



NOTICE OF CONTINUED PROTEST HEARING

ANNEXATION OF GOODWILL RESPONSE AREAS TO THE ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 1, 2024, the Executive Officer of the Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (“LAFCo” or “Commission”) conducted a protest hearing for the Arcata Fire Protection District Annexation of its goodwill response areas located along Fickle Hill and Jacoby Creek Roads. Due to LAFCo’s recent office relocation and temporary mailing/phone challenges that occurred during the protest process, the Executive Officer continued said hearing to provide for additional notice and extension of time for landowners and registered voters to file protests. The continued protest hearing will be held as follows: **Thursday, June 13, 2024, at 5:30 p.m.**

Six Rivers Masonic Lodge, 251 Bayside Road, Arcata, CA 95521

The purpose of the hearing is to provide for the submission of written protests against the proposal by affected landowners and registered voters within the territory, which may be filed with the LAFCo Executive Officer at any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing. The hearing will be conducted by the Commission’s Executive Officer who has been delegated authority to conduct this public hearing.

Annexation Background: Proceedings for this annexation were initiated by the Arcata Fire Protection District and includes annexation of approx. 3,561 acres of land (117 parcels) located outside the boundaries and currently served by Arcata FPD on a goodwill basis. LAFCo held a public hearing and approved annexation on March 20, 2024, as set forth in LAFCo Resolution No. 24-02, which provides a full and complete description and the terms and conditions of the Commission’s approval, including but not limited to the following actions:

1. Execution of an agreement between Arcata FPD and the County of Humboldt for the exchange of ad valorem property taxes.
2. Extension of the current Arcata FPD special assessment and special tax to all applicable parcels within the proposed annexation area.

More information regarding the annexation, including an interactive webmap of the proposed annexation area, can be accessed at: <https://humboldtlaico.org/proposed-arcata-fire-protection-district-annexation/>

How to file a Protest: To be considered valid, protests must be written and filed by either a landowner or a registered voter within the annexation area. The protest must be signed and dated, must state whether it is made by a landowner or a registered voter or both, and must include the name and address of the protestor. An Assessor’s Parcel Number identifying the location of the land is acceptable for a landowner. A registered voter’s protest must show the name and address appearing on the affidavit of registration. Written protest forms are available at the LAFCo office or online at www.humboldtlaico.org/public-hearing-notices-2024/. Use of the form is encouraged, but not required.

How Protests will be Evaluated: Pursuant to State law, an election would be called if 25-50% of registered voters protest or 25% or more of landowners protest. The 25% threshold for landowner protest refers to both the number of owners and the assessed value of land. Furthermore, the annexation would be terminated if 50% or more of registered voters protest. The annexation will be confirmed and ordered if the above thresholds are not reached.



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LANDOWNER OR REGISTERED VOTER

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Protests may either be hand delivered at the protest hearing, mailed to Humboldt LAFCo at 670 9th Street, Suite 202, Arcata, CA 95521, or emailed to the LAFCo Executive Officer (colettem@humboldtlafo.org). Only written protests that are received prior to the end of the hearing on June 13, 2024, will be accepted as timely. If you have any questions regarding this notice, please contact the LAFCo office at (707) 445-7508 or colettem@humboldtlafo.org (preferred).

ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE HEREBY INVITED TO BE PRESENT AND HEARD ON THE MATTERS DESCRIBED IN THIS NOTICE.

Note: Pursuant to state law, only issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to LAFCo at or prior to the public hearing may be raised in any legal challenge to LAFCo actions.

HUMBOLDT LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
Colette Santsche, Executive Officer

Dated: May 2, 2024