APPROVING THE UPDATE OF THE SPHERE OF INFLUENCE FOR THE 
CITY OF ALAMEDA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425 et seq. requires the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCo) to develop and determine the sphere of influence of each local governmental agency within the County; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56425(f) requires that LAFCo review and update the adopted sphere of influence boundaries, as necessary, not less than once every five years; and

WHEREAS, Government Code Section 56430 requires that a municipal services review be conducted prior to or in conjunction with a sphere of influence update; and

WHEREAS, LAFCo conducted a municipal services review of the services provided by the City of Alameda Healthcare District and adopted written determinations as required by Government Code Section 56430 on September 16, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the City of Alameda Healthcare District’s sphere of influence is currently coterminal with its service boundaries; and

WHEREAS, no change in regulation, land use or development will occur as a result of updating the District’s sphere of influence; and

WHEREAS, in the form and manner prescribed by law, the Executive Officer has given notice of a public hearing by this Commission regarding the location of this sphere of influence map;

WHEREAS, the sphere of influence update was duly considered at a public hearing held on November 4, 2004; and

WHEREAS, the Alameda LAFCo heard and received all oral and written protests, objections and evidence that were made, presented or filed, and all persons present were given an opportunity to appear and be heard with respect to any matter pertaining to said verification action.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED that the Alameda LAFCo hereby:

1. Approve and affirm the existing the sphere of influence for the City of Alameda Healthcare District as generally depicted on Exhibit A attached hereto.

2. Consider the criteria set forth in Government Code Section 56425(c) and determine as follows:

(a) The present and planned land uses in the area, including agricultural and open-space lands – The areas included with this sphere of influence update do not affect agricultural lands. The District has no land authority, and no change to the present or planned uses will result from this sphere of influence update.

(b) The present and probable need for public facilities and services in the area – Services are currently being provided and need to be continued. No changes in public facilities or services provided by the District will result from this sphere of influence update.
(c) The present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services that the agency provides or is authorized to provide – The District is fully accredited for hospital services, and its hospital’s emergency room care consistently ranks in the top ten for patient satisfaction in the State. The sphere of influence update will not affect the present capacity of public facilities and adequacy of public services or the services provided by the District.

(d) 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 District was primarily formed to serve the residents of the City of Alameda; approximately 74% of patients served by the District live in the City of Alameda. Residents of the cities of Oakland and San Leandro also use District services and have an interest in the cost and adequacy of such services. The sphere of influence update will not affect the existence of any social or economic communities of interest in the area that are relevant to the District.

(e) The existence of agricultural preserves or other important agricultural or open space land in the area which could be considered within an agency's SOI, and the effect on maintaining the physical and economic integrity of such resources in the event that such resources are within a SOI of a local governmental agency - Hospital and health care services are needed in all areas, and do not, by themselves, induce or encourage growth on agricultural or open space lands. The SOI update will not adversely affect agricultural or open space land or be growth inducing. No Williamson Act contracts will be affected.

(f) Nature, location, extent, functions & classes of services to be provided - The City of Alameda Healthcare District provides health care services, including emergency room, general acute care, surgery, physical therapy, long-term care, and cardiac rehabilitation, at facilities located within its service boundary and to any person who chooses to utilize services.

3. Determine, as lead agency for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), that the sphere of influence update is categorically exempt under Section 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines.

4. Direct staff to file a Notice of Exemption as lead agency under Section 15062 of the CEQA Guidelines.

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This Resolution was approved and adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission at a regular meeting held on November 4, 2004, at 7051 Dublin Boulevard in Dublin, California on the motion made by Commissioner Foulkes, seconded by Commissioner Combs, and duly carried.

Ayes: 6 (Commissioners Butler, Combs, Foulkes, Miley, Pico, and Steele)
Noes: 0
Excused: 1

/Robert Butler/
Robert Butler, Chair
Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission

Approved as to Form:

By: [Signature]
Lorenzo E. Chambliss
LAFCo Legal Counsel
CERTIFICATION: I hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct copy of a resolution adopted by the Alameda Local Agency Formation Commission, Oakland, California.

Attest: __________________________
Lou Ann Texeira, Executive Officer

Date: 12-7-04