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### **LHPUSD Policy Relating to the Activities of Public Agencies**

Whereas,

The Board recognizes that state and county revenues and many other sources of financial aid for the School District are at critically low levels, and are likely to remain so for a period of several years; and

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The Board recognizes that annexation by a Public Agency of an area within the geographical boundaries of the LHPUSD may have significant adverse impact on the School District; and

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The Board recognizes that past and future Public Agency acquisitions may act or have acted to constrain future School District operations with regard to such factors, among others, as (a) the size of current and future pupil populations, (b) the size of the current and future School District tax and related revenues, (c) the value of the School District real estate holdings, (d) the ability of the School District to acquire land, (e) the ability of the School District to hire and retain qualified employees; and (f) the ability of the School District to carry out certain of its other responsibilities;

Now therefore let it hereby be resolved that the Governing Board of the LHPUSD,

Taking note that the LHPUSD is one of the largest employers within its borders, and adds approximately \$4.5M yearly to the economy of the local region; and

Taking note that the LHPUSD is one of the largest landowners within its boundaries; and

Taking note of the fact no incorporated civic entities exist within the boundaries of the LHPUSD, and that therefore some limited additional responsibilities a civic authority may obtain, beyond those commonly associated with a School District;

Does hereby resolve that:

1. The existing policies of the LHPUSD shall be amended to include the following paragraph (s edited for style consistency with the existing policy format), which is declared to be the official policy of the School District:

“Public Agency Annexation of an Area Within LHPUSD Boundaries. The La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District opposes any annexation by a Public Agency of an area within the geographical boundaries of the LHPUSD, unless the LHPUSD Governing Board (a) has

decided on a case-by-case basis that the proposed annexation is accompanied by sufficient financial or other arrangements as satisfactorily compensate for or mitigate (1) any lost tax revenues, and (2) any other significant foreseeable negative impacts on the operations of the LHPUSD, its ability to carry out its responsibilities, or the value of its real estate or other tangible or intangible assets; or (b) has decided, on a case-by-case basis that no such negative impact can reasonably be foreseen.”; or (c) has decided on a case-by-case basis that the annexation is in the best interest of LHPUSD; and that

2. The existing policies of the LHPUSD shall be amended to include the following paragraph (as edited for style consistency with the existing policy format), which is declared to be the official policy of the School District:

Acquisition of Land Within LHPUSD Boundaries for Tax-Exempt Purposes. The La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District opposes the acquisition by any tax-exempt group, including a governmental body, of land within the geographical boundaries of the LHPUSD unless the LHPUSD Governing Board (a) has decided, on a case-by-case basis, that the proposed acquisition is accompanied by sufficient financial or other arrangements as satisfactorily compensate for or mitigate (1) any lost tax revenues, and (2) any other significant foreseeable negative impacts on the operations of the LHPUSD, its ability to carry out its responsibilities, or the value of its real estate or other tangible or intangible assets; or (b) has decided, on a case-by-case basis, that no such negative impact can reasonably be foreseen; or (c) has decided on a case-by-case basis that the annexation is in the best interest of LHPUSD.”

3. The La Honda-Pescadero Unified School District shall make every effort to work cooperatively with regional, state and federal public agencies to enhance development of educational programs to the benefit of the District’s student body and faculty. LHPUSD shall actively seek to resolve any concerns that may arise from the acquisition of land by a Public Agency with that agency.