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NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 7, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. in Conference Room 1 in the City of Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA, the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) will hold a public hearing for the purpose of receiving written protests from any owner of land and registered voter within the area proposed for annexation to the City of Chico identified as "Butte LAFCO File No. 13-15 - City of Chico – Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3." The territory proposed for annexation is located on Stewart Avenue, Bidwell Place, and Bidwell Avenue, in Chico, CA, and is identified by various Assessor's Parcel Numbers. This annexation of inhabited territory was initiated by landowner petition to Butte LAFCO.

Butte LAFCO approved this inhabited annexation subject to the terms and conditions as set forth in Resolution Numbers 22 2013/14A and 22 2013/14B, adopted February 6, 2014, including the following: All parcels proposed for annexation will be detached from County Service Area No. 164 (Butte County Animal Control District) and the Butte County Resource Conservation District. All parcels will remain in County Service Area No. 114 (Chico Nitrate), except Assessor's Parcel Number 043-242-052, which is already provided with City of Chico sanitary sewer service. All parcels will remain in County Service Area No. 24 (Chico Mud Creek Drainage).

This annexation of inhabited territory was initiated by a landowner petition, which was subsequently amended by LAFCO to include additional parcels. The annexation as approved by the Commission consists of all fifty-five (55) parcels within the Stewart Avenue unincorporated island area, along with the adjacent portions of Stewart Avenue, Bidwell Place, Bidwell Avenue, and alleyways, and a portion of the Big Chico Creek drainage way, totaling approximately 25 acres in size.

All protests must be in writing, in the form required by Government Code Section 57051, signed and dated, and addressed to Stephen Lucas, Executive Officer, Butte Local Agency Formation Commission, 1453 Downer Street, Suite C, Oroville, CA 95965-4950, and be received any time prior to the conclusion of the hearing at the date and time set forth above. The completed protest forms may be submitted at the protest hearing. For further information or to obtain a copy of the LAFCO Resolutions or protest form, call (530) 538-7784, or visit the Butte LAFCO website at www.buttelafco.org.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS HEARING IS PURELY FOR THE PURPOSE OF RECEIVING WRITTEN PROTESTS, NOT TESTIMONY CONCERNING THE ANNEXATION.

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To: Registered Voters and/or Landowners within the Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3 Area

From: Butte Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO)

Re: **Notice for the April 7, 2014, Protest Hearing for Butte LAFCo File No. 13-15 – City of Chico – Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3** – (street address placed here)

Date: March 12, 2014

This letter is concerning the annexation of (street address placed here), to the City of Chico, which was approved by the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission on February 6, 2014, subject to a protest hearing. If you have questions about this proposal that were not answered during the public hearing process, please call the LAFCO Office at (530) 538-7784. It is important that you are fully informed prior to taking any action.

Enclosed are two protest forms which may be used if you are in opposition to LAFCO Project No. 13-15 – City of Chico – Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3. One is for a registered voter protest and one is for a landowner protest. If you are a landowner **and** a registered voter, please complete **both** forms. For a proposed annexation containing 12 or more registered voters, State Law provides that an election will be called if 25% of the registered voters **or** 25% of the landowners owning 25% of the assessed land value submit a protest. In order for LAFCO to accurately count your protest, you must fully complete both forms. This requires the following rules to be strictly adhered to:

- You must use dark blue or black ink.
- You must personally print **and** sign your legal name.
- You must personally date your signature. The law is very specific in requiring that each signature be dated or the signature must be disregarded.
- You must provide a complete address or Assessor's Parcel Number of the parcel proposed for annexation that you own and/or at which you are registered to vote.
- **You may not sign for another landowner unless:**
 - You are an agent authorized in writing by the owner of the affected land to act as an agent with respect to that land. A copy of the authorization must be submitted to LAFCO along with the signed protest form.
 - You are an authorized officer or employee providing protest on behalf of a private corporation and acting as that corporation's agent.
- **You may not circulate these registered voter/landowner protest forms outside of your household.** LAFCO has individually mailed a copy of this

letter along with the appropriate protest forms to each landowner and/or household entitled to file a protest. An illegal circulation of the forms may invalidate your protest.

