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Ann Arbor City Council
301 E. Huron Street
Ann Arbor, MI 48107

RE: PH-4 20-1639 for City Council
20-1592 2775 Newport Road Annexation and Zoning for Planning Commission

Dear City Council,

I appreciate the public hearing as an opportunity to share information on the Rudolf Steiner school annexation and zoning.

Chronology:

1. RSSAA connected to city water and sewer in 1995 while in the Township.
2. RSSAA's request for a building expansion for preschool thru high school stalled at the planning commission level in Ann Arbor Township in 1996.
3. RSSAA attempted annexation to the city in order to get a more favorable ruling for expansion beginning in late 1998.
4. RSSAA lost on appeal this annexation attempt in 1999.
5. RSSAA built the high school expansion on Pontiac Trail. The preschool building was not built.
5. RSSAA received a Conditional Use Permit and approved final site plans to build a middle school addition and additional parking lot in 2016. The CUP stated: "The property, project and future phases shall be used for primary school purposes only being grades Kindergarten through 8th grade." The CUP set limits on the future building phases proposed.
6. RSSAA's Board of Trustees on 2/15/20 approved a new Nursery Program (year-round full day program for 18 months to 3 years) and began advertising. (This type of programing was not permitted under the CUP.)
7. RSSAA requested full City of Ann Arbor services in the application for annexation and zoning on 6/30/20.

Point A. Upon review of this chronology, I would ask that the City Council consider denying the annexation request because the school has had city services since 1995 and hope that this request is not a means to circumvent agreements as had been attempted before.

Point B. If this annexation and rezoning move forward, I would like assurances that the Conditional Use Permit conditions run with the property as written. One condition was that New construction shall be limited to the Phases described in the CUP. Setting these limits was beneficial to all. Another condition

was that the Owner would work with neighboring property owners to be sure Property boundaries are respected.

Point C. If this annexation and rezoning move forward, I would like assurances that the Memorandum of Land Contract between the Public Schools of the City of Ann Arbor and The Rudolph (misspelled!) Steiner School Association of Ann Arbor dated 10-1-86 Liber2085page889 run with the property. The document states: "The premises shall be subject to an easement in favor of the public for the use of existing and future exterior playground and nature areas on the premises, subject to Purchaser's reasonable restrictions.

Thank you for understanding the time and thoughtfulness that Ann Arbor Township used when developing the CUP.

Linda Young