

# NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

## LAFCO 3262 – Annexation to the Helendale Community Services District (Lower Eastern Sphere of Influence)

### **WHY AM I RECEIVING THIS NOTICE?**

You are a registered voter, a landowner, or both, within the area for LAFCO 3262 and by law, you have the opportunity to protest this proposal that the Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCO”) approved on November 15, 2023. The proposed terms and conditions for the proposal are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3387.

### **WHAT IS LAFCO 3262?**

LAFCO 3262 is an annexation proposal initiated by the Helendale Community Services District (“District”), in order to provide for: (1) solid waste and recycling services to developed properties, (2) park and recreation programs and services for the residents of the area, and (3) graffiti abatement. The District would also be in the position to extend its additional range of services (water, sewer, and streetlighting) when requested by property owners pursuing development which necessitates these services.

The overall annexation area, encompassing approximately 14,720 acres, is generally bordered by: Chester Road to the north; Lone Star Road along the District and the City of Barstow’s adjoining sphere of influence boundaries to the east; Panamint Trail, the natural extension of Palomino Road, Frontier Road, and Bonanza Trail along the District and the City of Barstow’s adjoining sphere of influence boundaries as well as the District’s actual boundary to the south; and Ranchito Road along the District’s boundary to the west. The annexation area is within the Helendale Community Services District sphere of influence.

This Notice and all related documents (staff report, resolution, maps, etc.) are available on the LAFCO website at: <https://sbclafco.org/lafco-3262/>

*If you have issues accessing information on the LAFCO website, please contact LAFCO at (909) 388-0480.*

### **WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE PROTEST HEARING AND WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?**

The Executive Officer of LAFCO will conduct the Protest Hearing for LAFCO 3262, which will take place:

**Monday, January 29, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., at the  
Helendale Community Services District, Suite C – Community Room,  
26540 Vista Rd., Helendale, CA**

At the conclusion of the protest hearing, a determination will be made whether there is sufficient registered voter or landowner protest submitted to terminate the proposal.

### **WHO CAN FILE A PROTEST:**

Any registered voter or landowner within the proposal area may file a written protest using the official LAFCO Protest Form, usable for both registered voters and landowners. Registered voter protest must include the name of the voter, signature and address as they appear on the affidavit of voter registration. Landowner protest must include the name of landowner, signature and address of the land owned within the proposal area and/or the Assessor Parcel Number. Agents submitting protest on behalf of landowners must attach proper authorization. This may include written consent of the landowner, written consent from a trustee of property placed into a trust, signature authorization or majority shareholder consent of a corporation or LLC, or other suitable documentation. See Government Code Sections 56704, 56708 and 56710 for more information.

The protest process includes a separate count for registered voter protest and a separate count for landowner protest. If you are both a registered voter and landowner, and you wish to protest LAFCO 3262, you must complete both the landowner and registered voter sections on the Protest Form. If landowner

owns multiple properties within the proposal area and wishes to protest LAFCO 3262, landowner must list all properties on the form or attach a separate sheet that enumerates all the properties.

### **WHERE TO GET A PROTEST FORM:**

If you wish to protest LAFCO 3262, you first need to obtain a Protest Form by:

- Downloading the form from the LAFCO website:  
<https://www.sbcounty.gov/uploads/lafco/protest/ProtestForm.pdf>
- Calling the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or emailing LAFCO at [lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov](mailto:lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov) to have a form mailed to you. *You will need to provide your name and mailing address for delivery.*
- Picking up a form in person at the LAFCO office located at 1170 West 3rd Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA.
- Attending the Protest Hearing to be held at the Helendale Community Services District, Suite C – Community Room, 26540 Vista Rd., Helendale, CA on January 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

### **HOW TO SUBMIT PROTEST:**

All protest must be made by filling out a Protest Form and submitted:

- In person at the LAFCO Office, 1170 W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing on January 29, 2024.
- By mail addressed to LAFCO, 1170 W. 3rd Street, Unit 150, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490. *If your mailed protest is postmarked by January 29, 2024 and received by LAFCO within four (4) days of January 29, 2024 postmark, we will process, verify, and count that protest.*
- At the Protest Hearing to be held at the Helendale Community Services District, Suite C – Community Room, 26540 Vista Rd., Helendale, CA on January 29, 2024, at 6:00 p.m.

**The written protest must have an original signature and dated during the official protest period, which begins on December 28, 2023 and ends on January 29, 2024. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to January 29, 2024, received in-person after the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, or postmarked after January 29, 2024 and not received by LAFCO within four (4) days of an January 29, 2024 postmark, shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or email.**

### **HOW PROTEST IS EVALUATED:**

Within 30 days following the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, the Executive Officer will determine whether LAFCO 3262 is terminated or approved, as follows:

- **Terminate** LAFCO 3262 if written protest is received from 50% or more of the registered voters within the annexation area;
- **Call an election of registered voters** if written protest is received from at least 25% but less than 50% of the registered voters or if at least 25% of the landowners—who own at least 25% of the total land value—submit written protest; or,
- **Approve** LAFCO 3262 without an election if written protest is submitted from less than 25% of the voters or less than 25% of the landowners—who own less than 25% of the total land value—within the annexation area.

If you have any questions regarding this Notice, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at: [lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov](mailto:lafco@lafco.sbcounty.gov)

Dated: December 28, 2023

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION  
SAMUEL MARTINEZ, Executive Officer  
BY: ANGELA SCHELL, Clerk to the Commission