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Ms. Jones:

The City of Albany is in receipt of the letter from your agency dated August 22, 2019 that formally acknowledges the Receipt of Application – LAFCo 2019-5, for Annexation of the City of Albany Territory to the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District.

This letter is provided by the Albany City Council to express the City Council's opposition to the proposed annexation. This application for annexation is new information to the City of Albany, and as such, the Albany City Council has not had the opportunity to fully analyze the issues that could be associated with such an annexation. Further, the findings included in the application as submitted by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District fail to acknowledge that the City of Albany has been receiving more than sufficient mosquito management and abatement services from Alameda County Vector Control for over thirty years (since 1984), and that there are not any significant sources of mosquitos within the City that would warrant any addition to or change in services currently provided. When reviewing the proposed annexation, LAFCO is required to consider the present cost and adequacy of governmental services, as well as comments submitted by other local public agencies. (Government Code Section 56668 (b) & (j).)

In addition, the proposed annexation would obligate City of Albany property owners to an unnecessary and duplicative tax for services that are already being received. While we support the interest of ensuring quality and consistency of services are provided throughout Alameda County, we oppose the proposed annexation of the City of Albany by the Alameda County Mosquito Abatement District as unnecessary.

Yours sincerely,

Rochelle Nason

Mayor, City of Albany