



**PROTEST HEARING AGENDA
ANNEXATION OF GOODWILL RESPONSE AREAS TO THE
ARCATA FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT**

Wednesday, May 1, 2024 -- 5:30 PM
Six Rivers Masonic Lodge
251 Bayside Road, Arcata, CA 95521

1. CALL TO ORDER – 5:30 PM

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES

This is an opportunity for members of the public to speak on items that are not on the agenda.

3. PROTEST HEARING – ARCATA FPD ANNEXATION

The Humboldt Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) approved the proposed Arcata Fire Protection District Annexation at a public hearing on March 20, 2024. Approval triggered a 30-day reconsideration period followed by a protest hearing. The protest hearing is conducted to allow landowners and registered voters within the affected territory to file a written protest against the Commission's action with the Executive Officer. 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 in accordance with this notice. Protest forms are available at the LAFCo office or online at www.humboldtlaftco.org/public-hearing-notices-2024/.

The LAFCo Executive Officer will conduct the protest hearing as follows:

- A. Describe the proposal and purpose of the hearing
- B. Summarize LAFCo Resolution No. 24-02
- C. Open the hearing
- D. Receive any oral or written protests, objections or evidence
- E. Note all written protests received prior to the hearing
- F. Close the hearing
- G. Determine the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn

4. ADJOURNMENT

The next regular meeting of the Commission will be held on May 23, 2024, at 9:00 AM at the Eureka City Hall Council Chambers (second floor) located at 531 K Street, Eureka, CA. At the meeting, the Executive Officer will present the results of the protest hearing, with a draft resolution, to the Commission for its consideration. Based on the number of valid written protests received, the annexation will either be confirmed, terminated, or subject to an election.

**For more information about the protest hearing,
please contact LAFCo staff at 707-445-7508 or colettem@humboldtlaftco.org (preferred).**