

Written Public Comments Received
Tumwater Island Annexation ILA
January 18, 2022

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From: DAVID BROWN <reikidr@comcast.net>

Sent: Tuesday, November 30, 2021 10:42 PM

To: Brad Medrud <BMedrud@ci.tumwater.wa.us>

Cc: DAVID BROWN <reikidr@comcast.net>; jeremy.davis@co.thurston.wa.us;
asrinfo@co.thurston.wa.us

Subject: Objection to Quince Street Annexation by Tumwater

Importance: High

In regards to the Annexation Plan for my property at 3620 Quince St, SE, Parcel # 82200300212, I wholeheartedly OBJECT to Any annexation attempts, just as I have objected for the past 30 years!!

Each time an annexation question comes up, your 'Experts' have said 'No problem. You can remain County if you want.' That includes when the 2020 bill came up. But Tumwater jumped on it to remove any possible disputes from the property owners themselves. So now it's an ALL OR NOTHING Deal with no choice from the individual. Yes, we can 'VOICE' our concerns, but have no 'Vote' in the outcome. A Precinct vote (we are precinct 67) by all the Precincts involved would provide a more equal say in the outcome. But as I've said, LEAVE QUINCE ST. ALONE!!

I believe your FAQs page to be incorrect regarding tax increases. Over the years I've noticed much higher taxes overall from the cities (Tum/Oly) compared to Thurston Co. each year. I use few, if any, City services not already provided by the county.

City/County has an operating agreement to provide Emergency Police services as necessary. I've requested Sherrif support twice in 30 years, and City Police showed up for one dispute, and a Deputy for the other. I have no real problem with that arrangement as both were prompt.

Many of my objections are personal, but the city money grabbing reasons are what I object to most. LEAVE MY ISLAND AS IT IS. Leave my Taxes as they are. There are several cost manipulations regarding city taxes over the years that I've fought and won. I intend to fight this annexation attempt as well.

First, several times, it was Tumwater saying they would remove the LOTT surcharge if I would sign an agreement not to object to Some Future Attempt to Annex my property. I refused then, and I OBJECT NOW!! Note that if this unwanted Annexation should happen, I WILL request from Tumwater for ALL LOTT PAYMENTS made over the last 30 years!!

Next, Thurston Co. changed our Tax Code from County to Tumwater on several occasions over the years, resulting in very large tax increases. When we realized what had happened later, Thurston Co. Assessor refunded thousands of dollars to us affected property owners. We now have our own tax code 135, which is noted 'Permanent, Do Not Remove'. I would like that to remain as such.

For some period of time Puget Sound Energy was charging us City Tax on our bills, until I told them we were County, not city. The refunded back as far as they could go. City tax is still not applied.

Comcast is charging me a Franchise Fee which is currently being paid to Tumwater. I've fought this fee several times and they removed it, only to pop back up later, being paid to someplace else. Originally

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Olympia, then again Olympia several months later, then Thurston Co., and now Tumwater. It's an unnecessary fee that for the most part the recipient's don't know what to do with.

I've said about all I can for the moment, but be assured I will continue to fight this current annexation attempt.

Thank you.

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From: Thurston County | Send Email <spout@co.thurston.wa.us>
Sent: Thursday, December 2, 2021 5:05 PM
To: Amy Davis <amy.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Island annexation

This email was created by the County Internet web server from the email masking system. Someone from the Public has requested to contact you with the following information:

To: **Amy Davis**

Subject:

From: **PATRICK J PRINCE**

Email (if provided): patp202@hotmail.com

Phone: (if provided): **3604816692**

Message:

I was wondering where the board stands on allowing annexation of the county islands in tumwater. I hope ya'll oppose it. I apologize if this email is directed in the wrong place but I think I'm right. If not who represents me?

I feel that without a vote of the people who have lived in these unincorporated islands for so many years a annexation would be wrong. Years ago there was a vote and the vote determined that the citizens living in these areas didn't want tumwater to annex us. Legislation was manipulated to allow annexation without a vote of the people. I feel as our representatives and our voice you must vote against annexation.

I hope this message is recieved by the right people who represent me.

**Thank you,
Patrick Prince**

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From: Patrick Prince <patp202@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 5:42 PM
To: Jeremy Davis <jeremy.davis@co.thurston.wa.us>
Subject: Tumwater annexation of county land

Greetings,

It has come to my attention that the city the city of Tumwater is once again working to annex county "islands". This is a matter that was voted on by the people who live in these so-called islands a few years ago and was overwhelming vetoed by the people. Now legislation has been manipulated in favor for Tumwater not allowing a vote of the people to even be considered. It's bothersome that something like this could occur.

I have been a part of the Glenwood community for over 20 years. Most of my neighbors have been here right about the same amount of time. We speak about this proposal of annexation and most everybody agrees that this serves no benefit to us. The majority of my community agrees we would like to stay county. This is what we bought into when we purchased our homes living in county and not city.

I ask you vote against this, and let the people who live in these areas vote on it. Let the people vote. Please and thank you.

Sincerely,

Patrick Prince