

County of Kern Annexation Policy

RESOLUTION NO. 96-239

ANNEXATION OF UNINCORPORATED TERRITORY TO AN INCORPORATED CITY

ADOPTED BY THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

MAY 28, 1996

RESOLUTION

Section 1. WHEREAS:

- (a) The Kern County Board of Supervisors strongly believes that the people affected by an annexation proposal are the best ones to determine the needs of their community and whether annexation best meets the needs of their community; and
- (b) The Government Code provides that if over 50% of the people affected by an annexation proposal oppose the annexation, and properly protest the action, the annexation cannot occur; and
- (c) The County of Kern is committed to providing complete and factual information to citizens regarding the annexation process and the effect of annexations on citizens in order to assist citizens in making informed decisions as to whether to support or oppose an annexation proposal; and
- (d) The people within an area of a proposed annexation have a number of opportunities to make their voice heard if they favor or oppose an annexation proposal; and
- (e) The Kern County Board of Supervisors has approved Master Property Tax Exchange Agreements with many cities within the County that mitigate the fiscal harm to the County for certain types of annexations. and

Section 2. NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, as follows:

- 1. The County of Kern supports the will of the people within territory proposed to be annexed by providing information upon request regarding the annexation process, timing, requirements, and sample documents that may be used by either proponents or opponents to an annexation; and
- 2. To the extent available, the County will compile and make available fiscal and other information concerning a specific annexation proposal upon the request of any citizen; and

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3. The County of Kern does not oppose the annexation of territory on the basis of fiscal harm that meets any of the criteria specified within any fully executed MOU that establishes a percentage transfer to property tax upon annexation.