

**ALAMEDA LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION
RESOLUTION NO. 2006-10**

**APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE
WASHINGTON HEALTHCARE DISTRICT**

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 Washington Healthcare District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on November 10, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the District's SOI is currently coterminous with its service boundaries; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating the District'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 regarding the location of this SOI map;

WHEREAS, the SOI update was duly considered at a public hearing held on January 12, 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 the SOI for the Washington Healthcare District, which is coterminous with the service boundary, as generally depicted in Exhibit A attached hereto.
2. 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 SOI is consistent with present and proposed land uses. City and County policies support the provision of adequate health care services for city and County residents. City and County plans include land uses and population growth needing supportive health care services. The areas included with this SOI update do not affect agricultural lands. The District has no land authority, and no change to the present or planned uses will result from this SOI update.

- b. *The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area* – Health care and hospital services are currently being provided and need to be continued. Growth in health care service demand is expected. With regard to water services, the District operates a groundwater well limited to providing service for hospital landscape watering purposes. The District is not authorized to provide potable water. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this SOI update.
 - c. *The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide* – The District was formed to provide healthcare services. The District is fully accredited for hospital services. It has received service awards for overall hospital services, cardiac services and maternity services. The District’s annual management report reveals consistently increasing patient volume, dedication to community service and charitable care, and responsible approaches to cost savings. Hospital bed occupancy is consistently higher than the County average. The heart attack death rate at the WTHCD was slightly lower than the County average. ER capacity in the District has since been enhanced due to the 2003 opening of a private hospital. The District has an above-average investment rate in new and upgraded facilities, and higher than average costs. In addition, the District operates a groundwater well limited to providing service for hospital landscape watering purposes. The SOI update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services or the services provided by the District.
 - 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* - The District was primarily formed to serve the residents of the cities of Fremont, Newark and Union City, the southern portion of Hayward, and the unincorporated community of Sunol. The SOI update will not affect the existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District.
 - 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* - Hospital and health care services are needed in all areas, and do not, by themselves, induce or encourage growth on agricultural or open space lands. The SOI update will not adversely affect agricultural or open space land or be growth inducing. No Williamson Act contracts will be adversely affected.
 - f. *Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided* - The Washington Township Healthcare District provides health care services in the cities of Fremont, Newark, Union City, the southern portion of Hayward and the unincorporated community of Sunol and to any persons living outside the District who choose to use its services. In addition to providing health care and hospital services, the District operates a groundwater well limited to hospital landscape watering purposes. The District is not authorized to provide to potable water.
4. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the 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 January 12, 2006, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Hosterman, and duly carried.

Ayes: 6 (Commissioners Butler, Crowle, Foulkes, Hosterman, Lockhart and Miley)
Noes: 0
Excused: 3 (Commissioners Combs, Kamena and Steele)

/Robert Butler/

Robert Butler, Chair, Alameda LAFCo

Approved as to Form:

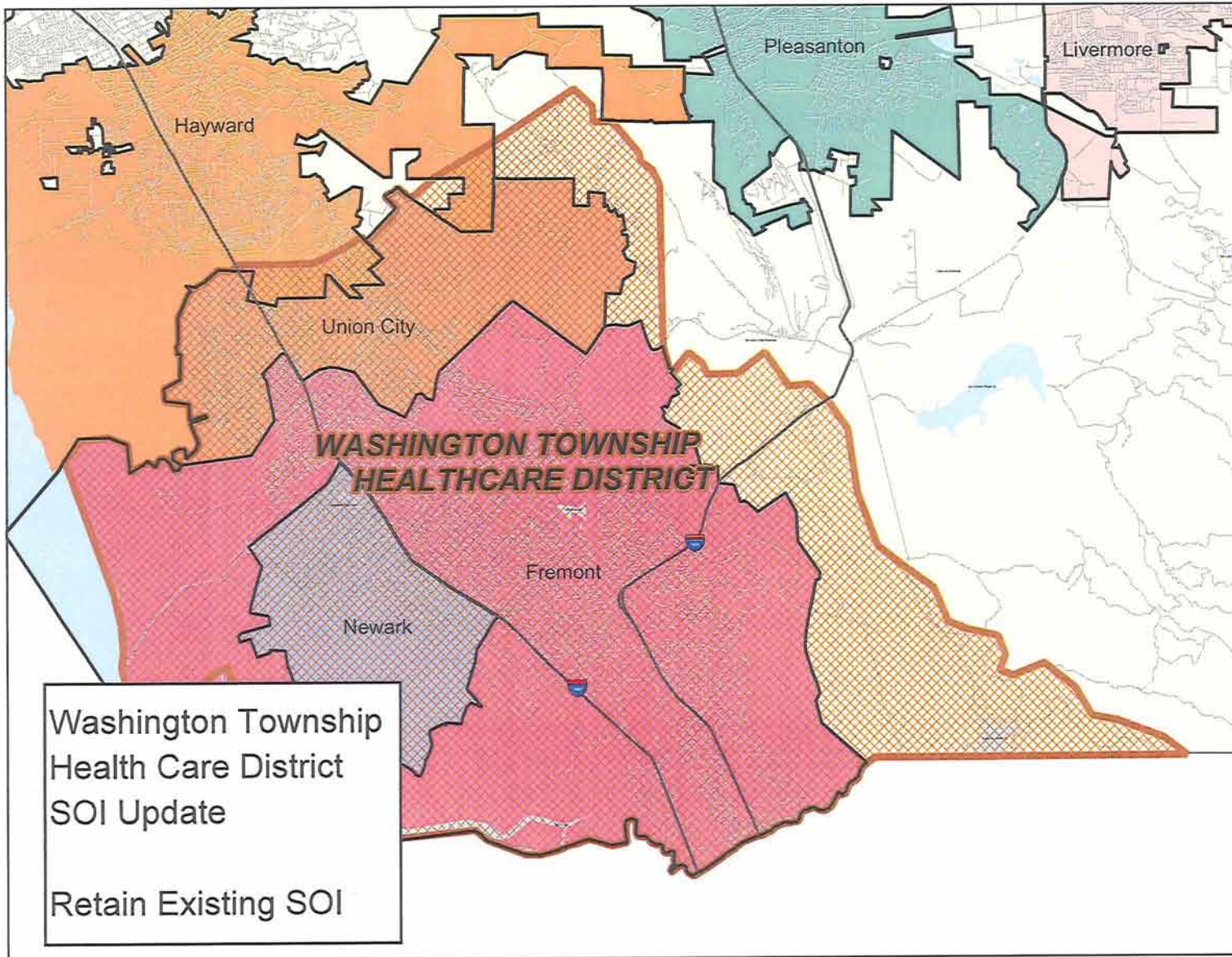
By: Brian Washington
Brian Washington, LAFCo Legal Counsel

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
Crystal Hishida Graff, LAFCo Executive Officer

Date: 2/3/06

WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP HEALTHCARE DISTRICT



Legend

- Streets
- Interstates
- City Limits
- Washington Township Healthcare
- Hydrology
- Alameda Unincorporated

Alameda County Reference Map

