

LAFCO 10/6/25

Agenda Item 5h – Public Comment

Alisha Morrison as stated for the record.

Good Morning Commissioners and Staff,

I am here opposing the reorganization (RO24-12) because on the “Contractual Service Agreement Application Form” the applicant is requesting “Connection to city sewer” –nothing more.

Per the purpose of LAFCO Policy 107 “To establish a procedure for cities, special districts, the County of San Diego, and other interested parties and organization to identify and discuss potential jurisdictional issues associated with proposed or pending LAFCO discretionary actions.” Our community learned of this because we are vigilant in keeping an eye on LAFCO. We learned about this project by going through your agenda with a fine tooth comb, and sharing with our community and Fire Board about this project that started out as an Out of Agency Service (OAS24-12) for sewer connection.

Per policy L-100 2(a) “A city annexation would seriously impair the financial base of a special district.” In 2019, two parcels were annexed plus a “modification by incremental reduction” where 50.5 acres were added by a motion made then by Alternate Commissioner, District 1 Supervisor Greg Cox. Those two parcels and the 50.5 acres were contiguous to Lincoln Acres which has 12 or more registered voters and no one was surveyed.

Look at it this way – you have an apple, and a rat comes along and takes a bite out of that apple, and then another rat comes along and then another and another and soon all that is left is the seeds and stem. That is exactly what piecemeal annexation has done to the community of Lincoln Acres for the past 60 years. Lincoln Acres was 2200 acres in size. I have a 1948 Thomas Bros wall map that shows Lincoln Acres going all the way to the bay.

This is a community concern that RO24-12 will have a negative impact on the community of Lincoln Acres by decreasing the area size, a financial impact for both the applicant and the community. The applicant will have an increase in property taxes, and 1% increase in sales tax on future major purchases such as a new car, plus a 3% increase annually for the next 5 years in sewer fees. For the Lincoln Acres community, our fire board, the Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District would take a hit on their revenue.

The process of piecemeal annexation over the years has reduced the size of Lincoln Acres and with each piecemeal annexation approved by LAFCO – LAFCO knows it puts the size of Lincoln Acres area closer to meeting the maximum of 150 acres of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Act of 2000.

By now, LAFCO San Diego should know that members in the community of Lincoln Acres will protest any annexation that will reduce the size of the community. With each piecemeal annexation or as LAFCO staff calls it “modification by incremental reduction” it will be met with protest from members of the Lincoln Acres community.

I have collected registered voter protest signatures protesting RO24-12 and will continue to collect while this RO24-12 remains published.

In 2002 LAFCO tried to dissolve the Lower Sweetwater Fire Protection District through Proposition R on March 5, 2002, voters from Lincoln Acres voted it down.

The “Spirited Community” of Lincoln Acres will remain vigilant of LAFCO and continue to monitor LAFCO in order for us to preserve and protect what is left of our historical community Lincoln Acres. Thank you.