

# LO Annexation Plans 'Frozen' Pending Study

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Live Oak will become a kind of demilitarized zone in the annexation war between Santa Cruz and Capitola for the next six months.

The County Local Agency Formation Commission this morning said it will wait until a UCSC study on the creation of a mid-county city is complete before acting on any more city annexations in the area.

That study will include the Live Oak area. (See story on Page 14.)

The truce was arranged by LAFC Member Eugene Fleming, representing Santa Cruz, and LAFC Alternate John Lappin, Capitola city councilman. Fleming moved to "freeze" any further annexation action, and agreed with Lappin that the zone should cover all of Live Oak west of 41st Avenue.

Both Santa Cruz and Capitola would like to annex the bustling business areas along 41st Avenue for their harvest of sales and property tax revenues.

Santa Cruz has offered to take

in all of Live Oak from its present boundaries to 41st if it can have some of the business areas.

Capitola wants to annex the business areas and only 675 acres of Live Oak to Rodeo Gulch.

Live Oak Improvement Association representatives Dorothy Weynacht and Ivan Netoff also asked the LAFC to wait until the university study is complete.

Mike Twombly, UCSC student who said he will be involved in the cityhood study, told the commissioners 15 students will be working full time to put out a report on various city possibilities by June. The project will be under the direction of Dr. Karl Lamb, and is being arranged through Dale Flowers of the University Extension service.

Ed Hanna, executive officer of the LAFC, said he also will spend much of his time working with the student group.

Santa Cruz representative John Donlevy tried to outflank the delay moves by saying Santa Cruz would be glad to wait until Live Oak investigates incorporation with a mid-county city, if

the LAFC would set the future boundaries first.

Santa Cruz would even help gather facts and figures on a mid-county city, according to Donlevy, but not on a "Live Oak" city.

Another small city in between Santa Cruz and Capitola would be out of the question, according to Donlevy.

Capitola City Administrator Ryder Ray presented the LAFC with a booklet similar to the one presented at the last meeting by Santa Cruz.

The booklet outlines Capitola's position, and presents the various advantages and services Live Oak would gain by annexation.

Besides being much closer in terms of police and fire protection, Ray concluded his argument by saying Capitola would raise the tax rate in the 41st Avenue-Rodeo Gulch area from \$8.515 to only \$9.313.

This was an undercut to Santa Cruz's proposal to raise the tax to \$9.831, close to what was estimated as a future Capitola tax rate originally.