



## Attachment C

### Recommended Sphere of Influence Determinations City of San Carlos, Unincorporated Palomar Park and Devonshire Areas and Related County-Governed Districts

#### Sphere of Influence Determinations:

Section 56425 requires the Commission to make determinations concerning land use, present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area, capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide and existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the Commission determines that they are relevant to the agency. The following section discusses these areas of determination.

#### The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands

Land use designations in unincorporated areas in the City's sphere are substantially compatible with land use in City boundaries. There are no agricultural lands in the study area.

#### The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area

The unincorporated area in the City's sphere includes four non-contiguous areas of which three are substantially developed with residential uses. Census 2000 population of these areas total 2,623 persons<sup>1</sup> in need of basic municipal services. It is anticipated that the level of demand may increase modestly as a result of limited subdivision potential in some areas. The County of San Mateo provides most municipal service to these unincorporated areas from the County Government Center and Corporation Yard in Redwood City. Emergency/fire protection response to unincorporated areas not located in a fire district varies due to the distance of these areas from County Fire Stations. As a result of automatic aid, the Devonshire area may be served by Belmont San Carlos Fire Department or other nearby agencies including Redwood City, Menlo Park Fire and Woodside.

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<sup>1</sup> 1,933 for Palomar Park and Scenic and 700 for Devonshire

The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide

Services provided to the study area are outlined above.

The City's public facilities, including parks and roads, are adequate to serve the existing population and in many cases already serve residents of unincorporated areas in the City's sphere. The City's Capital Improvement Program and Pavement Management Program include plans for improvement of public facilities and recommended improvements are included in each budget cycle according to priorities and resources available. Likewise, the County of San Mateo's Capital Improvement Program includes plans for improvements in unincorporated areas. Of note is the absence of storm drain and sewer infrastructure in the unincorporated areas.

The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency

The unincorporated areas in the City's sphere of influence are substantially surrounded by the City of San Carlos. The City and these unincorporated areas share common service delivery patterns, land use patterns, access and school district boundaries and inherently share social and economic communities of interest.