If there is more than one landowner listed on the current Assessment Role or registered voter within your household, please make sure that each landowner and/or registered voter completes the form. There should be an adequate number of spaces on each form. In the event there are more than eight registered voters or landowners in your household, you may make a copy of the form or call the LAFCO Office for additional forms.

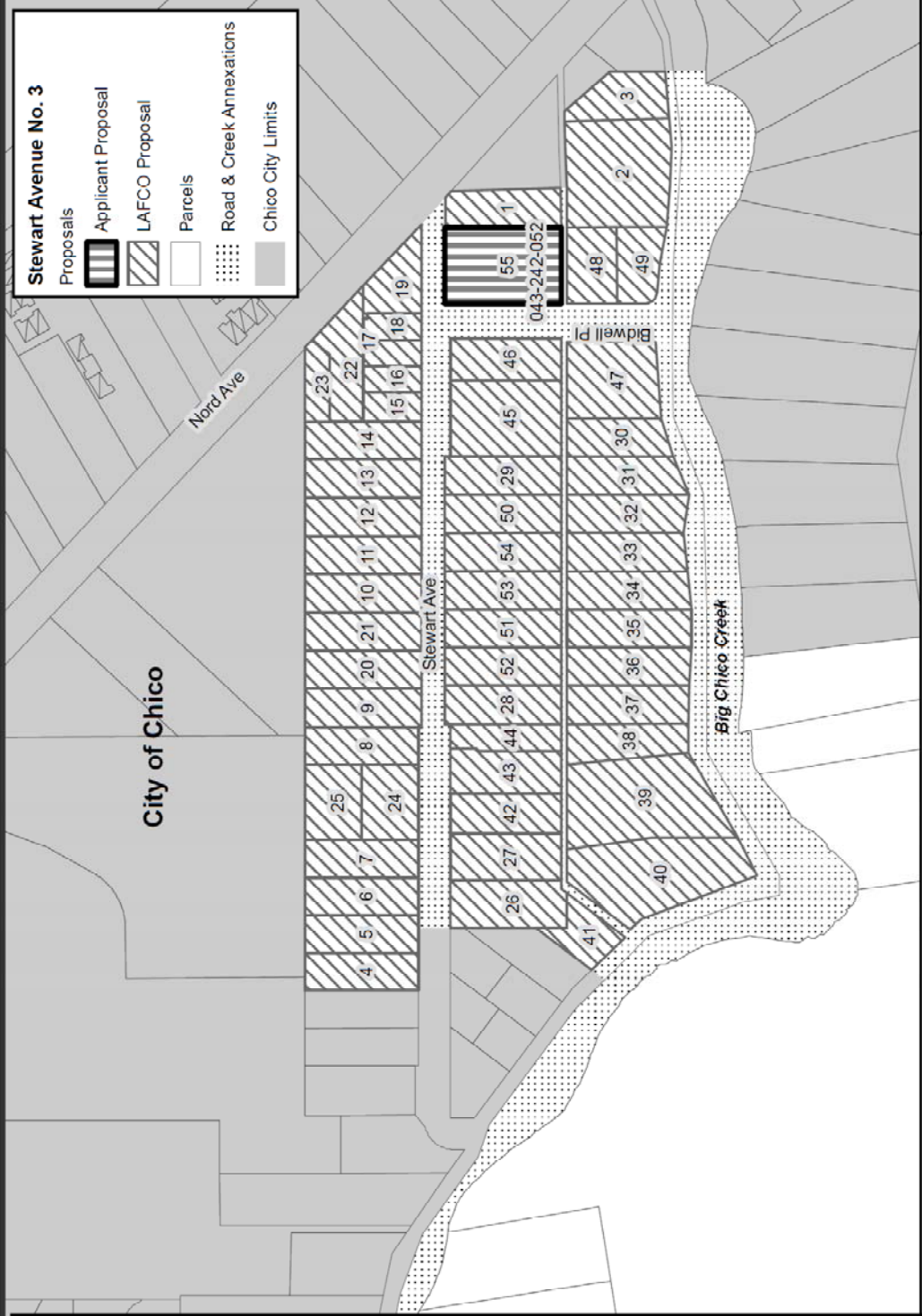
You may return the completed protest forms to the LAFCO office located at 1453 Downer Street, Suite C, Oroville, CA 95965-4950, or you may choose to attend the protest hearing and submit the completed protest forms at that time. **The protest hearing is scheduled for Monday, April 7, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., and will be held in Conference Room 1 in the City of Chico Municipal Center, 421 Main Street, Chico, CA.** At this hearing you may submit written protests. **Please note that this hearing is purely for the purpose of receiving written protests, not testimony concerning the annexation.** If you believe that you submitted a protest in error, you will have an opportunity to withdraw your protest prior to the end of the hearing. Whether you mail your protest or attend the protest hearing, all protests must be in the possession of the Executive Officer or her designee by the close of the protest hearing.

