

Mayor John T. Rickard of the City of Santa Barbara spoke at considerable length in favor of the proposed annexation, and attempted to refute statements made by those appearing earlier against the annexation, contending that ample notice had been given of the intentions of the City of Santa Barbara. He also indicated that he did not feel that any move had been interposed that would interfere in the slightest with the jurisdiction of the State Lands Commission.

Upon questioning by the Chairman as to whether the Commission had jurisdiction in the matter, the Executive Officer stated that that point was still to be resolved, and, pending receipt of a formal opinion from the Attorney General, he felt that no action should be taken by the Commission. The Chairman then asked how much time the Commission had to take action in the matter, and was informed by Deputy Attorney General Jay L. Shavelson that it had 40 to 60 days after enactment of the resolution. As the next meeting of the City Council of Santa Barbara was to be held on April 11, 1957, the forty days would run beyond the date of the next meeting of the State Lands Commission.

The Executive Officer informed the Commission that if, upon receipt of the opinion of the Attorney General, it was found that the Commission had jurisdiction, he would formulate a recommendation for action, including therein a statement of the basis for such recommendation.

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There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 12:55 p.m.