

Bodega Bay Against Unfair Taxation
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Local Area Formation Commission (LAFCO)
111 Santa Rosa Avenue, Suite 240
Santa Rosa, CA 95404

Subject: Detachment from Palm Drive Healthcare District-Complete Waiver
of LAFCO Fees

BBAUT is a group of concerned citizens and taxpayers who have followed the PDHCD since its inception. We are the circulators of the Voter Petition: Detachment from PDHCD.

As we are a grass root citizen group, we are requesting a complete waiver of LAFCO fees for Detachment from PDHCD. A Municipal Services Review of the PDHCD has already been conducted during the Russian River Detachment and can be utilized for this Detachment.

A complete waiver of fees is supported by our very small District and low number of registered voters. We have also vetted the petition signatures against the current Registration List and sought more than the minimum number of required signatures. The cost of administering our detachment will not be significant to LAFCO when compared to detachment movements of much larger districts.

Detachment from PDHCD for the boundaries of the Bodega Bay Fire Protection District is necessary due to the ongoing demonstration of poor hospital management, resulting in ongoing fiscal failure including the closure of the hospital Emergency Department.

The effects of the Detachment will be determined by the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization ACT of 2000, Sections 57350 through 57354, and include but are not limited to: loss of rights and responsibilities, including voting rights, for residents with the detachment area; continued liability for debts contracted by the District before the detachment is recorded; a right to tend the amount for which the detached area is liable; and a restriction on rights and entitlements to District property or refund of monies. The Chief Petitions for this proposal are: Elizabeth Martin, 1355 Bay View Street, Bodega Bay, CA 94923; and Arnold Garza Jr., 3100 Lucille Ave., Bodega Bay, CA 94923

We the petitioners respectfully request that LAFCO waive any and all fees including the deposits associated with application for Detachment. We understand there are costs incurred in this process. The point is that our group of citizen taxpayers are not a municipality with "deep pockets" to defray this expense. We genuinely believe that the intent of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000 is to provide fair and equitable jurisdiction of local districts. We further believe that the Act is not meant to make it difficult or penalize a citizens group from achieving what is their lawful rights.

Sincerely,

