

LAFCO ROLE

§56425. In order to carry out its purposes and responsibilities for planning for the logical and orderly development and coordination of local governmental agencies so as to advantageously provide for the present and future needs of the county and its communities, the commission **shall:**

- 👍 *Develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the county; and*
- 👍 *Enact policies designed to promote the logical and orderly development of areas within the sphere.*



SPHERE OF INFLUENCE DEFINED

§56076. "Sphere of influence" means a plan for the probable physical boundaries and service area of a local agency, as determined by the commission.



CITY - COUNTY COORDINATION and AGREEMENT

§56425: 30 days prior to submitting request for a new or updated sphere of influence, ***the city and county shall meet to:***

- Discuss the proposed sphere and explore methods to reach *agreement* on the **boundaries**, **development standards**, and **zoning requirements** within the sphere to ensure that development within the sphere occurs in a manner that reflects the concerns of the affected city and is accomplished in a manner that promotes the logical and orderly development of areas within the sphere.

The commission shall give great weight to the *agreement* and if the LAFCO concurs with the *agreement*, it shall be adopted by both the city and county within their respective general plans so that any development approved by the county within the sphere shall be consistent with the terms of the *agreement*.



SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FACTORS

1. The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands.
2. The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area.
3. The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide.
4. The existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area if the commission determines that they are relevant to the agency.



TIMING

§56425: On or before January 1, 2008, and every five years thereafter, the commission shall, as necessary, review and update each sphere of influence.

It is the Commission's position that given the unique timing of the current County and city general plan updates and their fundamental importance to the logical and orderly development and coordination of local governmental agencies, that the respective updates of each affected agency's sphere of influence at this time would not support the intended goals and policies of the Commission nor result in the most efficient use of limited local agency resources.

Until such time that the various general plan and sphere of influence updates are completed, the Commission will be severely restricted in considering new sphere amendments and subsequent annexations.

