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Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Executive Officer
Local Agency Formation Commission
215 North D Street, Ste. 204
San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490

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San Bernardino County

Re: Review of Island Annexation Policy

Dear Mrs. Rollings-McDonald:

I am in receipt of your letter, dated December 10, 2010, to the City Manager regarding LAFCO's Island Annexation Policy. In your letter you request comments on the two issues ("substantially surrounded" definition, and what constitutes an "island") by January 4, 2011.

As you are aware, the City has several territories within its Sphere of Influence that are affected by this policy, and the City initiated proceedings for an island annexation in 2006 that was subsequently terminated. Consequently, we believe it is prudent to obtain feedback and guidance from the City Council before responding to you. This cannot be done by January 4, 2011; however, City staff is scheduling a workshop with the City Council to discuss Planning-related issues, and this is being added to that workshop. We do not expect that to take place until mid-February 2011. As a result, we respectfully request that additional time be allowed for the City to provide comments, and its position on the matter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760) 947-1901.

Very truly yours,

Scott Priester
Director of Development Services

cc: Mike Podegracz, City Manager
Dave Reno, Principal Planner

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