

LAFCO Proceedings for Reorganization Process

	If City Initiates Merger	If LAFCO Initiates Merger	Estimated Costs
Initiation of Proposal	Proposal shall contain description of changes, proposed terms, and conditions, etc.		
Petition	Petition signed by 5% of registered voters of RRRPD or 5% of the City voters outside of RRRPD.		
Resolution by Affected Agency or LAFCO	Resolution by the City to initiate the proposal and provide notice to LAFCO and each interested and subject agency 21 days before adoption. Must contain a plan for services.	LAFCO may initiation resolution only if consistent with a LAFCO study/service review/sphere of influence review and LAFCO finds: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Costs are substantially similar or less than alternatives. 2. The change promotes public access and accountability for services and financial resources. 	
Processing of the application	LAFCO will process the application and provide mailed notice to each affected agency and determine if the application is complete within 30 days.		\$12,000 Application fee paid to LAFCO
Property Tax Transfer	City Council and Board of Supervisors adopt resolutions of property tax transfer.		
Certificate of Filing	A certificate of filing is issued when application is deemed complete and no sooner than 20 days after mailing notice.		
Hearing & Notification	LAFCO sets hearing within 90 days after certificate of filing is issued, or application is accepted.		
Adoption of Resolution	Resolution is adopted no later than 35 days after hearing, LAFCO adopts resolution to approve or disapprove.	LAFCO may not order a merger without City consent.	
Protest Hearing	LAFCO sets date for protest hearing within 35 days of resolution adoption.		
Protest Thresholds	LAFCO approves reorganization subject to confirmation of voters in an election. <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. If RRRPD has <u>not</u> objected to the proposal by resolution and at least 25% of the # of landowners within affected territory who own at least 25% of assessed value of land within territory OR at least 25% of voters within <u>the affected territory</u> submit written protest. 2. If RRRPD has objected to the proposal by resolution and at least 25% of the # of landowners within affected territory who own at least 25% of assessed value of land within territory OR at least 25% of voters within <u>any subject agency</u> submit written protest. Otherwise, no election is required.	Merger subject to confirmation of voters in an election if written protest is submitted by at least 10% of the # of landowners within the affected territory who own 10% of assessed value of land within the territory OR at least 10% of the voters within the territory. Otherwise, no election is required.	Per the Registrar of Voters, a special election could cost anywhere between \$210K and \$800K, depending on scope and timing of the election.
Election	If a petition to request an election is signed by at least 10% of the registered voters in RRRPD the City must call, hold, and conduct an election on question of merger.		
Certificate of Completion	Based on outcome of protest hearing/election LAFCO files certificate of completion.		