

## **Citrus Heights Incorporation Project (CHIP) – Brief History of Incorporation Effort**

- November 18, 1984 First CHIP meeting held. Richard Wagner served as President.
- January 1985 LAFCo (Local Agency Formation Commission) undertook the initial incorporation study.
- March 1985 John O’Farrell, the Executive Officer of LAFCo indicates that incorporation is feasible with \$17 million in income and \$15 million in expenses.
- June 14, 1985 The Citrus Heights Chamber of Commerce Board endorses incorporation, a critical decision that establishes CHIP and the Chamber as partners for the next 12 years.
- October 1985 Sacramento Board of Supervisors declines to help with the cost of the feasibility study –a departure from practices around the state.
- November 1985 Feasibility study awarded to private consulting firm.
- January 1986 Legal boundaries established following zip code areas (95610 and 95621).
- April 1986 Notice of Intent to incorporation was published in the Union (newspaper) and petitions started to circulate.
- Spring 1986 Sacramento County introduced AB 672 to change the traditional method of tax distribution (ask Bill).
- October 1986 CHIP turned in petition for cityhood with 12,015 signatures.
- February 1987 County issues a Notice of Intent to issue a “Negative Declaration”, meaning that no Environmental Impact Report (EIR) was necessary.
- May 12, 1987 LAFCo votes to let Citrus Heights residents vote for cityhood in November 1987.
- July 1, 1987 The Board of Supervisors requests that LAFCo reopen hearings to changes in the city boundaries and exclude Sunrise Mall. This was later resolved and the Mall stayed within the boundaries.
- Fall 1987 Bill Van Duker becomes President of CHIP.
- December 23, 1987 Bill Van Duker files a lawsuit called a “writ of mandate” asking the Superior Court to set aside the decision of the Board of Supervision to not put the issues on the ballot.
- 1998 – 1993 CHIP was consumed with legal issues (won some, lost some).The County filed an appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, who declined to hear the case, leaving a State Supreme Court ruling standing and the County had to pay legal CHIP's legal fees. At the same time, the County made an effort to consolidate the County and City of Sacramento (like the County and City of San Francisco), but the measure failed

- (Measure S).
- May 1993 LAFCo recommends that the process start over (new environmental process, new economic feasibility study).
- April 1993 (Congressman) Doug Ose takes over as President of CHIP. Three members of the Board of Supervisors voted to allow the election on cityhood to proceed.
- April 1995 (Supervisor) Roberta MacGlashan became President of CHIP and was successful in guiding the cityhood effort through the LAFCo process.
- Fall 1996 Bill Van Duker re-assumes presidency of CHIP so that Roberta MacGlashan can run for City Council.
- Fall 1996 Yes on Measure "R" campaign under full swing (co-chaired by (Council Member) Jeannie Bruins and Bill Van Duker).
- November 5, 1996 Election for cityhood held and approved by 62.8% of the voters living in the Citrus Heights boundaries.
- January 1, 1997 Citrus Heights officially becomes a city.