

Sphere of Influence Discussion

- > What is a "Sphere of Influence"?
- > What is "Annexation"?
- > The Process of Establishing a Sphere
- > Issues Related to Establishing a Sphere Boundary
- > Alternative Sphere Boundaries
- > Direction from City Council



What is a "Sphere of Influence"

- > Ultimate City Limits
- > Statement of a City's goals for future expansion
- > Area in which a City may have influence over or review of planning projects
- > Requires approval by LAFCO
- > Role of Property Owners limited



What is "Annexation"?

- > Including land within the City Limits
- > Usually occurs after a Sphere has been established
- > Requires approval by LAFCO
- > Property owners can force election through written protests
- > Annexation can be halted by sufficient landowner protests



Questions Asked When Establishing a Sphere Boundary

- > Can the City provide services?
- > What is a logical Sphere boundary (e.g. major streets, railroad, etc.)
- > Can the City afford to provide services? (Property tax/Sales tax)
- > What is the opinion of property owners/residents?



Proposed Calendar of Events

August 23- City Council considers staff's recommended approach and provides initial policy direction.

September 11-Staff conducts a Community Workshop to solicit input.

September 21-Staff presents information to the Planning Commission. The Planning Commission will be asked to make recommendations for consideration by the City Council.

October 4-Staff presents a final report for City Council consideration.

October 28-Staff submits the City Sphere of Influence application to LAFCO.

