

From: [bwwtahoe](#)
To: [El Dorado LAFCO Clerk](#)
Subject: LAFCO Project No. 2024-01
Date: Wednesday, March 19, 2025 1:38:52 PM

Hello Shiva Frentzen,

This 80 acres at the entrance to LTCC, STUPD and my neighborhood, needs only woodland management. Not a massive fire scar, but tree services like, ED Cook or Mountain. Available at, a fraction of the cost. They'll, manicure the area. Remove some to help others. Limb them up. Chip up the branches, spread them over the paths. Just like a campground, might do! This area holds excellent, wind breaks when strong south winds push white caps on the lake!

Many things have changed over eight years, to this unique project. EIP # 00989 Trout Creek SEZ Restoration, Phase II (CTC) Restoration of SEZ floodplain and stream bank between Martin Dr. and Hwy 50. - In short, Black Rock, DHS and TREX use ancient methods! To burn, 280 acres of old growth trees. By two sensitive, creek banks. Cold Creek and Trout Creek. Between, houses and critical infrastructure. When much less is required!

I say no, to eye sores in this neighborhood. For God sake, LTCC has 150 resident students, now! Their views turn out to be, many life long, burn pits!

Who will welcome these, drastic changes, next door! Help, our local tree services and community! <https://lookusa.net/opinion/> We need, work done now, not later. When control conditions may prevail! TREX has all these potential ignition sites 2.5 years on, some. Just waiting for lighting strike. There goes, the neighborhood!

Thank-you - Barry Winton
[Proton Mail](#) secure email.

From: [Judi Allen](#)
To: [Shiva Frentzen](#); [El Dorado LAFCO Clerk](#)
Cc: [Brooke Laine](#)
Subject: OBJECTION TO DECEITFUL PROPOSAL BY THE CITY OF SOUTH LAKE TAHOE TO ANNEX PROPERTIES: PUBLIC HEARING SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 26, 2025.
Date: Friday, March 21, 2025 4:42:13 PM

Dear LAFCO members,

* The only parcel on the map that was inadvertently left out of the City Zoning was one residential parcel on the corner of Lodi Ave. The land on Barbara Avenue (in back of residents on Fountain Ave, and into the meadow, have never been part of the City responsibility or care since I have owned my home for 35 years!

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- During this 2-year nightmare, we had to file vandalism and theft reports because the street was closed, despite the public offerings of different staging sites available to the City without closing Barbara Avenue. This is a matter of public record from the protests at City Council prior to the close!!!

- The City of South Lake Tahoe has no reason to Annex these properties! It is not a "Clean up" action, as they falsely claim! It is the city's land-grab to be able to change the working land authority that has been working so well for so many years!!! My 35 years of ownership are dwarfed by my neighbor's ownership. To change this, is to do disservice to the community. To do this, will obviously bring back the nightmares we experienced when the City closed Barbara Avenue for their own means, which were NOT necessary because of viable alternatives. The Tahoe Sierra (Serra Tract) neighborhood subdivision suffered, with the endangerment of redirected speeding traffic through our small neighborhood streets.

* My neighbors on Fountain Avenue are authorized to copy this letter of objection! * You must have my original email objection on file following the City's First Hearing before City Council. If not, I will try to find it and forward it.

Lastly, I hope this Public Hearing will be available via ZOOM, so we can participate with this important issue.

Thank you,
Judi Allen
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From: [Kaaren Johansen](#)
To: [El Dorado LAFCO Clerk](#)
Subject: City of South Lake Tahoe Clean-up Reorganization, LAFCO Project No. 2024-01
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 11:10:26 AM

To LAFCO,

I oppose the City of South Lake Tahoe Annexation of 80 parcels on Barbara Ave. (City of South Lake Tahoe Clean-up Reorganization, LAFCO Project No. 2024-01) The city has not been honest nor forthcoming with information on this proposed annexation from the beginning. We have repeatedly requested the City to engage in a much more robust public outreach effort to ensure all stakeholders are aware of and understand the annexation process and its implications. This has yet to occur. There does not seem to be any compelling reason for the City to annex this land.

Main concerns are regarding safety:

During the Caldor Fire, Cal Fire Personnel were stationed in a camp at the Snow Removal Lot. First responder emergency vehicles had clear passage up and down Barbara Ave. During the Sierra Blvd Complete Street Project, despite Barbara Ave being a County Road, the City claimed and closed Barbara Ave to use as a construction staging area. This was a safety issue for our neighborhood. The traffic was diverted thru small neighborhood streets causing congestion, there was noise, dirt, dust, theft and vandalism as a result. Plus the construction vehicles were repeatedly broken into after dark. When we called the SLT Police about this they just kept referring us to El Dorado County Sheriff since Barbara Ave is in El Dorado County, even though the City of SLT created these issues by taking over Barbara Ave. My neighbors and I are concerned this type of thing will become a regular event if the City is allowed to annex this land. Another safety concern is traffic congestion on Sierra Blvd especially in the winter when the snow plows clear roadways and dump trucks travel up and down Sierra Blvd to deposit the snow at the Snow Removal Lot. Any development of this land, especially with more homes would create a significant impact on the area and environment.

