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July 26, 2005

Peter Brundage, Executive Officer
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 I Street, Suite #100
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Dear Mr. Brundage:

Subject: Letter of request for an amendment to the City of Sacramento's Sphere of Influence.

The purpose of this letter is to respectfully notify Sacramento LAFCo of our intent and request your assistance in amending the City of Sacramento's Sphere of Influence (SOI). The SOI amendment is necessary in order to plan for the orderly expansion of the City to accommodate 200,000 additional people over the next 25 years, as projected in our General Plan update. Infill, coupled with new growth areas will be required to accommodate this population increase. The SOI amendment will also implement the City – County Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the area known as the "Natomas Joint Vision". The City requests your assistance and collaboration in the preparation of the environmental review associated with this application, consistent with LAFCo policy.

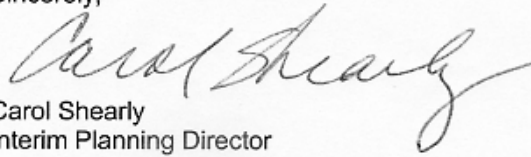
On December 10, 2002 the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors approved the Natomas Joint Vision MOU regarding principles of land use and revenue sharing for the Natomas area. The goal of this cooperative effort is to achieve quality development balanced with permanent open space systems. The City and County will jointly develop an Open Space Program for the Natomas Joint Vision area to preserve agriculture and habitat, provide for airport expansion, and create a community separator, while allowing for urban development based upon adopted Smart Growth principles. The MOU indicates that the City will implement the urban development with the County overseeing the agriculture and open space areas subject to a revenue sharing agreement. The area proposed for the SOI amendment would implement the MOU objectives and is consistent with the SACOG approved Regional Blueprint growth scenario (please see attached map).

We look forward to a collaborative relationship with LAFCo staff in the preparation of the environmental documentation serving the City, County and LAFCo actions. Please consider this letter a formal request to begin the process of amending the City of Sacramento's Sphere of Influence.

If you have any questions regarding this request, please contact Steve Peterson at 808-5981, or Ashley Feeney at 808-1941.



Sincerely,












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City of Sacramento Proposed Sphere of Influence

Legend

-  Water
-  Major Roads
-  Highways
-  Sacramento City Limits
-  County Boundaries
-  Existing Sphere of Influence
-  Proposed Sphere of Influence Amendment
-  Natomas Joint Vision Proposed General Plan Policy Area
-  Community Separator/Agricultural Buffer

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