Upon the conclusion of the protest hearing, staff will cause the registered voter protests to be checked against the list of registered voters located in the Butte County Elections Department. The landowner protests will be checked against the listing of landowners maintained by the Butte County Assessor's Office. These lists will then be analyzed by LAFCO staff and will be scheduled for consideration at the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Butte Local Agency Formation Commission.

If you have any questions regarding the form or method of protest, please call Stephen Betts, Butte LAFCo Deputy Executive Officer, at (530) 538-7784, or via email at sbetts@buttecounty.net. We will do our best to assist you in working your way through this process.

Enclosures

Map of Annexation Area
Registered Voter Protest Form
Landowner Protest Form



City of Chico
 Stewart Avenue
 Annexation No. 3

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Data: LAFCO, City of Chico

Butte Local Agency Formation Commission

City of Chico - Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3

Annexation approved by Butte LAFCo on February 6, 2014
 Date: Protest Hearing date: April 7, 2014, @ 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

File: 13-15

Applicant: Dan Ostrander
 (by petition to LAFCo)

REGISTERED VOTER PROTEST

In accordance with the California Government Code, commencing with Section 57000, the undersigned hereby protest the following change of organization or reorganization:

LAFCO Proposal or Reference Number LAFCo File No. 13-05 – City of Chico – Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3

Each of the Undersigned states:

Only signatures dated and submitted between the date of publication of the hearing notice and the conclusion of the protest hearing will be considered in ascertaining the value of written protests (GC 57051).

- I personally signed this protest as a registered voter.
- I am a registered voter within Butte County and the affected annexation area.
- I personally affixed hereto the date of my signature.
- Signatures must be in dark blue or black ink or will be disqualified.

Date	Name of Signer	Residence Address or APN	Official Use Only
			Valid Registered Voter (Y/N)
June 1, 2013	Print Jane Doe	10 Home Place City, State, 91111 or APN 123-456-789	
	Sign <i>Jane Doe</i>		
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LANDOWNER PROTEST

In accordance with the California Government Code, commencing with Section 57000, the undersigned hereby protest the following change of organization or reorganization:

LAFCO Proposal or Reference Number LAFCo File No. 13-05 – City of Chico – Stewart Avenue Annexation No. 3

Each of the Undersigned states:

Only signatures dated and submitted between the date of publication of the hearing notice and the conclusion of the protest hearing will be considered in ascertaining the value of written protests (GC 57051).

- I personally signed this protest as landowner of affected territory.
- I have provided an address or description sufficient to identify the location of the property.
- I personally affixed hereto the date of my signature.
- Signatures must be in dark blue or black ink or will be disqualified.

Date	Name of Signer	Address or APN	Official Use Only	
			Owner (Y/N)	ALV
June 1, 2013	Print Jane Doe	10 Home Place City, State, 91111 or APN 123-456-789		
	Sign <i>Jane Doe</i>			
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	Sign			
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PLEASE NOTE – This official protest form must be utilized to submit a valid protest. The use of any other form will invalidate your protest. It is understood that for landowner protests involving a parcel with more than one owner listed on the County Assessment Roll, only the signer’s proportionate share of the value of the property will be credited in the protest