

To LARA re Annexation Petition No. 19 -AR-1

Submitted by Valdis and Austra Liepa
654 Hampstead Lane
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

June 24, 2019

Hello,

My name is Austra Liepa. My husband, Valdis, and I bought our house on Hampstead Lane in 1968. We were aware of what living on a small dead-end street in AA Township meant: a gravel road, no sidewalks, no street lighting, no sanitary sewer, no city water, no trash pickup.

We learned from our 6 neighbors how to live in the Township:

1. The gravel road helps to keep us cooler in summer
2. We composted, we recycled, and we used the public dump
3. We learned about regular maintenance of the septic and the drain fields, and today, they are still working fine
4. The original 60 year old well failed 3 years ago, a new well was put in, and we have good water.

Now, 51 years later, we still enjoy living on Hampstead Lane.

Twenty five years ago, the Township board and the City came to an agreement that Hampstead Lane should be annexed to the City. To that end:

1. The Township traded Hampstead Lane Sheriff services for City Police services
2. Fire services for Hampstead Lane were traded between the Township and the City
3. The Township traded with the City to plowing our road for the Township plowing some city streets.

Other points in the City's "**Rationale: Why annex township islands?**" are

- Solid Waste collection

Some years ago, the Township contracted Mr. Rubbish - now Waste Management – to provide waste collection to the Township, this is a necessity and we don't mind paying Waste Management for the service.

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- Polling locations and Building permits
Hampstead Lane residents have no difficulty knowing where to vote
and where to obtain building permits

And the bigger one:

- Capital improvements planning (**extension of water and sanitary sewer services**)

The City acknowledges that currently water and sanitary sewer services are **NOT available** to Hampstead Lane homes, and the City has **no future plans** to install water and sewer mains on Hampstead Lane. **If we are annexed at this time, no water and no sewer services will be available for probably many years**, and should a septic or well fail on Hampstead Lane, the County Health Department will have jurisdiction. Hampstead Lane homes **will not have a very important benefit that comes with City annexation - that of water and sewer services.**

We are reasonable people and do not challenge something just for the sake of being contrary, in our annexation matter we are speaking out. The result of annexation of the Hampstead Lane homes will be that we will pay the higher City taxes, but we see **NO benefits for us** to be residents of the City of Ann Arbor, **only the City benefits.** Thus, we respectfully ask that the State Boundary Commission **exclude** the 7 properties, #630-#680, on Hampstead Lane from the current annexation Petition No.19 - AR-1.

Thank you for listening and considering our request for exclusion.

KAEPA, LLC

June 24, 2019

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Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Bureau of Construction Codes
Office of Land Survey and Remonumentation (OLSR)
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 48909

Re: Proposed Annexation, Petition No. 19-AR-2
296 W. Eisenhower (the subject parcel)

To Whom It May Concern:

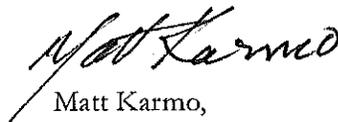
I am writing on behalf of the owner of the above subject parcel of real property located at 296 W. Eisenhower in Pittsfield Township to object to the proposed annexation, to the extent that it carries with it the proposed imposition of Historical Road, Sidewalk and/or Storm Sewer Improvement Charges, which we are informed will be in the amount \$41,114.38.

Our objection is as follows:

- 1.The prior owner of this property was not given notice and an opportunity to be heard on the special assessment which we understand occurred in 1988 when the improvements to Eisenhower Parkway were done, nor was the prior owner permitted to participate in the assessment;
- 2.It does not appear that the Ann Arbor ordinance which is being invoked to justify this charge permits all of the costs included in the charge to be passed on to us;
- 3.It is confiscatory to charge the cost of what these improvements would be in current dollars, when the improvements are not new but were installed in 1988;
- 4.This charge is a tax, not a user fee, and as such its imposition violates the Headlee Amendment, because it has not been approved by a referendum.
- 5.We reserve the right to make other objections based upon additional information which may be forthcoming.

We request that the Boundary Commission deny the petition as it applies to the subject parcel, but we would not object to the petition if it is amended to remove the proposed Historical Road, Sidewalk and/or Storm Sewer Improvement Charge.

Respectfully submitted,


Matt Karmo,
Kaepa, LLC, President

DEPARTMENT OF LICENSING AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS
STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

The Tramontin Family
3600 Terhune
Ann Arbor MI 48104

Regarding annexation of **3950 Platt Rd**,
Pittsfield Township into the city of Ann Arbor.

This property has been and is currently
used for storage. We have no intension of building anything there.

