

Factors for Consideration per California Government Code §56668

- a) **Population and population density; land area and land use; per capita assessed valuation; topography, natural boundaries, and drainage basins; proximity to other populated areas; the likelihood of significant growth in the area, and in adjacent incorporated and unincorporated areas, during the next 10 years.**

The population within the affected territory is not expected to grow in a manner affecting the provision of health care services by the District. (The aging of the population and changes to the availability and access to health care plans have a greater impact on health service needs in the region.) All other factors are not applicable.

- b) **Need for organized community services; the present cost and adequacy of governmental services and controls in the area; probable future needs for those services and controls; probable effect of the proposed incorporation, formation, annexation, or exclusion and of alternative courses of action on the cost and adequacy of services and controls in the area and adjacent areas.**

"Services," as used in this subdivision, refers to governmental services whether or not the services are services that would be provided by local agencies subject to this division, and includes the public facilities necessary to provide those services.

The need for governmental services for the provision of health care in the West County area is unclear, in that the majority of health care services in the County are provided by non-governmental organizations. Plans by the District to offer community-based services in the detachment area would likely be foregone if detachment is approved.

- c) **The effect of the proposed action and of alternative actions, on adjacent areas, on mutual social and economic interests, and on the local governmental structure of the county.**

The proposal, if granted, would reduce available funding for health-related services under the auspices of the District, potentially affecting ongoing sustainability of those services.

- d) **The conformity of both the proposal and its anticipated effects with both the adopted commission policies on providing planned, orderly, efficient patterns of urban development, and the policies and priorities set forth in Section 56377. (Note: Section 56377 encourages preservation of agricultural and open-space lands.)**

Not applicable.

- e) **The effect of the proposal on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of agricultural lands, as defined by Section 56016.**

Not applicable.

- f) **The definiteness and certainty of the boundaries of the territory, the nonconformance of proposed boundaries with lines of assessment or ownership, the creation of islands or corridors of unincorporated territory, and other similar matters affecting the proposed boundaries.**

The parcels that comprise the affected territory have specific boundary lines that are certain and identifiable.

**g) A regional transportation plan adopted pursuant to Section 65080.**

Not applicable.

**h) The proposal's consistency with city or county general plans.**

The proposal is consistent with the County of Sonoma General Plan, per Sonoma County Permit and Resource Management Department.

**i) The sphere of influence of any local agency that may be applicable to the proposal being reviewed.**

The area proposed for detachment is within the District's sphere of influence; an amendment to the sphere may be considered if detachment is granted

**j) The comments of any affected local agency or other public agency.**

No comments from the District have been received; no comments from other affected agencies were received.

**k) The ability of the newly formed or receiving entity to provide the services which are the subject of the application to the area, including the sufficiency of revenues for those services following the proposed boundary change.**

Not applicable.

**l) Timely availability of water supplies adequate for projected needs as specified in Section 65352.5.**

Not applicable.

**m) The extent to which the proposal will affect a city or cities and the county in achieving their respective fair shares of the regional housing needs as determined by the appropriate council of governments consistent with Article 10.6 (commencing with Section 65580) of Chapter 3 of Division 1 of Title 7.**

Not applicable.

**n) Any information or comments from the landowner or owners, voters, or residents of the affected territory.**

Comments from landowners, voters, and residents of the affected territory have been received and provided to the Commission.

**o) Any information relating to existing land use designations.**

Not applicable.

**p) The extent to which the proposal will promote environmental justice. As used in the law, "environmental justice" means the fair treatment of people of all races, cultures, and incomes with respect to the location of public facilities and the provision of public services.**

The Affected Territory is not a disadvantaged unincorporated community; residents and landowners are not receiving specific community or other health services from the District.