

# SANTA BARBARA COUNTY BOARD AGENDA LETTER



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**If Yes, date from:**

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**TO:** Board of Supervisors

**FROM:** Michael F. Brown  
County Executive Officer

**STAFF CONTACT:** Jason Stilwell, Project Manger  
568-3413

**SUBJECT:** Exchange of property taxes for the Las Positas reorganization, an annexation to the City of Santa Barbara (Second Supervisorial District).

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## **Recommendation:**

That the Board of Supervisors adopt a resolution providing for the negotiated exchange of property tax revenue pertaining to the Las Positas reorganization, an annexation to 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 annexing four parcels totaling approximately 167.85 acres as part of their efforts to assume operational control of a portion of State Route 225. The portion includes the section of the road from Castillo Street, just south of Highway 101, west along Cliff Drive and north on Las Positas Road, to just south of Highway 101 to the City of Santa Barbara. The map of the proposed area is attached (Attachment 1).

The proposal includes the annexation of the relinquished right-of-way not already within the City and some adjacent parcels in compliance with Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) policies that discourage the formation of islands of jurisdiction and that promote rational boundaries for the efficient provision of municipal services. No new development is proposed as a part of this project. If development is proposed in the future, it would be subject to review by the City.

The subject parcels are located within the City's existing sphere of influence. The proposed project would annex areas that are isolated portions of the County surrounded by the City and within the City's Sphere of Influence. It would incrementally add to the western portion of the City, merging some of the area west of the City under the City of Santa Barbara jurisdiction.

The annexation includes detachment from the County Fire Protection District. Pursuant to state law, the City and County must agree on an exchange of property tax 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 its March 7, 2006 meeting. Beginning Fiscal Year 2007-08, the recommended distribution of the allocated percentage of property tax assigned to the Santa Barbara County Fire District (13.27796591 percent) would be allocated to the City.

**Mandates and Service Levels:**

Upon completion of the annexation all municipal services will be provided by the City of Santa Barbara.

**Fiscal and Facilities Impacts:**

For the current year, the subject parcels generate property taxes of \$2,072.45. Taxes allocated to the Santa Barbara County Fire Protection District, currently amounting to \$275.18, will be redistributed to the City of Santa Barbara. The 2005-2006 secured property tax breakdown is included as Attachment 3.

**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: Bob Geis, Auditor-Controller  
Stephen Shane Stark, County Counsel  
Tom Franklin, County Fire  
John McInnis, Long Range and Strategic Planning  
Robert Peirson, City of Santa Barbara  
Bob Braitman, LAFCO

Attachments: 1. Map of proposed annexation  
2. Proposed tax exchange resolution  
3. 2005-2006 property tax breakdown for the proposed annexation area