

Town of Los Gatos
Articles of Incorporation

August 10, 1887

Order Declaring the Incorporation of the Town of Los Gatos

Whereas, upon the sixth day of June AD 1887, a petition, signed by more than one hundred qualified electors of the County of Santa Clara, resident within the limits of the Town of Los Gatos as hereinafter described, was regularly presented to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, which petition set forth and particularly described the proposed boundaries of such proposed Corporation (being the same boundaries as hereinafter described:, and stated the number of inhabitants therein to be fifteen hundred, and prayed that the same be incorporated under the provisions of the Act of the Legislature of the State of California, entitled “An Act to Provide for the organization, incorporation and government of municipal corporations”, approved March 13th 1883, and which petition had been regularly published for more than two weeks, next before said day of its presentation, in the “Los Gatos Weekly News”, a weekly newspaper printed and published in the said County, together with a notice stating the time of the meeting of this Board at which it would be presented, and which publication duly appears by the affidavit of W. H. B. Trantham, one of the printers, publishers and proprietors of said newspaper, on file with this Board;

And whereas, upon the said presentation of said petition, upon said sixth day of June, 1887, being a regular meeting of this Board, and at the day and time mentioned in said notice, this Board proceeded to the hearing of said petition, and having then partially heard the same, adjourned the further hearing thereon from time to time, until the eighteenth day of June, 1887;

And whereas, at the time last aforesaid, being the final hearing upon said petition, this Board did establish and define said boundaries, as prayed for, and hereinafter described, (having made no changes therein), and did ascertain and determine that the number of inhabitants residing within said boundaries was then fifteen hundred (1500); which action of said Board so had taken on said day last mentioned, was done by Ordinance regularly passed, adopted and approved, and entered at length in the “Ordinances Book” of the Board, and published according to law, for one week in the “San Jose Daily Mercury”, a daily newspaper published in said County, before the expiration of fifteen days next after said eighteenth day of June 1887;

And whereas, after said Ordinance has gone into effect, and upon the seventh day of July 1887,

this Board caused to be issued a notice, and gave public notice, of an election to be held in said proposed Corporation, upon Thursday July 28th AD 1887, for the purpose of determining whether the same should become incorporated; which notice particularly described the boundaries so established, and stated the name of said proposed corporation, and the said number of inhabitants therein, and also required the voters to cast ballots containing the matters required by Section 2 of Chapter One, of the aforesaid Act of Legislature;

And whereas, this Board did cause said notice of election to be published for more than two weeks next prior to said day of election in the “Los Gatos Weekly News” and in the “Los Gatos Weekly Mail”, two weekly newspapers printed and published within said boundaries also, to be posted for the same period, in at least four public places within such boundaries;

And whereas, upon said 28th day of July AD 1887, such Election was regularly had and conducted within said boundaries, in strict conformity with the law, and regular Returns thereof made by the officers of election to this Board;

And whereas, on Monday August 1st 1887, this Board did regularly meet, and canvass the votes cast at said election, and upon such canvass it now appears to this Board that a majority of the votes cast are for incorporation, the total number of votes cast being one hundred and seventy of which one hundred and twenty six are for incorporation, and forty four votes against incorporation; and it also appears to the Board, upon such canvass, that for the several offices of such municipal corporation, the following named persons received respectively, the highest number of votes, to wit, a majority of all the votes cast: vz:

For Member of Board of Trustees, J. W. Lyndon.

For Member of Board of Trustees, P. Perkins.

For Member of Board of Trustees, George Seanor.

For Member of Board of Trustees, D. D. Holland

For Member of Board of Trustees, H. Sund.

For Treasurer, George S. McMurty

For Clerk and Assessor, A. E. Wilder

For Marshal, and Tax, and License Collector, J. L. Gelatt

And it appearing to this Board that all the proceedings in the matter of the Incorporation of the said Town of Los Gatos have been regular and according to law;

Now therefore the Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, in regular session, upon this 1st day of August AD 1887, does hereby declare the Territory embraced within the said boundaries, and hereinafter particularly described duly incorporated as municipal corporation of the Sixth (6th) Class, as provided in the aforesaid Act of the Legislature of the State of California, under the name and style of the "Town of Los Gatos"; and does further declare the persons hereinbefore named as having received, respectively, the highest number of votes for the several elective offices of such municipal corporation, to be duly elected to such respective offices;

The said boundaries, and the territory embraced therein, are described as follows, to wit:

Commencing at the common corner of Sections 21,22,27 and 28, in Township 8 south, range 1 west, Mt Diablo base and meridian, and running thence northerly along the line between said Sections 21 and 22 and the same produced, to the south line of lands of Levi Hill, or the same produced; thence northwesterly along said line of lands of Hill to the center of Los Gatos Creek; thence down the center of said creek to its intersection with the continuation easterly of the south line of what is known as the Davis Tract, being also the continuation easterly of the north line of the lands of Magnus Tait; thence northwesterly along said last line and said continuation thereof to the northeast corner of lands of H. C. Houghton thence southwesterly along east line of said land of Houghton to its intersection with the north line of the Los Gatos and Saratoga Road; thence southwesterly in a straight course, passing through lands of Massol, Bachman, and McCullagh, to the extreme westerly point of what is knows as Fairview Addition, and continuing in the same course to its intersection with the line dividing lands of McCullagh and P. Harold; thence southeasterly along the last named line to its intersection with the one-eighth section line running north and south between lands of J. W. Lyndon and Livermore; thence southerly along last named line to the south boundary line of Section 20, Township 8 south, range 1 west, M.D.M.; thence along the south line of said Sections 20 and 21 easterly to the place of beginning, all in the County of Santa Clara, State of California.

And it is further ordered, that a certified copy of the Order, (which order is duly entered upon the minutes of this Board) shall be filed in the office of the Secretary of State, of the State of California; Thus done in regular Session this 1st day of August 1887. By the following vote: Ayes. Supervisors. James Phigley, A Greeninger, W. A. Z. Edwards, W. O. Watson and S. F. Ayer. Noes. None. Absent. None.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT:

STATE OF CALIFORNIA }
County of Santa Clara } ss

I, C. F. Singletary, County Clerk of the County of Santa Clara, State of California, ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County, do hereby certify the annexed to be a true, full and correct copy of the original "Order Declaring the Incorporation of the Town of Los Gatos: now of record in the office of the Board of Supervisors.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the Board of C. F. Singletary, County Clerk.

And ex-officio Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of said County.

By W. B. Rucker, Deputy Clerk.

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Board of Supervisors

Santa Clara

In Re: Incorporation of the Town of Los Gatos

Order Declaring Incorporation (COPY)

Filed in the Office of the Secretary of State

the 10th day of Aug. AD 1887

Wm. C. Hendricks; Secretary of State

The foregoing instrument is a correct copy of the hand written original on file in this office.

Attest: Marian V. Cosgrove

Director of Legislative Services

Clerk of the Town of Los Gatos