To date, the City has not addressed the following questions with residents in the neighborhood:

How does annexation and a change in jurisdiction affect maintenance and management of public infrastructure? Such as snow plowing, snow storage facilities, Greenway bike path extension, the bridge. Plus other public activities currently taking place in this area which is now subject to County jurisdiction and code of ordinances?

How does the South Lake Tahoe Police Department plan to take on enforcement action currently undertaken by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office? In particular, response times, crime, vandalism and addressing illegal encampments and unregulated camping?

Another concern is for the environment. This land has always been and should continue to remain critical wildlife habitat, watershed marshland, meadow, river and forested ecosystem for our local wildlife. I feel we cannot lose any of this valuable ecosystem to development. The Tahoe Conservancy manages this land and their mission is to maintain, restore and enhance the Natural Resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. This mission aligns with the preservation of Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas.

For all these reasons it is best for the lands on Barbara Ave to remain open, clear and free of any

structures and remain open space for wildlife habitat. There does not seem to be any compelling reason for the City of South Lake Tahoe to annex this land.

Thank you,
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SLT, CA 96150



From: [Esther Schaukowitz](#)
To: [El Dorado LAFCO Clerk](#)
Cc: [A Lora Bermani](#)
Subject: City of Lake Tahoe Clean-up reorganizations, LAFCO Project 2024-01
Date: Monday, March 24, 2025 2:15:42 PM

To LAFCO:

We oppose the City of Lake Tahoe Annexation of 80 parcels on Barbara Ave. We feel the city has not been honest or forthcoming with information on this proposed annexation. There does not seem to be any reason for the city to annex the land.

We have had owned our property 2516 Fountain Ave for a little over 50 years and 2512 Fountain Ave for a little less than that and recently built our house in 2010.

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Also damaging our street as it is filled with cracks and pot holes yet to be repaired.

How does annexation and a change of jurisdiction effect maintenance and management of Public infrastructure?
How does the South Lake Tahoe Police Department plan to take on enforcement action that is currently undertaken by the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office.

They have done an excellent job of responding promptly to any prom less on Barbara Ave.

We have concerns for the environment. This parcel has always been and should remain critical to the wildlife habitat, meadow river and forest ecosystem for our local wildlife . The Tahoe Conservancy manages this land.

Their mission aligns with the preservation of Lake Tahoe and surrounding areas.

This parcel on Barbara Ave needs to remain open, clear and free of any structures. It needs to remain open to our wildlife habitat.

Thank you

Esther Bermani Schaukowitch (2512 Fountain Ave.)

Lora Bermani (2516 Fountain Ave.)

Sent from my iPad
Esther Schaukowitch
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From: [Shiva Frentzen](#)
To: [El Dorado LAFCO Clerk](#)
Subject: Fw: Testimony re Ethics Training3/25/25
Date: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:54:46 PM

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From: Judi Allen <judiallen2@icloud.com>
Sent: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 4:53:18 PM
To: Shiva Frentzen <sfrentzen@edlafco.us>
Subject: Fwd: Testimony re Ethics Training3/25/25

shiva - can you please add this email to my testimony re the proposed annexation by SLT (hearing 3/26/25). I sent this email to Sue Blankenship, City Clerk SLT, cc to Council & she confirmed it is in today's "Ethics Training" meeting record & forwarded to Council & Commissioners! The false testimony by SLT Planning Mgr Nov 2023, has caused this issue to erroneously be sent before LAFCO! The sad truth is that SLT City Attorney, blew off my stated concern re that false testimony, in violation of the Ethics expected of public (& Legal) City employees! I think this (all a matter of record) is relevant to the LAFCO hearing !

Thank you,
Judi Allen,
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Begin forwarded message:

From: Judi Allen <judiallen2@icloud.com>
Date: March 25, 2025 at 1:29:56 PM HST
To: Susan Blankenship Slt City Clerk <sblankenship@cityofslt.us>
Subject: Re: Testimony re Ethics Training3/25/25

Thank you !
Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 25, 2025, at 1:07 PM, Judi Allen <judiallen2@icloud.com>
wrote:

On Nov 17, 2023 I sent an email to City Attorney Stroud regarding the false info given Planning Commission by John Hitchcock encouraging them to approve recommendation to pass Annexation proposal to City Council. The information Hitchcock gave the

Commission was completely false & a violation of any code of ETHICS! Ms Stroud blew me off in her email response of Nov 23/24, 2023, telling me I could bring it up whenever (in the future) it comes up before the City Council.

I do not believe the City Attorney embraced ethics when she trivialized a City staff members' false statements to a City Commission to get the issue recommended to council - when the 11/17/23 meeting was recorded! As was Hitchcock's admission at Council long after. Ethics require our City legal employees to uphold honesty and check out allegations of public violation of same. This violation allowed this contested Annexation proposal to move forward to LAFCO with the stain of dishonesty. Ethics - it applies to us all! Judi Allen

(I am emailing my testimony today because I am also attending another important meeting.