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Subject:

As a lifetime Kiryas Joel resident, I often volunteer at the Aishes Chayil Women's Services Center. I am passionate about newborns, and revel in the joy of caring for them. I'd therefore appreciate if the perspective of this post-partum convalescent facility were part of the annexation record.

Aishes Chayil is a 62 bed facility which provides a multitude of post-partum services for the new moms, their newborns and families. Aishes Chayil serves over 3,000 mothers annually.

Although my daily schedule is quite full, what with a full time job and a household of three children, I still cherish the time I am privileged to spend in a joyous environment as such, where new life is celebrated. When I look at the faces of those infants, it brings back memories of my younger siblings at that age, who are now fathers and mothers with children of their own, and I envision them attending Village schools and synagogues, and patronizing Village businesses. And I wonder; will the recent rabble rouser succeed in preventing them from remaining in the community where their parents, and for some even their grandparents, were born and raised? I look into those eyes and wonder; who will decide their place of residency? And I realize that these children's most basic American right is being challenged. Because if their right to choose where to live is taken from them, what other rights will they try to take away next?

And what I find most ironic is, that well over 100 employees of Aishes Chayil are from outside Kiryas Joel. So our neighbors are essentially saying: "pay us to take care of your newborns, but once they grow up, they'll just have to leave"...

Natural growth is a fact of life. To ignore it, would be irresponsible. Therefore, for the sake of our offspring, I urge you to vote 'yes' to approve annexation.

Thank you,
JB