Date: March 13, 1962

Subject: "Lawndale Annexation No. 1" to the City of Hawthorne (Null and Void)

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Gentlemen:

We reported to you on May 13, 1959 that "Lawndale Annexation No. 1" to the City of Hawthorne was completed on April 30, 1959.

We now report that, on February 7, 1962, a judgment was entered in Superior Court Case No. 727,722 declaring this annexation null and void. For further details regarding the effect of this judgment, see the attached letter.

Yours very truly,

John A. Lambie
COUNTY ENGINEER

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Dear Sir:

"LAWNDALE ANNEXATION NO. 1"
TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE

On May 13, 1959 we reported to you that proceedings for "Lawndale Annexation No. 1" to the City of Hawthorne had been completed and the annexed territory had become a part of the City on April 30, 1959 when the necessary documents were filed by the Secretary of State.

We now report that, on February 7, 1962, a judgment was entered in Superior Court Case No. 727,722 which read in part: "Ordinance No. 633 of the City of Hawthorne is null and void and the annexation designated therein as 'Lawndale Annexation No. 1 to the City of Hawthorne' is hereby annulled and set aside". This being a judgment pursuant to stipulation, no appeal is expected.

On advice of our County Counsel, we further report that this judgment, in effect, determined that there never was a valid annexation of the territory to the City of Hawthorne, and therefore the following district changes involving this territory, previously reported to you as indicated, are void:

1. The automatic withdrawal from Road District No. 2 (our report of May 13, 1959);

2. The withdrawal of May 18, 1959 from Lennox (now Consolidated) Sewer Maintenance District, pursuant to Resolution No. 3134 of the City of Hawthorne (our report of May 28, 1959);

3. The withdrawal of January 31, 1961 from Lawndale Lighting District, also pursuant to the above Resolution No. 3134 (our report of January 31, 1961);

4. The withdrawal of May 20, 1959 from Consolidated County Fire Protection District, pursuant to Resolution No. 3133 of the City of Hawthorne (our report of June 23, 1959);

5. The automatic withdrawal from South Bay Judicial District and addition to Inglewood Judicial District (our report of May 13, 1959).

Our County Counsel also advises that, as a result of this judgment, "Annexation No. 1" to the City of Lawndale, covering this same territory, became effective as of June 15, 1960, and our report on this annexation is attached.

Also, attached is our report on the "Lighthouse Annexation" to the City of Hawthorne (detachment from the City of Lawndale), effective February 15, 1962, being a portion of "Annexation No. 1" to the City of Lawndale.

For your convenience in correcting your records, we are enclosing a map of the subject area.

Yours very truly,

John A. Lambie
COUNTY ENGINEER

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Re: Projection of the boundary difficulties between the City of Hawthorne and the City of Lawndale for the purpose of taxation and rendition of district and other services

Dear Mr. Lambie:

The history of the boundary difficulties between the above two referenced cities is in essence as follows:

1. On April 30, 1959, the City of Hawthorne filed with the Secretary of State its ordinance purporting to annex to the City territory described as Hawthorne's "Lawndale Annexation No. 1".

2. Thereafter, the City of Lawndale on June 15, 1960, filed with the Secretary of State its ordinance purporting to annex the identical territory to Lawndale pursuant to an annexation designated as "Annexation No. 1 to the City of Lawndale".

3. Thereafter, suit was instituted in quo warranto challenging the validity of Hawthorne's "Lawndale Annexation No. 1".

4. Thereafter, Lawndale consented to the detachment of portions of the territory involved in the above referred to two annexations. It is my understanding that the consent to the detachment and other matters related thereto were filed with the Secretary of State after February 1, 1962, and on or about February 9th. It is my further understanding that the detachment was pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 35,304 of the Government Code.

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5. Thereupon, Hawthorne purported to annex the detached territory pursuant to its "Lighthouse Annexation".

6. On February 7, 1962, the Superior Court of the County of Los Angeles entered its judgment in the litigation involving the validity of the initial "Lawndale Annexation No. 1 to the City of Hawthorne" and decreed that the same was null and void and that the annexation was accordingly annulled and set aside. This was a judgment pursuant to stipulation and accordingly no appeal should be contemplated.

It would appear as a consequence of the foregoing that Hawthorne's original annexation was void ab initio and should be completely disregarded. This would result in affirming the validity of the City of Lawndale's Annexation No. 1 as of the date of its filing with the Secretary of State and the same should be given full credence in the reflection of boundaries for tax purposes and for the rendition of district and other services. The foregoing having occurred, there would appear to be no question as to the power of the City of Lawndale to thereafter consent to the detachment of certain portions of the territory annexed to that City and the annexation thereof by the City of Hawthorne pursuant to its "Lighthouse Annexation". If the date of the consummation of the last mentioned annexation was after February 1, 1962, the same would of course not be given cognizance for the purpose of projecting taxes for the fiscal year 1962-63.

