

List of Public Speakers
June 23, 2022, LAFCO Meeting

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This list of speakers is not in the order in which they provided comments.

In Favor:

Scott Bruckner, County Executive Office. Mr. Bruckner thanked staff and commission. He stated that the County was in support of staff recommendations that the County provided comment on. He stated the County would like to continue discussions with the cities and continue engagements with communities within the County. Mr. Bruckner spoke about the Winchester community supports keeping it out of the Menifee expansion.

Cheryl Kitzerow, Community Development Director, City of Menifee. Ms. Kitzerow thanked staff and RSG, Inc. She stated the City was in favor of the MSR and the city's expansion to the east and will move forward with a future proposal with LAFCO. She stated the City provided community outreach and will continue to work with stakeholders during the process. She stated that the City has improved both its level of municipal services and financially.

Rochelle Clayton, Assistant City Manager, City of Menifee. Ms. Clayton stated that the City did pause on efforts with stakeholders in the community until the MSR was complete. She stated that city staff does attend the Winchester-Homeland MAC meetings. She stated that a SOI application was not a part of this action today.

Neutral:

Kevin Snyder, Director of Community Development, City of Indio. Mr. Snyder thanked staff and RSG, Inc. for their collaboration with the city during the review. He stated the City's concerns were addressed. He stated that the City was in support of the staff recommendation. Mr. Snyder also stated the City was not in support of detachment of 40 acres east of the Dillon Road focus area. He stated that the City is against the City of Coachella's proposed encroachment into Indio and was not aware of it until the staff report was published.

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Kathleen Rollings-McDonald, Consultant, City of Indio. Ms. Rollings-McDonald thanked staff and RSG Inc. She stated that the City is against the encroachment to the north by the City of Coachella. She stated the City was not aware of the proposed change until the staff report was published.

Jane Anderson, Board of Directors, Jurupa Community Services District. Ms. Anderson spoke about JCSD's services and accreditations. She stated that the City of Eastvale benefits from the high-end parks and services provided by JCSD.

Lupe Nava, Board of Directors, Jurupa Community Services District. Ms. Nava stated that JCSD provides quality parks and recreation services to the City of Eastvale. She stated that the Eastvale's growth has been directly affected by JCSD's services.

Michael Riddell, Best Best & Krieger, Counsel, Jurupa Community Services District. Mr. Riddell stated that JCSD is opposed to the City of Eastvale's proposed transition of park facilities, programs, and labor force from JCSD to the City. He spoke about JCSD's services provided to the City.

Tommy Fowlkes, Development Services Supervisor, Coachella Valley Water District. Mr. Fowlkes spoke about the service boundary and service agreement between the City of Coachella and CVWD. He stated that CVWD would like to continue to work with the City and is open to any modifications to that agreement to correct any problems LAFCO may have with the existing agreement.

In Opposition:

Kim Wortman, President, Winchester-Homeland Town Association. Mr. Wortman read a letter into the record that was submitted to the Commission. He stated his concerns with the SOI expansion recommendation for the City of Menifee to the east as the Winchester area would like to incorporate in the future.

Gabriel Perez, Development Service Director, City of Coachella. Mr. Perez gave a presentation that included exhibits. He stated that the City of Coachella is requesting an amendment to their sphere of influence. He spoke about a 2005 amendment to the City's SOI.

Castulo Estrada, Utilities Manager, City of Coachella. Mr. Estrada continued with the presentation. He spoke about the City's water and wastewater services, the City's agreement with Coachella Valley WD, and future water and sewer improvements.

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Gabriel Martin, City Manager, City of Coachella. Mr. Martin stated over the years LAFCO has unjustly reduced the City's SOI. He spoke about the City's housing market and proposed annexation.

Steven Hernandez, Mayor, City of Coachella. Mr. Hernandez spoke about the 2005 SOI Review, Commission Policy 2.3.4, and against any reduction in the City's SOI.

Andy Domenigoni, Winchester-Homeland Municipal Advisory Council. Mr. Domenigoni requested the City of Menifee map be shown. He stated that the proposed expansion by the city would destroy any proposed incorporation efforts by the MAC.

Angela Little. Ms. Little provided written questions. She asked staff and the Commission to consider the policy ending "smoothing of a transition for future annexations". She asked questions about Policies 2.1.5, 2.3.8, and 2.3.6 and how it relates to the City of Menifee's proposed SOI expansion.