



**TRINITY CENTER
COMMUNITY SERVICES DISTRICT**

Post Office Box 177, Trinity Center, California 96091

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Trinity County Local Agency Formation Commission
PO Box 2819
Weaverville, CA 96093

Re: Trinity Center Community Services District Annexation Application

Dear Commissioners:

By unanimous vote, the Trinity Center Community Services District (TCCSD) Board of Directors passed Resolution 2010-02, enclosed herein, requesting the Trinity County Local Agency Formation Commission to annex certain parcels to the TCCSD. The enclosed application and related materials are provided pursuant to LAFCo procedures, and are the result of many months of study, research, and community input gathering.

Early last year, citizens from Covington Mill, Lake Forest Estates, Long Canyon and Ridgeville subdivisions approached the TCCSD board requesting annexation. The TCCSD formed an ad hoc committee of board members and community representatives to research the issues and gauge community support.

Enclosed is a "Frequently Asked Questions" (FAQ) document that represents the result of research on issues raised by the community. The document was first published to the community last summer, and was updated periodically as information was gathered. Five community town hall meetings were held where input was gathered from the public. On September 1, 2009, a letter was sent out to all property owners in the proposed annex area, as well as owners in the current TCCSD. The letter informed property owners of the requested annexation, the petition drive, and website references.

At each monthly TCCSD board meeting since early 2009, an annexation committee report was presented. Discussion about issues and the results of the committee research was discussed by the board and questions from the public were entertained. All annexation information was available to the public at a local business and on the community website, www.northtrinitylake.com.

Last summer, the TCCSD board directed the annexation committee to gauge community support for an annexation. Beginning at the 2009 Labor Day Barbecue and Rummage Sale, signatures representing support have been gathered from registered voters in the TCCSD, registered voters in the proposed annex area, and non-registered property owners in both areas. As of the date of this letter:

- 108 of 191 (56.5%) of TCCSD voters have signed the petition
- 78 of 129 (60.5%) of annex area voters have signed the petition
- 82 non-registered property owners have signed the petition

The Trinity Center Volunteer Fire Department (TCVFD) has been providing fire protection and emergency medical services to the proposed annex area for many years. As a result, there is little, if any financial impact on the district for proceeding with the annexation. In fact, the annex area has been supporting the TCVFD with fundraising for years, even holding their own fundraising events.

More importantly, the citizens of the annex area have been volunteering to serve on the staff of the TCVFD for many years. Currently, the Assistant Chief, the Chief Medical Officer, and two firefighter/EMT volunteers reside in the annex area. These volunteers make up fully 1/3 of the TCVFD staff. Additionally, two Firefighter Emergency Assistance Team (FEAT,) including the FEAT team leader.

Prior to adopting Resolution 2010-02, the TCCSD board approved submission to LAFCo of a Sphere of Influence update document. The update reflects the modern sphere of influence of TCCSD, and along with its companion Municipal Service Review input document, provides an in-depth overview of the TCCSD and the TCVFD. These documents show that the TCVFD is very capable of continuing to provide service to the annex communities, as it has for literally decades.

Therefore, the Trinity Center Community Services District Board of Directors requests LAFCo to approve the "Covington Mill, Lake Forest Estates, Long Canyon, Ridgeville Annexation" to the TCCSD.

Respectfully,

Michael J. McHugh
Annexation Committee Chairman
Vice-chairman, Trinity Center Community Services District

Cc: Glen Ahmann, Chairman, TCCSD

Encl.

- TCCSD check for LAFCo Application Fee
- TCCSD check for Board of Equalization Fee
- TCCSD Municipal Services Review and Sphere of Influence Update
- TCCSD Fiscal Year 2009 Audited Financial Report
- LAFCo Change of Organization/Reorganization Application
- LAFCo Justification for Proposal and Preliminary Environment Description Form
- TCCSD Resolution 2010-02 "Covington Mill, Lake Forest Estates, Long Canyon, Ridgeville Annexation"
- Legal Description and Map of Subject Area with Surveyor Stamps
- TCCSD Annexation Evaluation Frequently Asked Questions Document
- September 1, 2009 Parcel owner annexation notification letter
- Ten copies of Proposed Annex Area maps
- One copy of Proposed Annex Area General Plan Designations Map
- One copy of Proposed Annex Area Zoning Districts Map
- Annexation Parcel List by APN
- Annexation Parcel List by Owner Name
- Annexation Parcel List plus 300' radius extension mailing labels
- Letter of Support from Sierra Pacific Industries
- Copies of signed petitions
- One Large Map of Proposed Annex Area
- One Large Map of Proposed Annex Area Vicinity with Section Numbers