



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

Wednesday, June 13, 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 (Resolution No. 24-02). 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.humboldtlafo.org/public-hearing-notices-2024/.

On May 1, 2024, the Executive Officer conducted a protest hearing for the Arcata Fire Protection District Annexation. 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 June 13, 2024 to provide for additional notice and extension of time for landowners and registered voters to file protests.

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- G. Determine the value of written protests filed and not withdrawn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 July 17, 2024, at 9:00 AM. 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@humboldtlafo.org (preferred).**