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FROM THE OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

October 20, 2003

Mr. Steve Kiser, Chairman
Newport Beach Planning Commission
PO Box 1768
Newport Beach, California 92658-8915

**RE: PA 2003-149: PREZONING AND GENERAL PLAN AMENDMENT
FOR ANNEXATION AREA 7 (GP 2003-005 AND CA 2003-006)**

Dear Chairman Kiser:

I am writing to express the City of Costa Mesa's opposition to portions of the proposed General Plan Amendment and Prezone for Annexation Area 7 (PA 2003-005 and CA 2003-006). Area 7 includes West Santa Ana Heights, the Santa Ana Country Club, and an additional unincorporated County area south of Mesa Drive. The General Plan Amendment and Prezone also include two areas currently in Costa Mesa city limits that are proposed for detachment.

As you may be aware, the City of Costa Mesa filed an application to annex these areas, which was eventually terminated due to majority protest. Throughout the annexation proceedings, the City of Costa Mesa has said it would abide by the Sphere of Influence decision made by the Local Agency Formation Commission relative to West Santa Ana Heights. However, we have vigorously opposed any change involving the Santa Ana Country Club and the area south of Mesa Drive. Although the annexation question is not the responsibility of your Commission, we would also oppose any inclusion of these areas into the Newport Beach General Plan and any Prezone of these areas, which is under the jurisdiction of your Commission

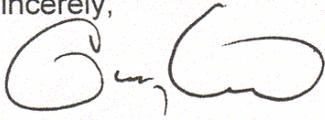
As noted above, the proposed Amendment and Prezone also include two areas in Costa Mesa. In addition to our opposition to inclusion of unincorporated areas outside of West Santa Ana Heights, the City of Costa vehemently opposes the detachment of these two areas from Costa Mesa, and their corresponding inclusion in the proposed General Plan Amendment and Prezone.

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Thank you for your consideration in the above matters. Please feel free to call R. Michael Robinson, Planning & Redevelopment Manger, at (714) 754-5610, should you have any questions regarding the City's position.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Gary Monahan". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "G" and "M".

Gary Monahan
Mayor

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cc: Homer Bludau, City Manager, Newport Beach
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