

To: Tim Miller Associates

Re: Kiryas Joel 504 Acre Annexation Request  
My Comments for Public Scoping Session held on 3/3/15

From: Mary Tosi, 128 Orchard St., Monroe, NY 10950

In my opinion, this annexation request is not only a local issue, it's a regional one. I do not consider the entirety of Orange County, nor the communities down river, nor those supplying water to the NYC Aqueduct to be part of my local community. Yet those areas would also be impacted by the proposed annexation. This annexation proposal seems to draw on regional natural resources while purporting to be of local significance. A regional or state-wide view is needed to fully analyze the impact of the proposed annexation.

IF (emphasis added) the question is "What is the impact of the proposed annexation on local resources and services, then the following points come to mind:

- 1) Since the DEC Commissioner, the Town of Monroe, and the Village of Kiryas Joel have all determined that this annexation is only of local significance, only local resources should be included in the analysis of providing sewer, water, and social services to the proposed properties.
- 2) Natural resource utilization experts should be able to determine how much water is available in the local area and how much effluent the Ramapo River can safely absorb. I would like that calculation to be done, and a calculation that fairly distributes the local resources to each and every land parcel in my town and surrounding towns (the area a layman such as myself would consider 'local'.) This is the basis of a sustainable future.
- 3) The analysis should include the cost of expanding Orange County Sewer District 1, to local residents as well as other county residents, to support the population density and size desired, as voiced by Village of Kiryas of Joel officials and the petitioners.
- 4) The scoping document posted online states that no plans for development are currently proposed. Given public comments by village public officials and the petitioners regarding anticipated and desired growth, various projected build-outs, based on historic use of land controlled by each municipality, need to be included in the analysis of this annexation proposal, along with the water, sewer, and social services utilization under each build-out.
- 5) I received a mailing from "My Neighbors in the Village of Kiryas Joel" with an EDDM (Every Door Direct Mail) designation in the address. Was this sent by the Village of Kiryas Joel (as reported in the Times Herald Record), the petitioners, or some other entity or group of people? I am on the Direct Marketing Association (DMA) "do not send" list, and wonder why/how I received it. If it was sent by the Village of Kiryas Joel, why was that not clearly identified? If it was sent by the Village of Kiryas Joel, I would like the analysis to document the level of sustainable growth in the proposed area using local resources, since sustainability was one of the values listed in the mailing.