

**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-43**

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

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(f) requires that LAFCo review and update the adopted SOI boundaries, as necessary, not less than once 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 municipal services review of the services provided by the City of Pleasanton and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on May 11, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasanton provides police, fire, paramedic, water, wastewater, stormwater, park, recreation, library, street maintenance, and street sweeping services directly, and contracts with private companies for ambulance transport, street light maintenance, and solid waste collection services; and

WHEREAS, the City of Pleasanton incorporated in 1894; and

WHEREAS, the City lies in the eastern portion of Alameda County, bordered by the cities of Dublin to the north and portions of Livermore to the east and Hayward to the west; and

WHEREAS, Pleasanton's SOI was established by LAFCo in 1976; and

WHEREAS, the SOI was amended in 1981, 1984, 1988, 1991, and 1992 with the annexation of the Ruby Hill/Vineyard Avenue Corridor; and

WHEREAS, there have been 66 annexations into the City bounds since SOI adoption; all but one involved territory in the SOI; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of adopting an SOI which is coterminous with the District's current service boundary; and

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

WHEREAS, the SOI update was duly considered at a public hearing held on July 13, 2006; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda LAFCo heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence that were made, presented or filed, and 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. Retain the existing SOI for the City of Pleasanton as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. Adopt the following SOI policies:

- Policy Recommendation #1: LAFCo shall encourage the City of Pleasanton to annex, where appropriate, various islands and fringe areas including those currently receiving service.

3 Consider the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 56425(e) and determine as follows:

- a. *The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands* – The City primarily consists of developed residential land. Other developed land uses include commercial, industrial and a significant amount of sand and gravel quarries. Pleasanton has a large amount of open space that includes ridge lands in the west, hills in the southeast, sand and gravel quarries and vineyards in the south. Agricultural use is primarily in the southern SOI area. Pleasanton voters approved a UGB limiting urban development in the ridgeline, hills and southern agricultural areas. The City of Pleasanton has an adopted urban limit line limiting growth to the existing urbanized area. Growth strategies for the City include maintaining a growth management program that evaluates the ability to assimilate growth. The City has also adopted a "green" ordinance for new development to ensure that environmental impacts are minimal..
- b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area* – The population in the City is expected to continue to grow. Pleasanton’s residential growth areas are located on Stoneridge Drive, in the Vineyard Avenue corridor, the Bernal property and the Ruby Hill area. As of early 2002, Pleasanton had approved 4,505 new housing units and was expecting healthy commercial growth accommodating 2,200 to 2,800 new employees each year.
- c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide* – Police, water, stormwater, street, park, and library services provided in the city are adequate. The City conducts productivity monitoring to improve service efficiency.
- d. *The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency* - Key areas of interest include the Airport area, Altamont Pass and the Vineyard Avenue Corridor. Economic communities include Stoneridge Mall, northern business parks, downtown and the fairgrounds.
- e. *The existence of agricultural preserves or other important agricultural or open space land in the area which could be considered within an agency's SOI, and the effect on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of such resources in the event that such resources are within a SOI of a local governmental agency* – No agricultural, open space or Williamson Act lands will be affected by approval of the proposed SOI. As no changes in SOI or service areas are proposed. In addition, the proposed policy only provides service and environmental benefits by formalizing the status of the urban service provider, or cleaning up service inefficiencies recognized by the state when it encouraged LAFCOs to work to eliminate unincorporated islands within cities.

4 Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this SOI update is categorically exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

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

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This Resolution was approved and adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on July 13, 2006, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Kamena, and duly carried.

Ayes: 7 (Commissioners Combs, Foulkes, Steele, Miley, Lockhart, Kamena, and Sblendorio)>

Noes: 0

Excused: 0

/Janet Lockhart/

Janet Lockhart, Chair, Alameda LAFCo

Approved as to Form:

By: 

