

TEMESCAL VALLEY ANNEXATION

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Questions posed from the public:

1. What is it going to cost for a new fire station? The debt for the existing new station goes to 2040. Will that station sit empty?

It is not known at this time what the county will do with regard to the station in Sycamore Creek (Station 64); it is the city's hope that this station will remain operational, but in any case, fire protection will not be compromised because of integrated fire protection commitments that are in place.

If Cal Fire were to vacate Station 64 Corona Fire would begin negotiations to occupy the existing station. If Cal Fire continues to operate from Station 64 Corona Fire would operate out of a temporary facility in the center of the annexation area until a permanent facility could be built. The city would initially lease space in an existing industrial building or other similar structure in order to house a station. The city would then begin to set aside money into a Capital Improvement Project (CIP) to acquire land and then build a new station.

2. The sheriff works with the residents in the Temescal Valley in dealing with problems with off-road vehicle-riders and shooters in the area. Will the city also work with us on these problems?

The Corona Police Department will work with residents regarding calls and complaints of illegal off-road activity. In addition to the increased staffing numbers, the Police Department will also be purchasing a few patrol vehicles specifically for the annexed area. An assessment will be completed regarding the type (off-road capabilities for example) of vehicles best suited for the area.

3. How do Corona residents benefit from this annexation?

Corona residents enjoy a say in what happens in the community, and they care about what happens in the Temescal Valley whether or not it is annexed.

4. What do we do if we oppose the annexation?

After the city adopts a resolution to move forward with the annexation, the application for annexation is filed with the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO), which will conduct public hearings on the

annexation. If the annexation is approved by LAFCO the Executive Director of LAFCO will hold a protest hearing for 21 days. Registered voters in the annexation area that oppose the annexation can submit a protest ballot to LAFCO. Official ballots are provided by LAFCO via their website or by mail by calling the LAFCO office. Protest ballots are only accepted during the 21 days of the protest hearing period. The results of the protest hearing will determine whether or not the annexation will go to a general election.

5. If the city has a population of 154,000 and the Temescal Valley is only 15,000, doesn't that put the residents in the minority compared to the overall city?

Once the annexation occurs, residents will not be a minority but would become part of the overall population of the City of Corona represented by five City Council members elected at large and accessible to all residents. By comparison, one County Supervisor represents a total of 400,000 to 450,000 people. So the Temescal Valley population is a much smaller percentage of the current representative population base than it would be if were in the city.

6. In light of the news lately about other cities filing for bankruptcy, is this a good time for Corona to be considering this annexation?

In contrast to the cities you hear about in the news, the City of Corona has historically taken proactive measures to keep its budget solvent and will continue to look into the future and proactively take measures to keep a balanced budget even if that means cuts to spending. The fiscal analysis prepared for the annexation area shows that the revenue to cost ratio is fiscally sufficient for the city to serve the area.

7. How long will the annexation take?

It is expected that the city's application to LAFCO would be made in January 2013, and the LAFCO process from there would take approximately six to nine months.

8. Will the extra \$10 fee for non-residents for Park program registration still apply?

No. Upon annexation, the Temescal Valley residents would then be residents of the city and not subject to the higher non-resident fee.

9. When the public safety operations on Bedford Canyon Road were reduced, were officers laid off, and would they be re-hired with the annexation?

There have been no lay-offs of sworn officers. The Police Department moved out of the public safety facility and currently operates from the main Police Station located at 730 Corporation Yard Way. If this annexation is successful the Police Department would reoccupy the public safety facility on Bedford Canyon Road in order to cover the new Police Zone 5 for Temescal Valley. This facility is also Fire Station 7 and city fire personnel currently work at this station and will continue to do so with the annexation.

10. Will there be a difference in response times for helicopters or fixed wing aircraft for wildland fires?

These resources are under the state's jurisdiction and fly out of Perris. There is a coordinated response by multiple responders in such cases, but the response time by the state resources would not change because of annexation.