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To: tmiller@timmillerassociates.com
Subject: KJ Annexation Scoping Session

Dear Mr. Miller:

Since I was not able to attend the scoping session due to the dangerous driving conditions, I would like to submit my thoughts.

First, the KJ leaders like to claim that they want to be good neighbors, along with many other reasons why I feel that is not true, the most blatant one is that fact that this meeting was not cancelled. That alone tells me that they have absolutely no regard to anyone but themselves and their agenda.

To move forward, my husband and I moved to Orange County in 1988, upon getting married. We first moved here from NJ, due to the fact that the housing was a bit cheaper. However, once we lived here a few years, we knew that this was where we wanted to raise our family. It is a beautiful area, with lots of trees and clean air. We also knew that our goal was to be in the MW School District, since it was the best. After many years of hard work, we purchased our dream home in the Town of Monroe in 1999.

To say that this Annexation doesn't benefit either our family or any family that I know, it an understatement. We are all aware that if this land is annexed to KJ, the very first thing that is going to happen is that the zoning will be changed to High Density. If this were to happen, the very nature of the area will forever change. The resources are not in place for this type of growth. We will lose the rural nature of this town that I love. The traffic will increase tremendously, Also, lets not fool ourselves, we are all aware, thanks to Mike Anagstoukas, that 93% of the citizens of KJ are on some kind of Government Assistance. While they drive around in nice cars, shop at expensive stores, etc. They are obviously getting around how much money they bring in.

The only way an annexation should be approved, is if it benefits the surrounding community. This "Land Grab" as I call it, doesn't provide any benefits whatsoever to those of us who have worked so hard and sacrificed so much to buy our dream homes. I believe we actually stand to lose our home values, as not many will want to buy into the MW school district with the possibility that it will eventually be run by the KJ leaders, who will have no vested interest in keeping it the way it is.

So, in my opinion, this Annexation is wrong for me, my family and ALL of my dear neighbors in the town of Monroe, the Village of Monroe and all of Orange County for that matter. There should be a separation of Church and State and the unfortunately the lifestyle that most of the KJ community decides to live, has us paying for them and that is just not fair or moral or right in any way. I should not have to sacrifice the way I live to conform to the way they choose to live. My life up here will forever be changed should this annexation be approved.

Sincerely
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