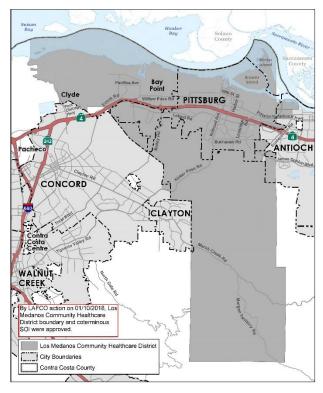
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING CONTRA COSTA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Contra Costa Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing on Friday, November 30, 2018 at 11:00 am. The purpose of the hearing is to receive written protests regarding dissolution of the Los Medanos Community Healthcare District (LMCHD). The hearing will be conducted by the LAFCO Executive Officer as authorized by the Commission.

The Dissolution Proposal: In November 2017, Contra Costa County filed an application with LAFCO to dissolve the LMCHD. The LMCHD serves over 97,000 residents within the City of Pittsburg, small portions of Antioch, cities of Clayton and Concord, unincorporated Bay **Point** surrounding and unincorporated areas. The LMCHD previously operated the Los Medanos Community Hospital until 1994, when the hospital closed due to bankruptcy. LMCHD now leases its former hospital facilities to the County for use as the Pittsburg Health Center (PHC). The LMCHD also sponsors and funds programs that provide health, wellness and prevention services.



The County's reasons for dissolving the LMCHD are as follows: 1) LMCHD has not been a direct provider of healthcare services since declaring bankruptcy in 1994. LMCHD's administrative costs have been higher than average. 2) The County is the primary provider of healthcare services to low-income persons in the County, including hospital and satellite clinics and a multitude of specialized healthcare services. 3) LMCHD owns the PHC which the County leases; the lease expired on July 31, 2018 and lease negotiations are pending. 4) Since 1998, the County has made capital improvements to the PHC in excess of \$24 million.

The dissolution was approved by LAFCO on September 12, 2018 subject to various terms and conditions as specified in the LAFCO resolution which is available online at http://contracostalafco.org/.

Filing a Written Protest Against the Dissolution: Any person who owns land or is registered to vote within the District's boundary (see map) may submit a written protest to Contra Costa LAFCO, 651 Pine Street, 6th Floor, Martinez, CA 94553. Valid protests must be in writing and mailed or delivered to the LAFCO office or received at the protest hearing. In order to be counted, *your written protest must be received prior to the conclusion of the hearing on* November 30, 2018. Any protest without a date, bearing a date prior to the date of this notice, or submitted after the conclusion of the hearing will not be counted. A valid registered voter's protest must be <u>signed</u> and <u>dated</u> and must show the name and address appearing on the affidavit of registration. A valid landowner's protest must be <u>signed</u> and <u>dated</u> and <u>bear an Assessor Parcel Number or other description adequate to identify the property. Only an <u>original signed</u> protest will be accepted – protests submitted by fax or email will **not** be accepted.</u>

For additional information, please contact the LAFCO office at (925) 335-1094.

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