The current building is uninhabitable, as it has no water,
sewage or heat. It has 200ft. frontage on Ellsworth Rd, which is
Pittsfield Township.

We have good rapport with Pittsfield Township Police Dept. for
watching the property and responding to our tripped alarm several times.

Our concerns are increased property tax and the cost of being forced to
put in water and sewage, which we have no use for.

We would like to maintain it as it is.

Thank you.

Mrs. John Tramontin + Family

Originally built in 2002

At 418 BARBER AVE., Seco Township 10th

H-08-24-381-013
H-08-24-381-012

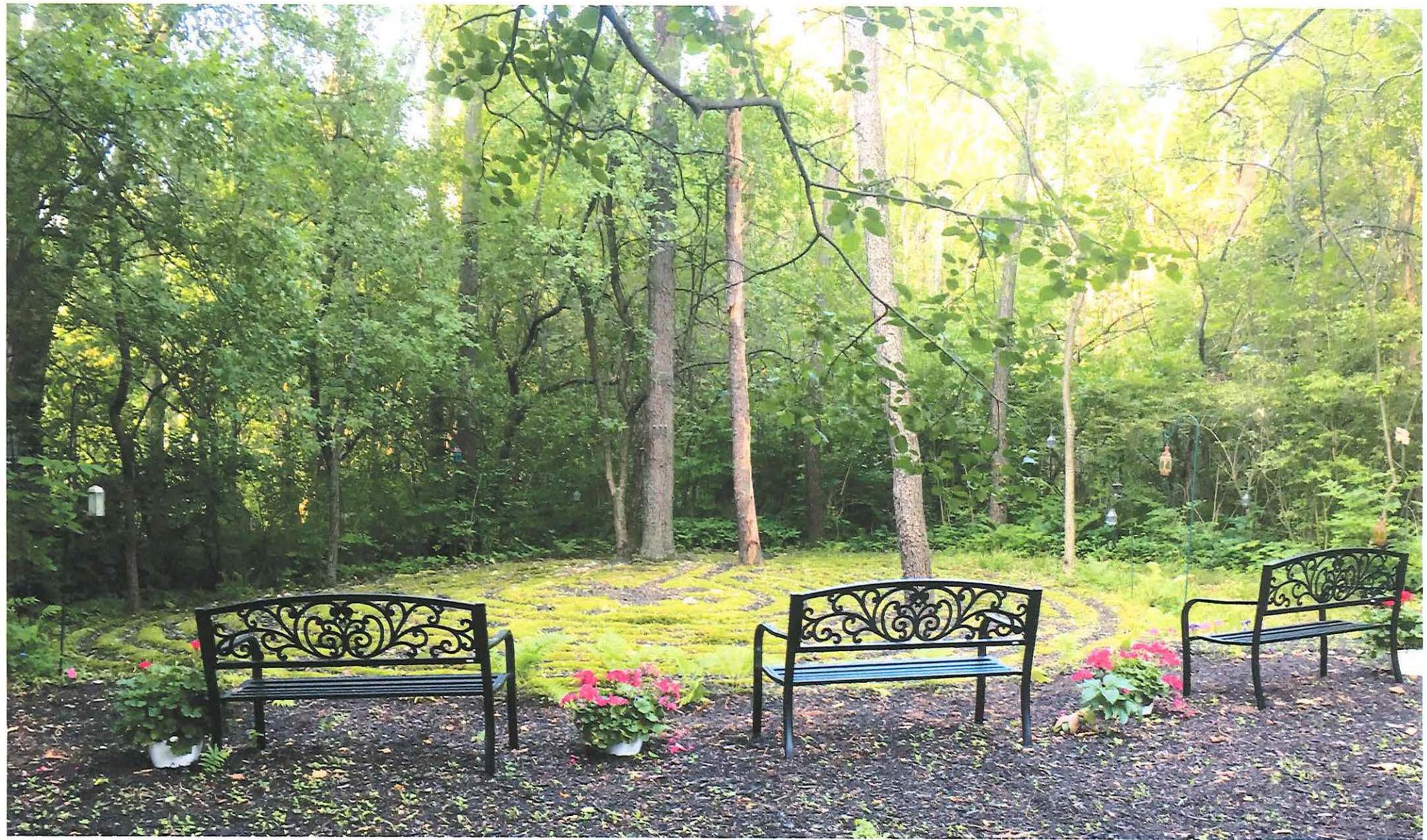
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House at 418 Barber Ave, - Sciò Township Vacant lots H-08-24-381-013 +
H-08-24-381-012



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Solo Township Vacant Lots. H-08-24-381-013

