

**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2018-02**

**APPROVING AN UPDATE TO THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
CITY OF ALAMEDA**

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to develop and determine the sphere of influence (SOI) of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(g) requires that LAFCo review and update the adopted SOI boundaries, as necessary, every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal services review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a SOI update; and

WHEREAS, LAFCo conducted a Cities Municipal Services Review of the services provided by the 14 cities in Alameda County and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on January 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, the update of the City of Alameda's sphere of influence is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) which states that an activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. The sphere update is further exempt from CEQA pursuant to Section 15378(b)(5) which states that organizational or administrative activities of governments that will not result in direct or indirect physical changes in the environment are not considered projects under CEQA; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda provides animal control, fire and emergency response, law enforcement, library, lighting, parks and recreation, planning/building, and streets; the City also owns and operates Alameda Municipal Power, an electric utility company; and other services, such as solid waste, are provided under contract with other service providers.

WHEREAS, the City was incorporated in 1854; and

WHEREAS, the City lies in the western portion of Alameda County, bordered to the north and east by the City of Oakland; is almost entirely located on one island, except for the Bay Farm Island west of the Oakland International Airport; and is home to Coast Guard Island and Alameda Point, formerly the Naval Air Station; and

WHEREAS, a small portion of the City and County of San Francisco is contiguous to the City of Alameda, yet not contiguous to the remainder of the City and County of San Francisco which is situated across San Francisco Bay making this portion of the City and County of San Francisco an illogical boundary; and

WHEREAS, the SOI was originally established in 1983 and is coterminous with its city bounds; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating the City of Alameda's SOI; and

WHEREAS, in the form and manner prescribed by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of a public hearing by this Commission; and

WHEREAS, the SOI update was duly considered at a public hearing held on January 11, 2018; and

WHEREAS, at the public hearing all persons present were given an opportunity to appear and be heard with respect to any matter pertaining to said action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Alameda LAFCo hereby:

1. Finds this SOI update is categorically exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) and Section 15378(b)(5) of the CEQA Guidelines.
2. Expands the City of Alameda’s SOI to include a small portion of the City and County of San Francisco, which is contiguous to the City of Alameda, as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.
3. Adopts the following SOI Policies:

Policy Recommendation #1: LAFCo should encourage the City of Alameda and the City and County of San Francisco to consider a reorganization of that territory which would require a minor county boundary change as a precursor to reorganization. A county boundary change is not subject to the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000.

Policy Recommendation #2: LAFCo should send a letter to the Boards of Supervisors of Alameda and San Francisco Counties and the City of Alameda recommending that they initiate the minor county boundary process under Government Code Section 23200 et seq. to alter the county boundary thereby enabling the future annexation of the territory into the City of Alameda.

4. Considered the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 56425(e) and determines as follows:

Criteria	Determination
<i>The present and planned land uses (including agricultural and open-space lands)</i>	The City of Alameda plans for a variety of urban uses within its boundary, representing a continuation of the current mix of uses, including residential, business, commercial, industrial, recreation, open space, public, and federal. Present and planned land uses are adequate for existing residents as well as future growth, as demonstrated in the General Plan (2013).
<i>The present and probable need for public facilities and services</i>	There are no anticipated changes in the type of public services and facilities required within the SOI for the City of Alameda. The level of demand for these services and facilities, however, will increase commensurate with anticipated population growth over the next five years.
<i>The present and probable future capacity of public facilities and services</i>	The present capacity of public facilities in the City of Alameda appears adequate. The City of Alameda anticipates it will continue to have adequate capacity during the next five years.

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<i>The existence of any social or economic communities of interest if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency</i>	All communities of interest within the City's municipal boundary are included within the SOI. Alameda LAFCo has not identified specific social or economic communities of interest relevant to the City of Alameda.
<i>For an update of an SOI of a city or special district that provides public facilities or services related to sewers, municipal and industrial water, or structural fire protection, that occurs pursuant to subdivision (g) on or after July 1, 2012, the present and probable need for those public facilities and services of any disadvantaged unincorporated communities within the existing sphere of influence</i>	The City of Alameda provides structural fire protection and sewer facilities and services within its SOI; water is provided by East Bay Municipal Utility District. There are no DUCs within or contiguous to the SOI for the City of Alameda and therefore no present or probable need for these facilities and services for DUCs.

5. Directs staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

This Resolution was approved and adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on January 11, 2018 at the Dublin San Ramon Services District, 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Sblendorio, seconded by Commissioner Miley, and duly carried.

Ayes: 7 (Haggerty, Johnson, Marchand, Miley, Sblendorio, Thorne, Wieskamp)

Noes: 0

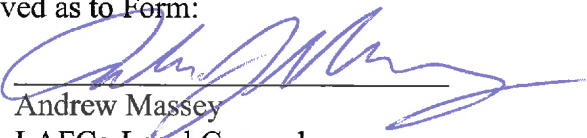
Abstain: 0

Absent: 0



 Ayn Wieskamp, Chair
 Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission

Approved as to Form:

By: 

 Andrew Massey
 LAFCo Legal Counsel

CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission, Alameda County, Oakland, California.

Attest: 

 Mona Palacios, LAFCo Executive Officer

Date: 1/12/2018

City Limits and Modified Sphere of Influence Boundaries for the City of Alameda

Exhibit A

