

# Item 8b

Proposed SOI  
amendment to the  
Cities of Tustin (SOI  
07-12) and Orange  
(SOI 05-38)



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**TO:** Local Agency Formation Commission

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**FROM:** Executive Officer

**SUBJECT:** Proposed Sphere of Influence (SOI) Amendment for the Cities of Tustin and Orange

**ROBERT BOUER**  
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In July of this year this Commission considered the municipal service review (MSR) and SOI update for the City of Tustin. There were two governmental structure options for the City of Tustin identified—one addressed the City's sphere of influence.

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Prior to 1996 the City of Tustin's SOI, which had been adopted in 1987, was essentially a straight line across North Tustin. The area south of the line had been placed in the SOI for the City of Tustin and area north of the line in the City of Orange's SOI. As the area developed, both Cities and LAFCO received requests for clarification from property owners of the SOI. In 1996 LAFCO staff worked with the staff of both Cities to revise a portion of the SOI to reflect existing development of streets and homes. However that SOI line still bisected some individual lots.

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In July the Commission re-affirmed the SOI for the City of Tustin but placed that portion of the SOI currently bisecting North Tustin in a special study area. The purpose of the special study area was to analyze the SOI and propose changes to clarify it.

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Subsequently the staffs from both Cities met several times to review the SOI line. The staff discussed factors that might affect the SOI including communities of interest, fiscal impacts, school boundaries, topography, efficient service provision and existing development.

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It was agreed that at some point in the future, governance options for the North Tustin area should be addressed and that the SOI should be reviewed at that time. However based upon their discussions slight modifications in the SOI were proposed at this time to follow existing property lines.

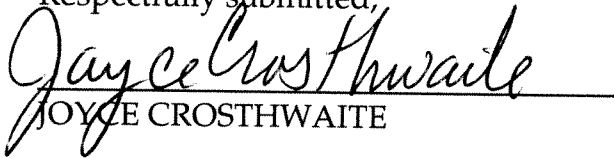
**JOYCE CROSTHWAITE**  
Executive Officer

LAFCO staff recommends that the Commission adopt the revision to the SOIs for both the City of Tustin and the City of Orange. Since the Commission adopted SOIs for both Cities and this represents only a minor adjustment, no environmental review is required because neither this action nor the prior SOI determination could have foreseeable negative environmental consequences. (Pub. Resources Code § 21065.)

***RECOMMENDATION***

Staff recommends that the Commission amend the spheres of influence for the Cities of Orange and Tustin as show on the attached map.

Respectfully submitted,

  
JOYCE CROSTHWAITE

*Attachment:*  
*Map of Tustin and Orange SOI Amendment*

