



Local Agency Formation Commission  
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**NOTICE OF PROTEST HEARING**  
by  
**Local Agency Formation Commission**  
**of Merced County**

**Notice Date: November 14, 2017**

On October 18, 2017, the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) of Merced County approved the Ferrari Project Annexation No. 17-1 to the City of Atwater (LAFCO File No. 0680). The proposal involves the annexation of approximately 359 acres to the City of Atwater involving future commercial, business park, and medical/institutional uses and including the existing "Station/Manchester" residential area, located west of Buhach Road and north of Broadway Avenue, and the "Valley" residential area located northwest of the intersection of Ashby and Gurr Roads. As part of LAFCO's approval, staff was authorized to conduct a protest hearing due to the fact that written consent to the annexation was not received from landowners or registered voters within the annexation boundary. Under State law, a protest hearing is required to determine whether or not the annexation can proceed. The annexation was initiated by resolution of the Atwater City Council.

The Ferrari Project annexation territory is located north of the historic State Highway 99 right-of-way and the parallel Ashby Road and Broadway Road rights-of-way, east of Station Avenue, west of Gurr Road, and south of the portion of Green Sands Avenue located east of Buhach Road.

**On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, at 6:00 PM the Executive Officer of LAFCO will conduct a protest hearing in the Board of Supervisors Chambers located at 2222 M Street, Merced,** at which time the annexation proposal will be summarized and all registered voters and property owners within the annexation area boundary will be provided an opportunity to make oral or written comments, and present objections or evidence in opposition to the annexation. However, only written protests on forms provided by Merced LAFCO will be counted in determining whether the annexation can proceed. Registered voters and landowners within the annexation area do not have to be present at the protest hearing in order to file a written protest. Written protests may be submitted from the date of this notice up until the close of the protest hearing December 6th. Any written notices delivered prior to the protest hearing must be addressed or delivered to the Executive Officer at the following address: LAFCO of Merced County, 2222 "M" Street, Merced, CA 95340.

All persons interested in this protest hearing are cordially invited to attend. Written protests may be obtained from the Merced LAFCO Office at 2222 M Street, Merced, CA 95340. Mailed notice with the protest form is being mailed to each landowner and registered voter. If you have any questions on this project or the hearing, please call Merced LAFCO at (209) 385-7671.

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