



May 2, 2011

James Walgren, AICP  
Director of Community Development  
City of Los Altos  
One North San Antonio Road  
Los Altos, CA 94022

**RE: Status of Unincorporated Lands within the City of Los Altos' Urban Service Area (Unincorporated Islands)**

Dear Mr. Walgren:

In late October 2010, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Santa Clara County directed its staff to develop an inventory of the remaining unincorporated islands within each city's urban service area and to report back to the Commission on each city's plans regarding its islands.

**One Unincorporated Island Remains in the City of Los Altos**

The City of Los Altos has a history of annexing unincorporated islands, having successfully annexed two populated islands over the last 6 years. As a result, only one island (see table below and attached map) still remains in the City's Urban Service Area (USA).

LOS ALTOS	
Island ID #	No. of Acres
LA01	627.4
<b>Total</b>	<b>627.4</b>

**Review Remaining Island**

LA01 (i.e. Country Club Area) is approximately 627.4 acres in size and consists primarily of private residential development. LA01 is not eligible for annexation through the streamlined annexation process due to its size (i.e. being greater than

150 acres). Nevertheless, islands such as this are substantially developed and create inefficiencies / confusion in terms of provision of emergency and other municipal services. Furthermore, residents of such islands are politically disenfranchised from the city government that surrounds them. Annexation of such islands is a high priority for LAFCO and the County. Please provide us with an update on the City's plans and time-line for annexing the Country Club Area.

**A Response is Greatly Appreciated**

LAFCO staff is willing to work with and assist the City in resolving these island issues. We would appreciate knowing the City's plans for this island as soon as possible and no later than June 10, 2011. If you have any questions or concerns or would like to meet to discuss the City's plans, I can be reached at (408) 299-5127 or [neelima.palacherla@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:neelima.palacherla@ceo.sccgov.org) or you may contact Dunia Noel, LAFCO Asst. Executive Officer, at (408) 299-5148/ [dunia.noel@ceo.sccgov.org](mailto:dunia.noel@ceo.sccgov.org). Thank for you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



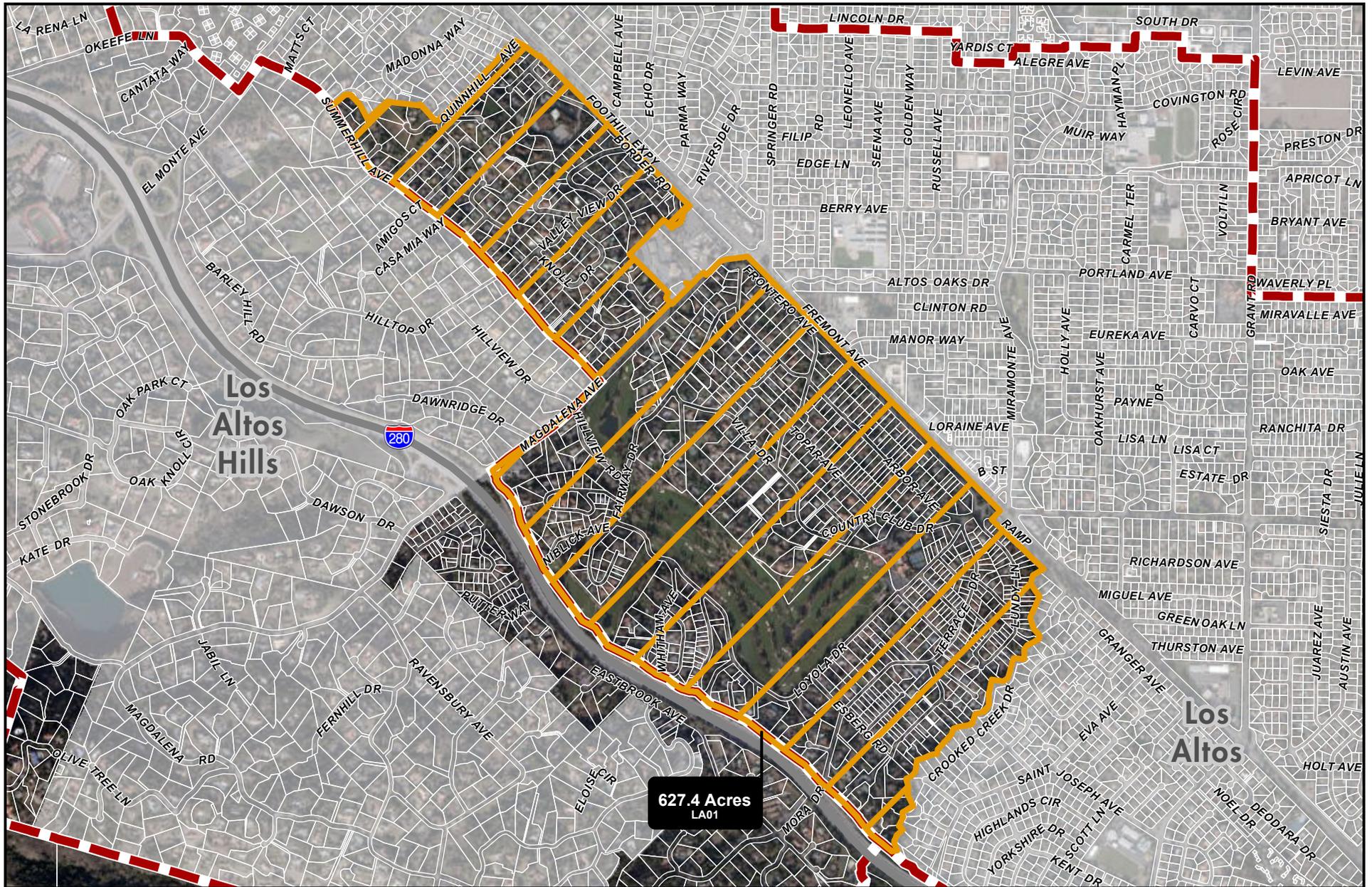
Neelima Palacherla  
LAFCO Executive Officer

Attachment:

Map of Unincorporated Islands in City's Urban Service Area prepared by the Santa Clara County Planning Office

Cc:

Douglas J. Schmitz, City Manager, City of Los Altos  
Los Altos City Council Members  
Jody Hall Esser, Director, Dept. of Planning & Development, Santa Clara County  
LAFCO Members



**627.4 Acres**  
LA01

SANTA CLARA COUNTY  
**Urban Islands 2011**

Maps depicting unincorporated lands located within the cities' Urban Service Areas (USAs)

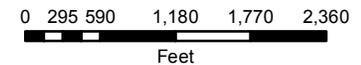
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 Urban Service Area

 Incorporated Areas

 Urban Island ≤ 150 Acres

 Urban Island > 150 Acres



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