CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

**Questionnaire for Amending a Sphere of Influence**

(Attach additional sheets as necessary)

1. Name of Proposal (Sphere of Influence of the )
2. Purpose of the proposal
3. Why is this proposal being filed?
4. List any related actions for LAFCO approval (e.g., annexation, detachment, etc.).
5. Identify other parts of the overall project (i.e., tract map, development permit, etc.).
6. Consultation with the County (City sphere changes only)
7. Provide documentation regarding consultation that has occurred between the City and County with regard to agreement on boundaries, development standards and zoning requirements for land in the proposed sphere as required by Government Code §56425.
8. Description of area to be included in or removed from the sphere
9. What area is proposed to be added to/detached from the sphere? What is the acreage? Attach a map showing the current sphere and proposed change.
10. Why was it decided to use these particular boundaries?
11. What are the existing land uses in the proposal area? Be specific. Does the proposal area include agricultural land, open space land, and/or land covered under a Williamson Act contract?
12. What are the proposed land uses for the proposal area? Be specific.
13. Relationship to Existing Plans
14. Describe current County General Plan and zoning designations for the sphere expansion/reduction area(s).
15. Describe City General Plan and prezoning designations for the area(s).
16. Agricultural and Open Space Impact Assessment

This section applies to applications that include, or are contiguous to, open space and/or agricultural land as defined in the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 (“CKH”).

State law includes policies and priorities that guide development away from agricultural land and encourage development of land in existing boundaries and SOIs before increasing an SOI by including open space/agricultural land. Accordingly, Contra Costa LAFCO requires all proposals that include, or are contiguous to, agricultural and/or open space lands to include an Impact Assessment which shall address the following:

1. How does the proposal balance the State’s interest in preserving open space and agricultural lands against the need for orderly development?
2. What is the effect of the proposal on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands?
3. Can the proposal reasonably be expected to induce, facilitate, or lead to the conversion of existing agricultural and/or open space land to other uses?
4. How does the proposal guide development away from agricultural and/or open space lands?
5. How does the proposal facilitate development of existing vacant or non agricultural and/or non open space lands for urban uses within the existing boundary or SOI a local agency?
6. What measures does the proposal contain that will protect the physical and economic integrity of adjacent agricultural and/or open space land uses?
7. Environmental Assessment
8. What is the underlying project?
9. Who is the lead agency?
10. What type of environmental document has been prepared for the proposed project?
11. Justification

To assist LAFCO in making the determinations required by Government Code §56425, please provide information relevant to the following:

1. Present and planned uses in the area, including agricultural and open space lands.
2. Present and probable needs for public facilities and services.
3. Present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services the affected agency provides or is authorized to provide.
4. Existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area.
5. Additional Comments
6. Provide any other comments or justifications regarding the proposal.
7. Enclose any pertinent staff reports and supporting documentation related to this proposal.
8. Notices and Staff Reports
9. List up to three persons to receive copies of the LAFCO notice of hearing and staff report.

 Name Email or Address

Who should be contacted if there are questions about this application?

Name Email Address Phone

1. Applicant's Certification

I hereby certify that the information contained in this application and accompanying documents is true, correct, and accurate to the best of my knowledge. In addition, I hereby agree to pay all required filing and processing fees required by the State of California and Contra Costa LAFCO, including any expenses for preparation of environmental documentation and any special studies needed to complete this application.

Signature Date