

Dear Council member,

Over the last several months, the Incorporation of East Palo Alto became an issue of paramount importance to all the residents of the area, to the county officials and to the city of Menlo Park. We applaud the decision of the LAFCO Commission and the Board of Supervisors to let the people of East Palo Alto vote on the creation of a new city. We also appreciate the support that your council has given this historic process, particularly in regards to insuring that the West of Bayshore area remain an integral part of East Palo Alto.

In spite of LAFCO's decision to exclude the area North of Euclid from the Incorporation election, we feel confident that the pro-incorporation sentiment of that area will continue to represent the majority and will ultimately succeed in regaining the proper status of this area as part of the new city. The following facts strongly demonstrate the overwhelming support for Incorporation by the residents of the area.

1. In October 1981, County records show 602 registered voters in the North of Euclid area. (See Angus McDonald's memo to LAFCO dated October 9, 1981.)
2. The County Clerk validated the signatures of 351 registered voters who signed endorsements supporting Incorporation and opposing annexation to Menlo Park. (See letter attached, December , 1981.)
3. 168 additional endorsements from the people not registered at that time were also collected. It would be an easy matter to register these people.
4. The Landowners petition submitted to LAFCO showed only 77 residents from the North of Euclid in support of annexation.

(See LAFCO records.) Of these, only 62 were from registered voters in the North of Euclid.

A comparison of registered voters shows 351 favoring Incorporation to 62 favoring annexation. A comparison of total signatures show 519 favoring Incorporation and only 77 favoring annexation. Clearly the residents of the North of Euclid area are eager to be a part of the new city of East Palo Alto.

A comparison of the ethnic make-up of the population North of Euclid, using 1980 Census figures, clearly show a close similarity to the rest of East Palo Alto, West of Bayshore, and a marked difference to the adjacent Menlo Park areas.

In addition, housing occupancy characteristics, using 1970 Census figures, also show a similar orientation to the rest of East Palo Alto, West of Bayshore. (See enclosed document, INCORPORATION ENDORSEMENTS & ANALYSIS OF POPULATION AND HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EAST PALO ALTO AREA NORTH OF EUCLID, prepared by the West of Bayshore Renters and Homeowners Association, November 16, 1981.)

Recently, a small group anxious to annex to Menlo Park have filed with LAFCO an application for reorganization. Mr. Bidwell's office and the county are now in the process of negotiating a property tax transfer in this matter.

It is our hope that the Menlo Park City Council continues its stated support of the Incorporation of the entire East Palo Alto community by refusing to negotiate the property tax transfer.

We thank you for your time and energies in the past few months and in anticipation of your continuing support in the matters now facing us. We are anxious to meet with you to answer any questions you have.

West of Bayshore Renters and Homeowners Association