Brian Washington, LAFCo Legal Counsel

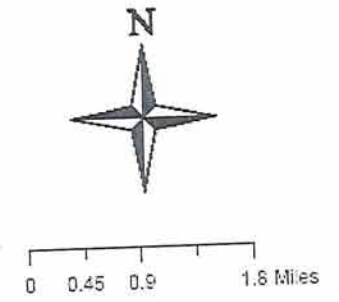
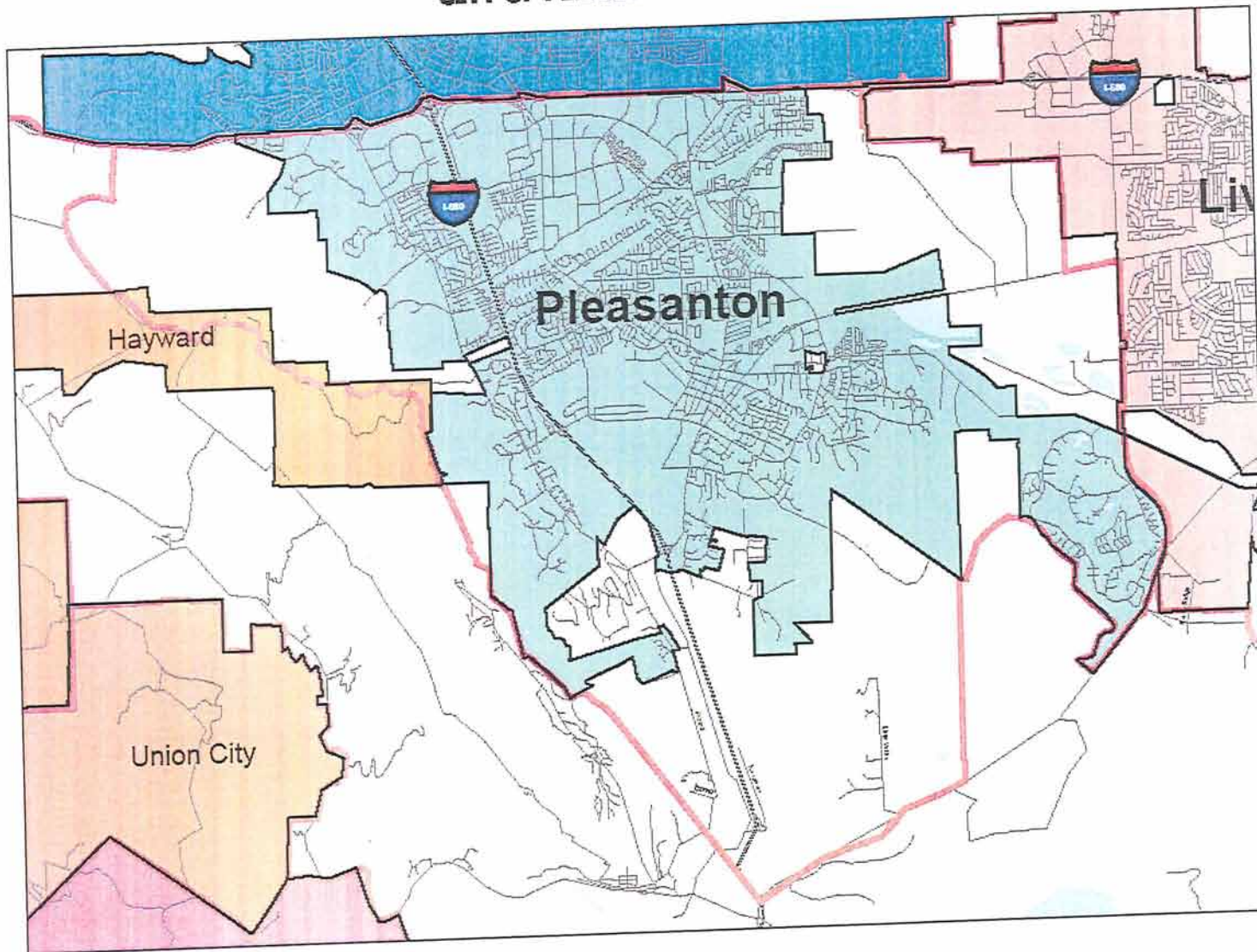
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission, Oakland, California.

Attest: 
Crystal Hishida Graff, LAFCo Executive Officer

Date: 7/27/06

Exhibit A

CITY OF PLEASANTON & SOI



Legend	
	Interstates
	Streets
	City Limits
	SOI
	Hydrology
	Alameda Unincorporated

Alameda County Reference Map

