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## Simi Valley Landfill Expansion Task Force Members Requests Annexation Discussion

**Simi Valley -** With the current application for expansion of the Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center and the resulting negative impacts on the community, the issue of annexation of the landfill site and contiguous property owned by Waste Management to the City of Simi Valley should be of paramount importance to the City. Therefore, at the September 20<sup>th</sup> Simi Valley City Council meeting, Council Member Barbra Williamson will request scheduling a time certain for public discussion the annexation of the landfill and adjacent Waste Management properties.

Established three years ago to inform the residents of Simi Valley of the potential impact the expanded Simi Valley Landfill and Recycling Center would have on our community, the Simi Valley Landfill Expansion Task Force remains committed to its mission. Having completed technical reviews of the project's draft environmental impact report, the Task Force is focusing its efforts on actions that will protect present and future generations from the adverse environmental impacts proposed by the expansion and to avoid any economic repercussions caused by the landfill's operations. The Task Force's position has always been to explore annexation of the property as a means to strengthen Simi Valley's decision making capacity, and as the host City for the landfill, to safeguard our community. Now that the landfill project objectives and scope are known, it is time to investigate the possibilities and options annexation may present to the City.

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