



Imperial County Planning & Development Services Planning / Building

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RE: Westwind Properties - Extension of HPUD Utilities
APN's 054-240-022, 023, 024 & 025

The purpose of this letter is to provide the Imperial County Planning & Development Services Department's opinion regarding a pending Imperial LAFCo action. The properties subject to this action are owned by the Jaime & Elsa Tamayo Trust commonly known as the Westwind Parking and Storage (Westwind). Westwind has requested the extension of water and sewer services from the Heber Public Utilities District (HPUD). The properties (APN 054-240-022, 023, 024 & 025) at 425 E. Heber Road, Heber, CA are physically located at the southeast corner of State Route 111 and Heber Road. Currently they are within the northernmost portion of the Sphere of Influence (SOI) for the City of Calexico. The property is approximately 1.25 miles north of the Calexico's current city limits. Conversely, HPUD's district boundary and current utility infrastructure lay directly north of the Westwind property.

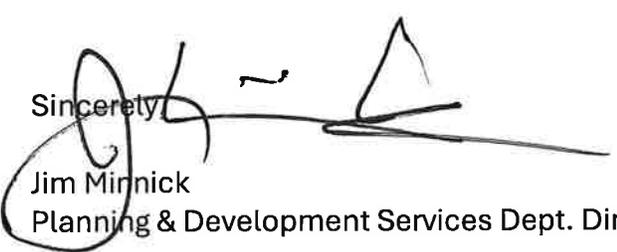
It is the Department's understanding that Westwind has requested LAFCo adjust HPUD and Calexico's respective Sphere of Influence boundaries so that their properties would be located with HPUD and have the opportunity to receive utility services. This in turn would afford Westwind the ability to develop their properties, providing future jobs for local citizens and taxes for the county.

The State of California, Imperial County and the original developer of the Imperial Center, located north of the Westwind properties, invested a significant amount of funds and time assisting HPUD to extend its water and sewer infrastructure. The eastern 2.5 mile utility loop is from Correll and Pitzer Roads east to the Imperial Center, then south to Heber Road and west back to Pitzer Road. Although the Imperial Center's development has been up and down, the infrastructure is there and Westwind has the opportunity to connect to it. Development of the Westwind properties with any luck could spur new development of the Imperial Center.

The Department finds the request by Westwind to be the most prudent course of action to allow for an economical way to allow their properties to receive the vital water and sewer services needed to expand it's industrial uses beyond commercial truck parking. The Department hereby supports the modification of the existing two Sphere of Influences and the extension of the HPUD district and services on to the Westwind properties.

Should you have any questions please contact me at Jimminnick@co.imperial.ca.us, or at (442) 265-1736 extension 1776.

Sincerely,



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