It would follow from the foregoing that any resolutions or actions by the City of Hawthorne predicated upon their belief as to the validity of "Lawndale Annexation No. 1" which would otherwise result in changing of the boundaries of county fire protection districts, lighting districts, sewer maintenance districts or other districts similarly situated would be ineffectual and should be ignored.

I realize that in the projection of the foregoing on to assessment maps and with respect to the boundaries of affected districts certain difficulties may be posed. Should you desire, I will be happy to consult with you concerning the same.

Very truly yours,

HAROLD W. KENNEDY
County Counsel

By John D. Maharg
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~~LAWNDALE ANNEXATION Nº 1~~

~~UNINHABITED TERRITORY ANNEXATION TO THE CITY OF HAWTHORNE~~

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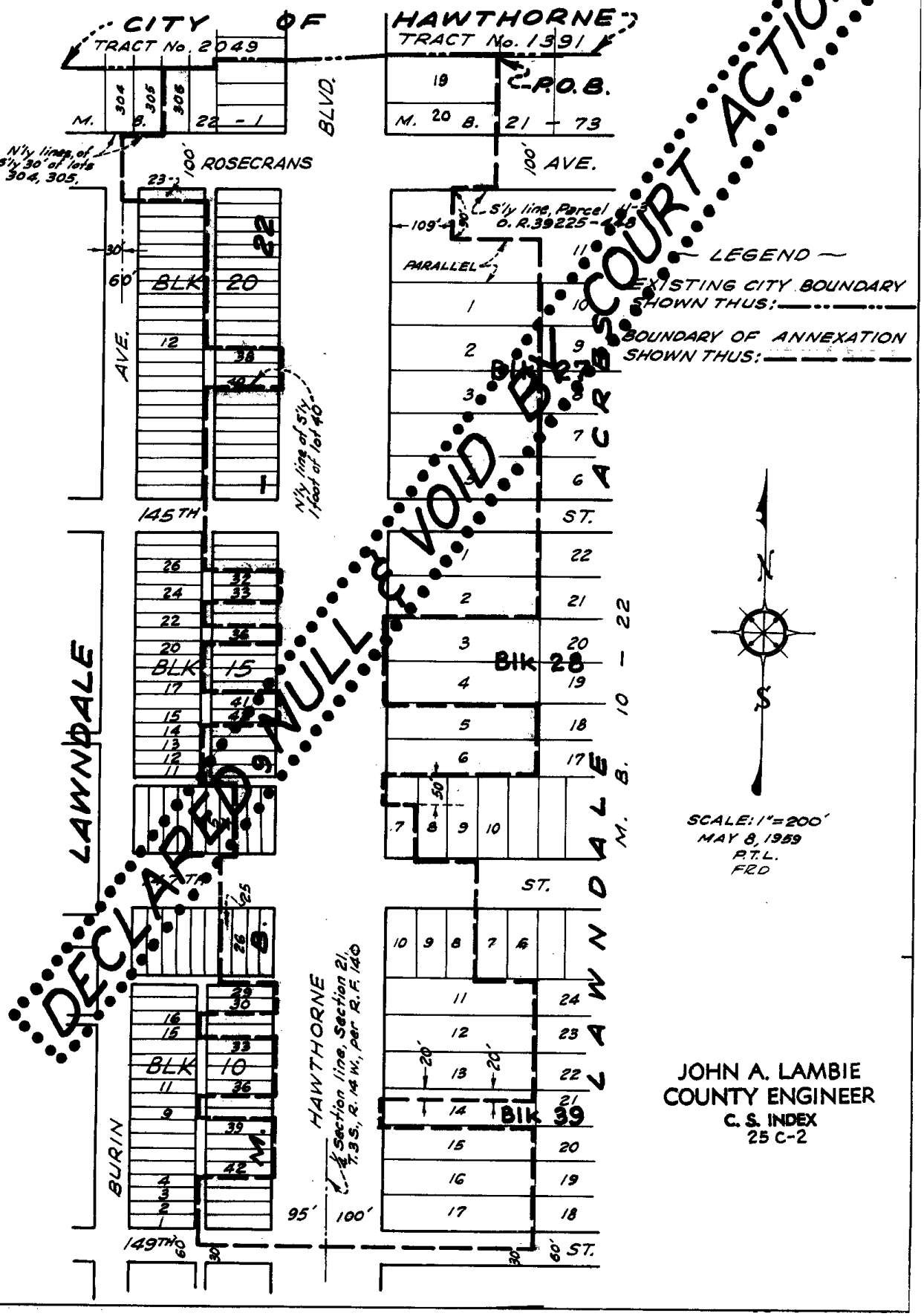
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