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SUBJECT: La Habra Unincorporated Islands

Dear Mr. Sadro:

As you are aware, Orange County LAFCO has been working with the City and the County of Orange on the potential annexation of the remaining unincorporated islands within the City of La Habra's sphere of influence for the past three years. This effort began with the City's request to LAFCO for authorization to provide retail water service to the unincorporated islands currently provided by a private utility, California Domestic Water Company, to enhance the current infrastructure and service.

As we continue to work with the City and County on potential annexation, I wanted to provide a review of the legislative process and requirements involving LAFCO's approval of the City's request:

- In accordance with Government Code Section 56133, the City's request to provide a service outside of its jurisdictional boundary but within its sphere of influence may only be authorized by LAFCO in anticipation of a change of organization (i.e., annexation).
- In accordance with Government Code Section 56133, the City's request from the City to provide services outside of its jurisdictional boundary may be authorized by LAFCO with conditions (i.e., established timeline for annexation).
- In accordance with Government Code Section 56375.3, if the City files an annexation application for the unincorporated islands within its sphere of influence, LAFCO shall approve the annexation.
- In accordance with Government Code Section 56375.3, LAFCO's approval of the annexation of the unincorporated islands within

La Habra Unincorporated Islands.

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La Habra's sphere of influence is not subject to registered voter or landowner protests.

LAFCO will continue to work with the City and County on the potential annexation of the unincorporated areas to La Habra, which is required in order for the city to extend services to the areas within your sphere of influence but outside of your jurisdictional boundaries.

In the meantime, if you have any questions, feel free to contact me at (714) 640-5100.

Sincerely,



Carolyn Emery
Executive Officer