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Name: Chuck Castle
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Message: Dear Mayor Green and Council, I would strongly urge you to vote to approve this temporary moratorium, and to immediately pause the approval of any annexation requests in process. Alpine is geographically unique in that we have only one road in and one road out and very little room for expansion. Jackson, with a population of 11,000 residents, sits within a 3.5 square mile radius and the traffic and congestion is unbearable, especially during the tourist seasons in Summer and Winter. In comparison, Alpine is less than 1.5 square miles and currently supports a population of 1,300-1,400 people and is growing rapidly. Remember, the last census was 1,220 in 2020 and Alpine has since approved multiple annexations and has seen a massive influx of new residents during the Covid pandemic. In fact, Alpine has never turned down an annexation request, despite concerns from residents surrounding the lack of a Master Plan and the increase in high-density development. With only one road going through town and the number of commuters and tourists that visit our small town, we do not have the infrastructure at this time to support large scale development. The annexation and development of MRC and Commercial zoned parcels require a comprehensive, long-term plan in order for our town to assess and meet the needs of our residents. In the last two years alone, Alpine has allowed and encouraged rapid, high-density development which will result in increased traffic, congestion, and perhaps most importantly, crime rate. We do not have the public facilities or a local police force to handle this incredible rate of growth! Our current water and sewer facilities were never designed to handle this amount of demand in such a small timeframe, and I greatly fear that our town will be overwhelmed in debt accrued from expanding infrastructure to meet these new development demands. How does Alpine plan on mediating these costs to residents? It is time for the Mayor and the council to take action in support of their constituents, and to enact a building moratorium in order for appropriate impact fees to be assessed and implemented, a comprehensive facilities improvements plan to be developed, and to give their community appropriate time to create a master plan. It is imperative that all annexation be paused immediately, in order for all developments to come in under the town's new comprehensive annexation process and to allow citizens a larger measure of transparency. Now is our time to pause and to carefully and thoughtfully engage our community to determine Alpine's future. I respectfully urge you to vote for this emergency moratorium, and to vote against the current

request for annexation. You were elected by and for the people and took a sacred oath to represent the voice of the people. It is time that you vote in support of the will of the people. Sincerely, Chuck Castle, Alpine Resident