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Stop Arden Arcade Cityhood

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Peter Brundage, Executive Officer
And LAFCO Board Members
Sacramento Local Agency Formation Commission
1112 I Street, Suite 100
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Arden Arcade Incorporation Proposal – Disclosure of Campaign Funds

Dear Mr. Brundage and LAFCO Board Members,

We regret that **Stay Sacramento!** Stop Arden Arcade Cityhood members will be unable to join you at today's meeting. However, our group continues to stand united **against** any cityhood effort for the Arden Arcade Area.

The purpose of our letter is to continue to express our concern on two issues:

- 1) In September 2007, we conveyed our concern about the nondisclosure of campaign contributions by the Arden Arcade Cityhood committee. We were advised that as of January 2008 that disclosure of contributions in support of a proposal shall be reported and disclosed. We have yet to see any disclosure report. We have also been told this information is available on the proponent's web site, yet the only information disclosed are the names of contributors and not the amount each contributor has made. **We urge LAFCO to take immediate action to require the Arden Arcade Cityhood committee to report their campaign contributions. Your action will help keep the process open to the public's right to know who is providing funding for this proposal.**
- 1) We are in strong support of staff's recommendation to require the proponents to pay their entire remaining balance on the project by no later than August 1, 2008. In as much as taxpayers are already paying for 50% of the funding through LAFCO funds and a sizeable portion of the proponents funds have also come through taxpayer dollars (City of Folsom, Elk Grove, Citrus Heights and Rancho Cordova), we believe there must be an end to how long LAFCO will allow the lack of funding and support for cityhood to continue.

Today's economic times are creating severe problems for cities, counties, municipalities, schools and other that depend on public funding. The creation of a city in Arden Arcade just creates more government, more bureaucracy and more taxes. It does not guarantee services get