

CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to consider the proposed incorporation of the Town of Alamo (LAFCO 07-27), the adoption of a Sphere of Influence (SOI) for the new town, and the corresponding SOI amendments to the Town of Danville and the City of Walnut Creek.

The incorporation proposal was submitted to LAFCO by petition of registered voters. The primary reasons for the proposed incorporation are as follows: 1) provide residents increased representation and local control in land use planning and building, municipal services, and infrastructure; 2) create an efficient and politically accountable government; 3) provide more effective and efficient use of local tax revenues that is better aligned with the priorities of Alamo residents; 4) enhance the quality of life and maintain the town's unique, rural character; 5) preserve the town's historical and cultural heritage; 6) increase opportunities for Alamo residents to participate in local and government activities; and 7) establish the town as a legally recognized and equal voice in county and regional matters.

The proposed incorporation boundary includes approximately 9.87 square miles bounded by the City of Walnut Creek and unincorporated territory ("Tice Valley") to the north, the Town of Danville to the south, Las Trampas Regional Wilderness to the west, and Mt. Diablo and Diablo Foothills State Park to the east. Alamo has a population of approximately 16,700 residents.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, September 18, 2008 at 4:30 p.m. at the Creekside Community Church, located at 1350 Danville Blvd. in Alamo, CA.

On the basis of an Initial Study prepared for the project, it was concluded that the project will not have a significant effect on the environment. A Draft Negative Declaration has been prepared by LAFCO for the proposed Alamo incorporation. Approval of the Negative Declaration will also be considered by the Commission at the hearing.

At this meeting, the Commission will consider all oral and written testimony of any interested persons or affected agencies. Only those issues brought up at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Contra Costa LAFCO at or prior to the hearing may be raised in any legal challenge to the actions taken by the Commission with respect to an application.

All interested persons are invited to be present and heard. Written communications may be directed to: Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer, Contra Costa LAFCO, 651 Pine Street, 6th Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. For more information regarding Contra Costa LAFCO and the proposed incorporation of the Town of Alamo, please visit the LAFCO website at www.contracostalafco.org.

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