The Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, is a state-mandated independent local agency established to oversee the boundaries of cities and special districts in Santa Clara County.

**OUR MISSION**

The mission of Santa Clara LAFCO is to promote sustainable growth and good governance in the county by:

- Preserving agricultural lands and open space;
- Controlling urban sprawl;
- Ensuring efficient delivery of services;
- Exploring and facilitating regional opportunities for fiscal sustainability; and
- Promoting public accountability and transparency of local agencies.

**FOR THE GOOD OF THE WHOLE COUNTY**

LAFCO's presence creates public value across Santa Clara County, protecting natural resource lands while facilitating development of vibrant communities.

**SUSTAINABLE GROWTH**

LAFCO increases the sustainability and livability of communities by ensuring that quality of life is not sacrificed under pressure of disorderly growth.

**HAZARDS RESILIENCE**

LAFCO minimizes traffic by promoting orderly growth and disincentivizing sprawl which results in fewer cars on the roads for shorter distances.

**ENVIRONMENT**

LAFCO safeguards local air and water resources by preventing the loss of public assets such as natural and working lands, which regulate healthy air and water cycles.

**Housing**

LAFCO promotes housing affordability by encouraging cities to use their land and other assets efficiently and effectively, instead of spreading facilities farther out rather than “in” and resulting in more cost efficiency, housing options.

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**Public Accountability and Transparency**

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**SAVINGS TO TAXPAYERS FOR GOVERNMENT SERVICES AND INFRASTRUCTURE**

LAFCO’s actions minimize costs to taxpayers for infrastructure and government services by promoting compact infill growth, which results in more efficient delivery of services.

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**OPEN SPACE AND FARMLANDS**

LAFCO promotes open space, parks, recreation, and farmlands.

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How does LAFCO make decisions?

How is LAFCO funded?

Get involved

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