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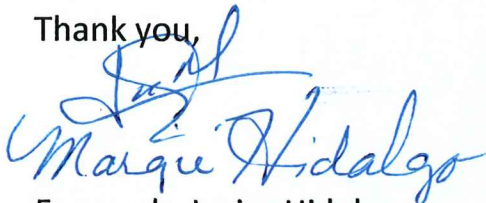
To the members of the Stevenson City Council,

This letter is to express our **opposition** to the proposed annexation as described in the flyer that was sent to those property owners that will be affected by said proposal. As it is currently proposed, even with the slight reduction in water rates and property taxes, the annual and monthly payments that this annexation would incur in order to support it are untenable for us. As we are both retired and living on a fixed income, this added expense to the already substantial increases in property taxes each year, would probably force us to move elsewhere. We have a fairly new septic system and are already gratefully on city water.

While we're cognizant of the justifications for the City of Stevenson to provide infrastructure to a larger area, we feel that annexation would provide little benefit for us except for the ability to vote for mayor and City Council members.

We fully support the Goodman's' request to annex the property described in their initial request on August 29. Their initial request did not include affecting the surrounding properties included in the proposal put forth by the city. I would suggest finding a way to honor his initial request other than adversely impacting their neighbors.

Thank you,



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