



MEMORANDUM

City of Angels Planning Commission

Date: August 8, 2024
To: Planning Commissioners
From: Amy Augustine, AICP – City Planner
RE: Resolution of Intent 24-11 City of Angels Annexation Policy

Recommendation:

Adopt Resolution of Intent 24-11 providing feedback to the City Council on the Draft City of Angels Annexation Policy (**Attachment A**).

Background:

The City of Angels may now or in the future annex land to the city. In conjunction with adopting General Plan 2020, the following goals, policies, and programs related to annexation were adopted:

Goal 1H

Protect land adjoining, and in close proximity to, the city limits from development inconsistent with the city's stated future goals, policies and programs.

Policies

- 1.H.1** *Ensure an adequate amount of land planned for urban development to accommodate projected population growth in areas where the appropriate level of services are or can be made available.*
- 1.H.2** *Avoid problems and costs imposed on local government by development served with inadequate public services and facilities.*
- 1.H.3** *Discourage annexations that may imperil the city's long-term ability to finance, maintain, and operate facilities.*
- 1.H.4** *Consider future annexations that will contribute to a positive revenue flow and/or further the implementation of the Angels Camp 2020 General Plan's Goals, Policies and Implementation Programs.*
- 1.H.5** *Consider city annexations that further the goals, policies and implementation programs of the city's general plan while maintaining the city's economic stability and ability to provide adequate public services.*

Implementation Programs

1.H.a **Establish an Annexation Plan**

Consider establishing an annexation plan that addresses policies for evaluating annexation priorities and that identifies potential annexation areas, to assist in the

implementation of the general plan’s goals, policies and implementation programs. Consideration should be given to annexing areas encompassing the following:

- a. Transportation corridors, including planned future by-pass routes*
- b. Major intersections*
- c. Land with high potential for economic development*
- d. Land providing recreation and open space opportunities*
- e. Natural (i.e., physical) boundaries (e.g., rivers, roads, ridges)*
- f. Scenic vistas*
- g. Land providing affordable housing opportunities*

Decisions to pursue or not to pursue an annexation should involve consideration of potential impacts including, but not limited to:

- h. Availability and/or ability to provide water and sewer*
- i. Potential to increase or decrease demands for affordable housing*
- j. Ability to provide adequate police, fire, park and recreation and other city services*
- k. Impacts associated with potential traffic increases*

The proposed annexation policy is intended to implement the preceding goals, policies and program. The policies have been reviewed by legal counsel.

Strategic Plan Alignment

A2	Conservation & Open Space	Ensure adequate water quality and quantity for the residents of and visitors to the city
A4	Economic Development	Promote a wide variety of economic opportunities consistent with the city's social, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources
A6	Public Facilities & Services	Continue to improve Angels Camp's capacity to store, treat, and deliver water and to collect and treat wastewater as necessary to achieve the stated goals of the city.
B5	Land Use	Provide a well-organized and orderly development pattern that maintains and enhances Angels Camp’s social, economic, cultural, environmental, and aesthetic resources while managing growth so that adequate facilities and services can be provided in pace with development.
C3	Land Use	Protect land adjoining, and in close proximity to, the city limits from development inconsistent with the city’s stated future goals, policies, and programs

The proposed annexation policies are intended to ensure that necessary land annexations are accomplished to provide adequate water quality and quantity by identifying and securing locations for new water storage and transmission facilities; adequate roadways to improve circulation, adequate land for economic development and other community amenities in an organized and orderly manner while protecting adjoining land from development inconsistent with the city’s stated goals, policies and programs.

Discussion

The proposed annexation policy is included in **Attachment A**.

Environmental Findings:

Pursuant to the state and City guidelines for implementing the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed code amendments are exempt from additional review because the proposed amendments implement a program identified within the scope of the 2020 General Plan Environmental Impact Report adopted for the 2020 General Plan.

Financial Impact

The financial impacts of future annexations will be analyzed in conjunction with specific annexation applications to the Calaveras Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo).

Attachments

Attachment A –Draft Annexation Policy

Attachment B - Resolution of Intent 24-11

Attachment A

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City of Angels Camp Annexation Policy

The following are proposed guidelines for evaluating annexation priorities and identifying potential annexation areas for implementing the City of Angels General Plan 2020 programs. These policies are adapted from the *City of Angels General Plan 2020 Implementation Program 1.H.a.*

Priority annexation areas should include properties encompassing the following, but not in this order:

- Transportation corridors, including planned future motorized and non-motorized routes identified in the general plan for both transportation, safety, and recreational purposes
- Major Intersections (e.g., Vallecito Road, SR 4)
- Land with high potential for economic development
- Land providing recreation and open space opportunities
- Natural (i.e., physical) boundaries (e.g., rivers, roads, ridges) will be followed where feasible to facilitate the identification of city boundaries
- Scenic vistas
- Land providing affordable housing opportunities
- Land contributing to the visual integrity or enhancement of city gateways (e.g., historic structures)
- City-owned land
- Property with the potential to enhance the city's ability to provide or improve water and/or wastewater service (e.g., water tank sites)
- Land areas within the Sphere of Influence where city police and city fire normally are first on the scene
- Land uses that directly or indirectly increase demands on city services (e.g., police, fire) and/or facilities (e.g., transportation)

Decisions to annex should include findings related, but not limited to, the following:

- Availability and/or ability to provide water and/or wastewater

- Ability to provide adequate police, fire, park and recreation and other City services
- Impacts associated with potential traffic increases
- Potential to increase or decrease demands for affordable housing
- Maintaining the city as a distinct and separate community
- The proposed annexation is consistent with the City of Angels General Plan
- The proposed annexation is consistent with the City's Strategic Plan
- The proposed change or amendment will not be substantially detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the City