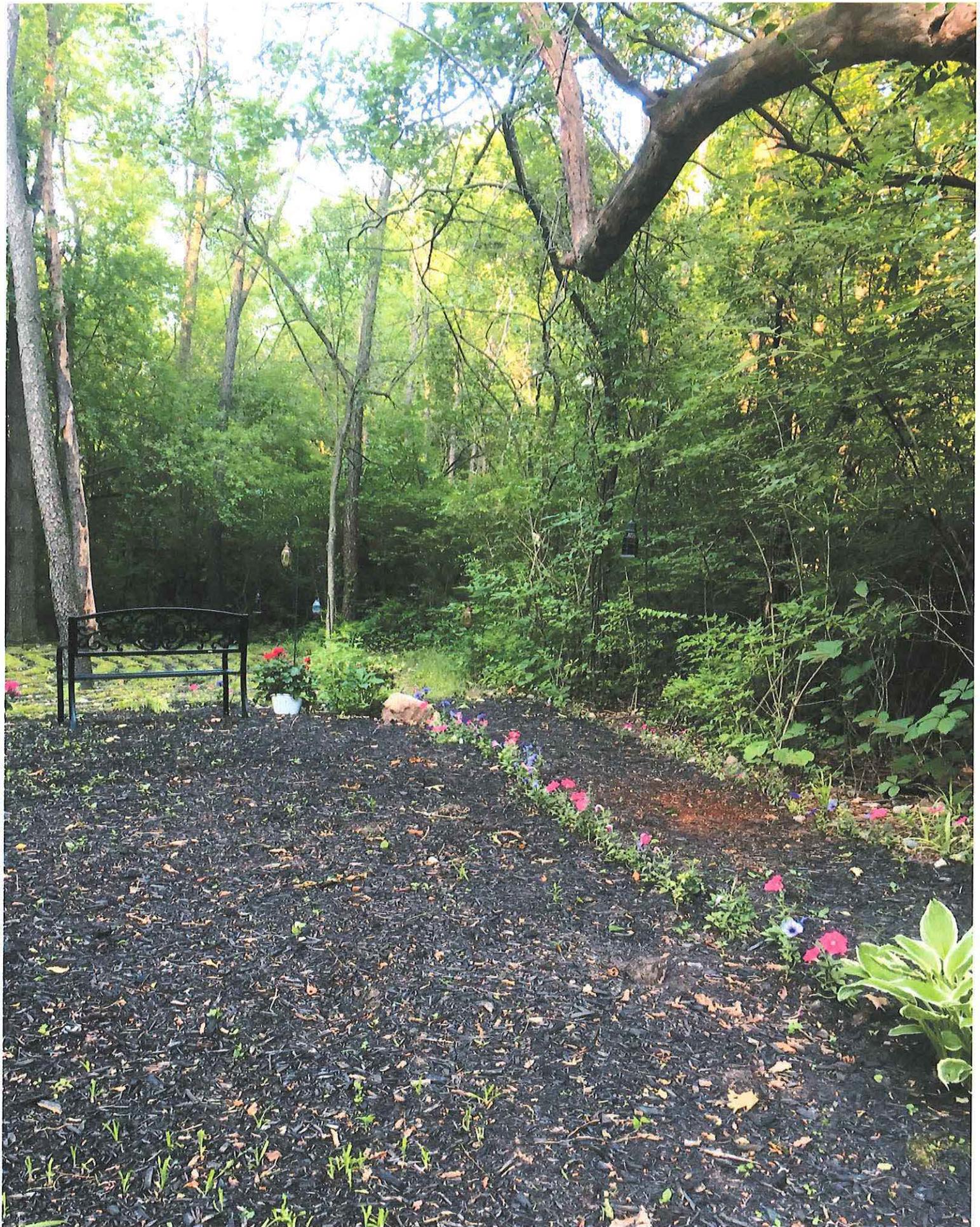
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418 Barber Ave.

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JOURNEY OF THE HEART



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From: [Nellie Guibert de Bruet](#)
To: [BCC OLSR](#)
Subject: 1780 Scio Church Parcel Annexation (attn. Janelle Cambell)
Date: Monday, June 24, 2019 4:13:43 PM

Janelle Cambell

19-AR-1 Annexation

Could the State Commission on The City of Ann Arbor's annexing the 1780 Scio Church Rd. parcel of land which is adjacent to our property located on 1905 Landmark Ct. please address our concern over who has the jurisdiction over enforcement connected to the said property?

