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## Cityhood petition drive planned

**WILDOMAR: A group will host a meeting to kick off the process in response to annexation efforts.**

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By **ROCKY SALMON** / The Press-Enterprise

After more than 100 years as a rural town, Wildomar might become a city.

On May 18, Wildomar Incorporation Now will host a cityhood kickoff meeting and begin to collect signatures for a cityhood petition.

"We are ready for this," said Bob Cashman, chairman of the incorporation effort. "We are pretty aggressive when we feel our lifestyle and community is being threatened."

The announcement comes a month after the Murrieta City Council voted to annex a southern portion of the unincorporated community.

The city sent the local boundary commission an application for annexation.

The Wildomar cityhood committee filed a notice of intent to circulate a petition last week with the Local Agency Formation Commission, said George Spiliotis, the commission's executive director.

The notice is a one-page form and asks the commission to permit the signature campaign. Spiliotis said he can't approve the petition campaign until a feasibility study is done.

"It's an aid to proponents," he said. "Before they expend a tremendous effort to collect signatures, we want to make

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sure incorporation is remotely feasible."

The cityhood group is not sure if it will wait until a feasibility study paid for by the county and Murrieta is finished in June, Cashman said, or if it will hire a consultant to do one before then.

Without approval from the boundary formation commission, the cityhood group will begin collecting signatures after the kickoff campaign.

The group needs to collect signatures from 25 percent of Wildomar registered voters and landowners to get a referendum on cityhood, Cashman said. The group has six months from the day the first signature is collected to turn in the petitions.

The cityhood drive is the latest move in the battle over the future of Wildomar.

The tug-of-war began in 2002 when the Local Agency Formation Commission was looking at the unincorporated community's status to see if it should remain as is.

During the hearings, a group of Wildomar residents, mostly homeowners near the Murrieta/Wildomar border along Clinton Keith Road, asked to become a part of Murrieta. The residents said Wildomar lacks governmental control and safety services.

Other residents opposed to the annexation created their own group, the Wildomar Incorporation Committee, hoping to push for cityhood.

On April 6, the Murrieta City Council approved applying to annex the portion of Wildomar south of Baxter Road.

The advisory board representing the community sent Murrieta a letter last week chiding the city for its actions.

"The Wildomar Municipal Advisory Council considers the Murrieta City Council's vote to move forward with the petition of partial annexation not only detrimental to the future growth of the entire Wildomar community, but also blatantly undemocratic," the letter states.

The kickoff meeting will be held at 7 p.m. May 18 in the auditorium of David A. Brown Middle School.

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