

# ALAMEDA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' UNINCORPORATED SERVICES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 22, 2020  
6:30 p.m.

Supervisor Nate Miley, Chair  
Supervisor Wilma Chan

Location: San Lorenzo Library  
395 Paseo Grande  
San Lorenzo, CA 94580

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## Summary Minutes

### PUBLIC COMMENT

Joanne Lauer announced that the Eden Area Bicycle and Pedestrian Committee will be meeting on June 25<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. and it encourages community involvement. The 1:00 p.m. time for the meeting does not encourage community involvement and suggested that the meeting be held in the evening.

### I. COVID-19 Update

#### [Attachment](#)

Colleen Chawla, Director, Health Care Services Agency presented a PowerPoint presentation on the COVID-19 health crisis.

The presentation included information on cases rates, hospitalizations, testing and updates on shelter in place orders.

#### Speakers

Peter Rosen asked questions regarding congregate living and how they are counted with the unincorporated community.

Michael Kusiak stated that he is proud of the County's COVID-19 response and it has saved lives. Asked when will the COVID-19 tracker will be updated.

Randy Waage asked if there is any way to break down the case rates in the unincorporated area into Cherryland, San Lorenzo and Ashland.

Jennifer Ong asked if the County is looking into technology to help with contact tracing and if the County is exploring use of multiple languages in outreach.

Ingrid Moeller commented on the testing desert in Ashland and Cherryland. There are several care homes in the Cherryland area. She suggested that care homes be tested in the Cherryland area.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### II. Cherryland/Hayward Acres Annexation Process Information

#### [Attachment](#)

Rachel Jones, Executive Director, Alameda County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), presented a PowerPoint presentation on the Cherryland/Hayward Acres Annexation Process.

Annexation is a process by which a city or district includes, attaches or adds territory to its jurisdictional boundary. Cherryland consists of 768 acres of land and is located between the unincorporated community known as Ashland to the north, and the City of Hayward to the South. The unincorporated community of Cherryland is mainly comprised of residential and commercial-related uses. According to the 2010 U.S. Census, there were 14,728 residents in Cherryland.

Annexation would make the unincorporated community of Cherryland part of the City of Hayward, which means that the area would be governed by an elected Mayor and six City Councilmembers. Municipal services would mostly be provided by the City of Hayward, with the exception of a few services that would remain unchanged and continue to be provided by either the County or special districts.

Filing an annexation proposal with Alameda LAFCO is an approximate 4-6-month process that ultimately gets vetted at a public meeting by a seven-member LAFCO Board. The Commission consists of two members from the County Board of Supervisors, two City Councilmembers, two Special District members, and one public member.

### **Speakers**

Michael Kusiak stated talks about annexation should include discussion about incorporation. He asked if the County has a policy on annexation and how could LAFCO facilitate those conversations.

Jennifer Ong stated that the community needs to hear the pros and cons of annexation and become educated on the process.

Randy Waage stated that there has been talk about annexation of Cherryland and possibly Hayward Acres; it could possibly be an improvement to the area.

Peter Rosen said it is good to have this discussion on annexation. He stated that because most LAFCO commissioners is not very familiar with the unincorporated area, he suggests thorough outreach regarding this possible annexation. Mr. Rosen asked if there was a payment involved in the annexation.

Keith Barros stated that the Cherryland's annexation would weaken the newly formed Eden Area MAC and sets the other communities up for possible annexation. He asked if the City of Hayward could force the annexation against the community's wishes.

Kathy Gil stated that Cherryland property owners should be included in the discussion and asked how did this discussion of the annexation begin? She does not believe Cherryland wants to become part of the City of Hayward.

Kathy Ready stated that this discussion should have been brought to Cherryland residents. The San Lorenzo Village would be greatly affected by annexation. The annexation would bring higher taxes and different services.

Basil Sherlock stated that residents should look at the future of Cherryland, especially with the COVID-19 virus and what could happen to the community after the effects of the virus.

Emmanuel Robinson, San Lorenzo Village Homes Association Board member, stated that this possible annexation will impact all of the areas in the unincorporated area. It will break up the geographical connection, and the San Lorenzo Village and Castro Valley will likely not support the annexation. Asked if all the areas could be incorporated into a new city.

Tyler Dragoni stated that the population needs to be educated on annexation. There is likely more support for incorporation rather than piece meal. Asked if there is a financial incentive to annexation. Could LAFCO support a zip code realignment?

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

### **III. Traffic Safety Report – Safe Routes To Schools**

#### [Attachment](#)

Art Carrera, Deputy Director, Public Works Agency, presented a PowerPoint presentation on Safe Routes To Schools Traffic Safety Report.

The presentation included a report out on Safe Routes to School (SRTS), SRTS short-term measures, completed and under construction projects.

#### **Speakers**

Michael Kusiak acknowledged Lana Carlos, a middle school student who was killed on Crow Canyon Road, back in February. This should elevate the need for safe passages everywhere. There has been great work in installing sidewalks in Castro Valley and more work needs to be done.

Chris Higgins asked about the status of the project on D Street in Fairview and how can the community help in obtaining funding for projects.

Jennifer Ong stated that cameras for the traffic signals on Hesperian near Llewelling are probably not working since drivers often run the light.

Bruce Dughi stated that bicyclists are allowed to use the full lane and more signs that read 'bikes can use full lane' should be in most visible places. Asked Public Works to work with Castro Valley CHP to educate them about the bikes use of full lanes.

Rebecca Stanek-Rycoff requested that the Public Works Agency complete a supplementary safety audit like the State of California has done which cover a much larger radius. Requested redistributing funds to make some quick fixes to make safer routs to school, including funding for sidewalks.

Randy Waage asked if the Public Works Agency has considered putting speed bumps near Kipp Charter School. Cameras around the schools would be a great idea.

Joanne Lauer stated that the majority of people do not know what a sharrow is, and the signs allowing bicyclists to use the full lane are more effective. Encouraged the use of painted lines to delineate walking.

Peter Rosen asked when the streets Walnut and Vineyard will be repaved in Castro Valley.

This item was informational only and required no Committee action.

#### **ADJOURN**

The meeting was adjourned to May 27, 2020.

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