

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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If Yes, date from:

TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Michael F. Brown
County Executive Officer

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SUBJECT: Exchange of property taxes for the Lengsfelder reorganization, a de-annexation from the City of Santa Barbara (First and Second Supervisorial Districts).

Recommendation:

That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Receive and file the "Reportback" response prepared by Comprehensive Planning regarding LAFCO Case 2006-03 – Lengsfelder Reorganization; and
2. Adopt a resolution providing for the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue pertaining to the Lengsfelder Reorganization, a detachment from the City of Santa Barbara.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

This recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 5, Maintain and Enhance the Quality of Life for all Residents.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The City of Santa Barbara proposes de-annexing a small parcel of approximately .02 acres from the City. This proposal will allow the adjacent landowner, who owns both parcels, to build a garage. The two parcels are located on Foothill Road near the intersection with Glacier Lane. The Comprehensive Planning Division reviewed the proposal and has no comments. Their Reportback to LAFCO is attached (Attachment 1).

This reorganization includes detachment from the City of Santa Barbara and annexation to the County Fire Protection District. Pursuant to state law, the City and County must agree on an exchange of property tax

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revenue allocated to the Fire District prior to the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) considering the reorganization. City and County staff have reached a tentative agreement that is now submitted for your approval via the attached resolution (Attachment 2). The Santa Barbara City Council will consider adopting a complementary resolution at an upcoming meeting.

The terms of the tax exchange agreement propose placing the parcel in the same tax rate area as the adjacent house owned by the applicant. The actual taxes being exchanged are very small and will likely grow slightly as the parcel is developed with the garage.

Mandates and Service Levels:

Upon completion of the de-annexation the County will assume Fire and Sheriff service responsibility and has mutual aid agreements with the City of Santa Barbara.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:

None. This very small parcel appears to have no assessed valuation at this time. Some property taxes may be paid in the future if the parcel is developed with the garage.

Special Instructions:

Please return signed resolutions to:

1. Claudia Ornelas, Office of the Auditor Controller
2. Bob Braitman, LAFCO
3. Robert Peirson, Finance Director, City of Santa Barbara

Concurrence: County Counsel
Auditor-Controller
County Fire District

cc: Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel
Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller
Robert Peirson, City of Santa Barbara
Tom Franklin, County Fire
John McInnis, Comprehensive Planning
Bob Braitman, LAFCO

Attachments: 1. Comprehensive Planning's "Reportback"
2. Proposed tax exchange resolution