut more services and staffing. The city says it has turned the corner, but that is not accurate. The city lacks funds to repair the streets and sidewalks throughout the city. This report gives you the status of Lompoc's streets and the need to improve the streets and sidewalks as practically half are in poor or very poor condition.

<https://www.cityoflompoc.com/home/showpublisheddocument?id=31548>

Another item is the city's lack of management of the homeless population. A large portion of this population live in the Santa Ynez River area. If not living there, they live in store fronts or on sidewalks. Although this is a complex issue, the city has not taken effective action to deal with this continuous problem - other than meetings. Yes, there was a river cleanup costing more than \$500 thousand dollars, but the city did not continue to protect the river area and there is now a sizable population living there and continue to dump trash in open sight.

<https://www.cityoflompoc.com/home/showpublisheddocument/31781/63755391015670000>

<https://www.cityoflompoc.com/home/showpublisheddocument/31777/637553910134970000>

This provides an insight into volunteer efforts to manage cleanup of areas of Lompoc dealing with the homeless population.

<http://planting-a-seed.org/index.php/2021/09/27/riverbed-clean-up-9-25-21/>

<http://planting-a-seed.org/index.php/2021/07/18/july-18th-riverbed-cleanup/2>

If the city was to expand to the Bailey Avenue area, they would need a new fire station in proximity to any development. The city does not have the funds for that. There has been acknowledgement by the city council of a need to build a new fire station as well as a new police station, but because the city lacks those funds, nothing has been done to begin on those projects.

These are just some of the deficiencies that the City of Lompoc is needing to address. Adding more land is not a responsible effort, and it continues to ignore the lack of services to all that live in the city. The city has to concentrate on specific areas for policing, knowing full well that other areas lack even a routine patrolling to assure safety and security.

I am sure these and other items will come to the attention to the LAFCO Board and a decision will be to deny the city's request for expansion.

Thank you for your consideration,

Terry Hammons