

NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

LAFCO 3198 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ITS VALLEY SERVICE ZONE AND SERVICE ZONE FP-5 OF THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

Notice is hereby given that a Protest Hearing will be held by the Executive Officer of the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) for San Bernardino County. The hearing will be held at the Norman F. Feldheim Central Library, Bing Wong Auditorium, 555 West 6th Street, San Bernardino, California 92410, on **THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016 at 1:00 p.m.**, to hear and receive any oral or written protests, objections, or evidence which are made, presented, or filed regarding LAFCO 3198. A copy of this Notice in Spanish is available on the LAFCO website, accessed from the home page.

The reorganization area encompasses the entirety of the corporate boundaries of the City of San Bernardino, comprising approximately 38,144 acres (*see map below*). The purpose of the reorganization is to change responsibility for provision of fire and emergency medical response services within the City of San Bernardino from the City's Fire Department to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (SBCFPD). The terms and conditions for this reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3211, adopted by the Commission on January 27, 2016, and is available for review in the LAFCO office and on our website at: <http://www.sbclafco.org/Proposals/ProposalsAvailable/SignificantProposals/LAFCO3198.aspx>

The reorganization also involves annexation of the area into SBCFPD's Valley Service Zone, and Service Zone FP-5.

As a landowner in the affected area, you have been individually notified of the Protest Hearing because the reorganization includes annexation into the SBCFPD's Service Zone FP-5 which is a special tax zone for funding fire protection and emergency medical response services. The current special tax for property within Service Zone FP-5 is \$143.92 per parcel for Fiscal Year 2015-16. The tax includes an annual inflationary factor (up to a maximum of 3%). If the maximum 3% increase is applied for FY 2016-17, the annual tax will be \$148.24.

HOW TO FILE A PROTEST:

Any registered voter or owner of land within the territory proposed to be reorganized may file an official protest. **All protest must be made in writing and submitted to the LAFCO office prior to the conclusion of the Protest Hearing. The written protest must be signed and dated during the official 45-day protest period, which begins on MARCH 7, 2016 and ends on APRIL 21, 2016 at the close of the Protest Hearing.** Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to March 7, 2016, or submitted after the conclusion of the Protest Hearing, shall be disregarded for purposes of determining the value of any written protests. Protest cannot be accepted by fax or email.

HOW TO OBTAIN A PROTEST FORM:

There are two protest forms – one for registered voters and one for landowners:

Protest submitted by a landowner must include the name of landowner, the address of the land owned within the proposal and the Assessor Parcel Number (APN). The form for landowner protest is available from the LAFCO website, accessed from the home page.

Protest submitted by registered voters must include the name of the voter, signature and address as they appear on the affidavit of voter registration. The form for registered voter protest is available from the LAFCO website, accessed from the home page.

HOW PROTEST IS EVALUATED:

- (1) **Terminate** the reorganization if protest is received from 50% or more of the registered voters from within the affected area.
- (2) **Call an election** if protest is received from at least 25% but less than 50% of the registered voters, or if 25% to 100% of the number of landowners—who own at least 25% of the total land value—submit written protest. The voters (whether they own land or not) would then decide the issue by majority vote in a special election.
- (3) **Approve** the reorganization without an election if written protest is received from less than 25% of the voters and less than 25% of the landowners (owning less than 25% of the land value).

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

Dated: March 7, 2016

LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

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