Annexation Process Flowchart

Pre-Application

Early consultation with LAFCO executive officer (recommended) on:
- Local LAFCO policies and procedures
- Application requirements
- Sphere of Influence
- CEQA review
- Other project-specific issues

Application Filing & Processing

Resolution of application by city or other affected local agency (§56654)

Petition by registered voters or landowners: 5% threshold (§56700)

LAFCO application review, Certificate of Filing, Notice of Hearing:
- Map and legal description
- Plan for providing services
- CEQA
- Property tax exchange agreement per Rev & Tax Code §99
- Other LAFCO requirements
(§§56651, 56652, 56653, 56658, 56660, 56663)

LAFCO Review & Consideration

LAFCO Hearing / Meeting (§56666)

LAFCO approval, with or without amendment, wholly, partially, or conditionally (§§56880, 56881); 30-day reconsideration period (§56895)

LAFCO disapproval (§§56880, 56884); 30-day reconsideration period (§56895)

Protest Proceedings

Protest hearing (§57050), unless waived (§§56375.3, 56663)

Protest by less than 25%; Order the annexation (§57075(a)(3), 57075(b)(2))

Protest by at least 25% but less than 50%; Order the annexation subject to election (§57075(a)(2))

Protest by 50% or more; Terminate proceedings ((§§57075(a)(1), 57075(b)(1)) §57078(b))

Majority voter approval; Order the annexation (§57176)

Less than majority voter approval; Terminate Proceedings (§57179)

Final Certification

Certificate of Completion (§57203)

Certificate of Termination (§§56884, 57090, 57179)