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# Live Oak files papers for incorporation

An application to incorporate the Live Oak area was filed Friday afternoon with the Local Agency Formation Commission.

The application, filed by

D. J. Mauro, 415 13th Avenue; Mrs. Barbara J. White, 1211 Webster Street; and W.B. Kaufmann, 520 Stagg Lane, represents the first legal step taken for incorporation of the Live Oak area and is the culmination of more than six months "of study and analysis of the various alternatives that have been proposed to meet the area's future needs," said Mauro.

"This is a grass roots movement," Mauro said, "by residents of Live Oak, who see incorporation as the only means of protecting our vote, our tax monies, and our identity."

During the weekend, he said, an opinion survey was begun by Live Oak Citizens Aligned

for Local Government to informally poll the area's residents. Petitions are being circulated to find out the extent of public support for incorporation.

"The response so far is very encouraging," Mauro said.

Boundaries of the proposed city would be Monterey Bay coastline on the South, Soquel Drive on the North, 41st Avenue on the East, and the city limits of Santa Cruz on the West.

Mauro said the area's population is estimated at about 15,000, with an estimated assessed valuation of more than \$20 million.

"This is the beginning of a long and complex task to assure that Live Oak citizens will have the kind of government that will best serve their needs. There are many unanswered questions, but we are concerned primarily now with taking action that will protect the area's right to self-determination," Mauro said.

"The time has come for the people to act. You just can't sit back forever," he added.

Mauro said he expects the Local Agency Formation Commission to act on the application at the commission's meeting on November 19. He explained, however, that the agency doesn't have to take action for 70 days after the application's filing date.