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# General Plan Panel Not Interested In Live Oak

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The city general plan committee would not welcome Live Oak should the residents there accede to a recent suggestion by Mayor John Mahaney that they seek annexation to Santa Cruz.

Committee members Thursday night indicated no desire to annex Live Oak or to do anything else that might send the city's total population over the 50,000 mark.

Current city population is about 37,500. If Live Oak were annexed, some 23,000 persons would have to be included in the population total, and that total would go to some 60,000, well above the 50,000 mark.

During a meeting to consider the form and size of the future city, the committee members agreed also they don't want to annex the undeveloped areas on the west side from the city boundary line to the state park. Steve Russell, Santa Cruz associate planner, told The Sentinel.

But at the same time, the committee does want to have a say in the future of that area to avoid its urbanization.

The Pogonip area, long a target of annexation and de-

velopment consideration, is more closely related to the City of Santa Cruz, the committee members agreed, so that if any development were to be done it might make more sense to have it in this area, rather than on the far west side.

The committee also considered the sphere of influence question in the Arana and Rodeo Gulch areas. A motion to set the sphere of influence boundary at Arana Gulch was defeated by a 5 to 3 vote.

Russell said, but no preference was then expressed for Rodeo Gulch.

Attending the meeting were County Supervisors' Chairman Ed Borovatz and Supervisor Gary Patton. Patton appeared to think that in terms of getting urban service Live Oak should annex, but as a city resident he appeared also to want to keep the city the small, compact community the committee wants it to be now and in future.