

NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

LAFCO 3216 – REORGANIZATION TO INCLUDE ANNEXATIONS TO THE SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT, ITS VALLEY SERVICE ZONE, ITS SERVICE ZONE FP-5, AND FORMATION OF SERVICE ZONE FP-5 WEST VALLEY

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 Upland City Hall, Council Chambers, 460 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, CA on June 14, 2017 at 6:00 p.m.**, to hear and receive any oral or written protests, objections or evidence which are made, presented, or filed regarding LAFCO 3216. *Una copia de este aviso está disponible en español a través por internet, accesible por la página de inicio del sitio de LAFCO (www.sbclafco.org).*

The purpose of the reorganization is to annex the City of Upland's corporate boundary to the San Bernardino County Fire Protection District (County Fire) and its Valley Service Zone. The change will include the transfer of all the City Fire Department's responsibilities, including transfer of Fire Department employees, assets, obligations, and liabilities to County Fire and/or its Valley Service Zone. The reorganization also includes the annexation to County Fire's Service Zone FP-5 and the formation of a separate zone identified as Service Zone FP-5 West Valley for the territory of the City of Upland and the existing County Fire responsibility area commonly known as San Antonio Heights. The terms and conditions for this reorganization are set forth in LAFCO Resolution No. 3242, adopted by the Commission on March 23, 2017. Resolution No. 3242 is available for review in the LAFCO office, located at 215 North D Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino and can be viewed on our website at:

<http://www.sbclafco.org/Proposals/ProposalsAvailable/SignificantProposals/LAFCO3216.aspx>

The two defined areas within the proposed reorganization territory are (see map below):

- Area 1 -- the entirety of the corporate boundaries of the City of Upland, comprising approximately 10,016 acres (15.65 square miles), annexing into County Fire and its Valley Service Zone.
- Area 2 -- the entirety of the corporate boundaries of the City of Upland and the area commonly known as the community of San Antonio Heights, generally identified as being north of the existing City boundary, east of the Los Angeles County line, southerly of parcel boundaries and west of the Rancho Cucamonga Fire Protection District boundary for a total of approximately 11,696 acres (18.3 square miles), annexing into County Fire Service Zone FP-5 and the formation of Service Zone FP-5 West Valley.

As a landowner in the affected area, you have been individually noticed of the Protest Hearing because the reorganization includes annexation into County Fire'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 \$148.23 per parcel for Fiscal Year (FY) 2016-17. The tax includes an annual inflationary factor (up to a maximum of 3%). If the maximum 3% increase is applied for FY 2017-18, the annual tax would be \$152.68. The formation of Service Zone FP-5 West Valley will isolate the revenues received from the special tax and define the area in which they can be expended for service.

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:

- (1) To the LAFCO office, 215 North D Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, CA 92415-0490, prior to conclusion of the Protest Hearing on June 14, 2017; or,
- (2) At the Protest Hearing to be held at the Upland City Hall – Council Chambers, 460 N. Euclid Ave., Upland, CA 91786 on June 14, 2017.

The written protest must be signed and dated during the protest period, which begins on May 12, 2017 and ends on June 14, 2017 at the conclusion of the Protest Hearing. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to May 12, 2017, or received 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.

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). Protest submitted by a registered voter must include the name of the voter, signature and address as they appear on the affidavit of voter registration.

HOW TO OBTAIN A PROTEST FORM:

A Protest Form (usable for both landowners and registered voters) is available from the LAFCO website, www.sbclafco.org, accessed from the front page. Protest Forms may also be picked up in person at the LAFCO office, 215 North D Street, Suite 204, San Bernardino, California 92415-0490. If you wish to receive a protest form by mail, please contact the LAFCO office at (909) 388-0480 or by email at:

HOW PROTEST IS EVALUATED:

- (1) **Terminate** the reorganization if protest is received from 50% or more of the registered voters within the affected area.
- (2) **Call an election** if protest is received by 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 registered 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: May 12, 2017



LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
KATHLEEN ROLLINGS-McDONALD, Executive Officer

