



## VENTURA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION

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### MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 18, 2024

RE: Item No. 12 of the September 18, 2024, LAFCo Meeting

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The following comment letter was distributed to the Commission on September 18, 2024.



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# City of Santa Paula

Community & Economic Development

September 17, 2024

Ventura Local Agency Formation Commission  
801 S. Victoria Ave., Ste.301  
Ventura, CA 93003

**Subject: Santa Paula West Business Park**

Dear LAFCo Commissioners:

The Santa Paula City Council is proud to publicly support LAFCo staff's recommendation to adopt Resolution 20-06 making determinations and approving a reorganization for the City of Santa Paula for the annexation of the Santa Paula West Business Park. This important project will provide the City of Santa Paula with a much-needed resource for our business retention, expansion and attraction efforts to create additional employment opportunities in our community.

The Santa Paula West Business Park project is located in the West Area 2 Expansion Area as identified in the City's General Plan for over 35 years. The City began the planning and environmental process for this project a decade ago in cooperation with the owners of this property to implement the City's General Plan. Approval of this request will allow the City to move forward with implementing this project after this long and thorough planning process.

The Santa Paula City Council is committed to the economic vitality and sustainability of the City, and within their 2-year Strategic Plan has identified the following Economic Development Goals, Objectives and Metrics that directly relate to this requested action:

**B. Economic Development**

Goal: Enhance the economic vitality of the community through measures targeted towards development and business retention and expansion and attraction, resulting in diverse housing options, increased revenue generation, job creation, and a business-friendly community.

**Objective 8: Annexation Opportunities**

Review of city boundaries for annexation opportunities.

Metric 1. Collaboration with property owners, county and LAFCo to identify viable sites and determine successful implementation strategies.

The approval of this project will enhance the city's ability to expand economic diversity, create new jobs and to best utilize our resources for the continued vitality and sustainability of the entire Ventura County community.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Dan Singer  
City Manager

Cc: James Mason, Community & Economic Development Director  
Santa Paula City Council