A few years ago we had a problem concerning property maintenance of that parcel and the Ann Arbor Township would not address these concerns because it was not in the Township Regulations. Our police nor City had no jurisdiction and therefore could not address the eyesore gaping holes in the roof of the house on the property. The Township Supervisor at the time had said that an agreement was reached w/ Ann Arbor to annex all the various property "islands" and that at that time matters would change.

We have also had problems with tenants who lived in the house on the 1780 Scio Church Rd. . A woman who kept screaming at all hours of the day and night. Another tenant who had wild parties that lasted until 1:30 a.m. . And another tenant whose dog was not kept with a leash, barking and allowed to roam freely into our lawn. No fence or barrier exists between the properties.

Another issue is who would regulate and permit 4 parcels of land to be individually sold on the 1780 Scio Church Rd. and perhaps build 4 additional houses? We are apposed to this. We bought our homes with the understanding that the adjacent property had a country landscape next to our home. This would drastically change with the very close proximity of 4 squeezed in homes on this property.

We would also like a sidewalk to be built on that property in continuation of our sidewalk heading westward and on the other side heading eastward. In this way we will not be obliged to walk on the very busy street with possible accidents to happen.

Thank you for taking the time to answer our concerns.

Sincerely,

Nellie & Renaud Guibert de Bruet

From: [Jeffrey J. McNally](#)
To: [BCC OLSR](#)
Subject: Proposed Annexation of lands from Ann Arbor, Township by the City of Ann Arbor; Petition No 19-AR-1
Date: Tuesday, May 21, 2019 8:52:53 PM

To the Boundary Commission :

I am writing you in response to a certified letter that I received yesterday, Monday, May 20, 2019 concerning a Proposed Annexation of lands from Ann Arbor, Township by the City of Ann Arbor; Petition No 19-AR-1. My name is Jeff McNally, and I live at 2318 Newport Road, Ann Arbor, MI 48103. I-09-18-425-008 is my parcel ID number.

I am the owner of one of the Parcel ID's that have been proposed for annexation. I am stating now, that I DO NOT wish for my property at 2318 Newport Road, to be annexed - for any reason- by the city of Ann Arbor. And will explain my reasoning for this position. And I must also say that I was not aware that any city could forcibly annex properties that do not wish to be annexed. I am shocked to say the least.

Additionally, I must admit that I am shocked that a Boundary Commission meeting for annexation that will tremendously affect all the residents in the Parcel ID and Address list would be held during the middle of the afternoon when many residents may be at work, and thus unable to attend. I would think that such a huge impact on the financial lives of these township residents would be of such importance that the meeting would be held at a time when most could attend - that is, during the evening when people are home from work and able to attend and have their concerns/comments heard. And the very short notice of this meeting is also of concern to me, since the Boundary Commission meeting is scheduled for June 24, 2019. Giving property owners such a short notice, for such an impact on their lives, seems very short sighted to me. This is a decision that will potentially cost the property owners \$30,000 - \$50,000 of dollars EACH! I for one do not have that kind of money just laying around; and I for one would never make such a huge financial decision in just a short period of time.

You may or may not be aware of the tremendous turnout in the original meeting when the Ann Arbor City Council originally proposed annexation on Monday, October 1, 2018 @ 7pm. The meeting was packed with property owners, and it was not a pleasant meeting. The city officials initially presented it as if they were somehow doing the Township residents a favor, which as you will see is absurd. I must tell you also, that not one property owner in the entire group wanted annexation - not one single person there - wanted to be annexed. None. I have a list of those that attended, and as to whether they wanted to be annexed - not a single property owner from the entire list indicated any desire whatsoever to be annexed by the City of Ann Arbor. We all feel that this annexation is being forced on us, and we resent the implication by the City representatives that they are somehow doing us a favor. They are not doing us any favors; we all are doing just fine without any city annexation.

Many of the township property owners from this Parcel ID list are retired and thus on a fixed income. I myself am disabled, and on a fixed income. In fact, I'm not sure I could even afford to remain in my home if any annexation that was proposed by the city of Ann Arbor would be approved by the Boundary Commission. So I want to make it clear that no-one wants what the City of Ann Arbor is proposing - no-one wants what the city of Ann Arbor is asking the Boundary Commission to approve; we do NOT want this proposed annexation and we do not want to be part of the City of Ann Arbor. The supposed agreement between the township and the city, is by my understanding, not something that a single resident has agreed to, but rather somehow the Township officials felt compelled to do; again with NO support from township residents.

The costs of annexation are prohibitive for many of the property owners. The tap fees, the connection costs, the other various costs are beyond my budget, as I think is the case with many of the property owners. I have a fully functioning drain-field and well. My house and property do just fine the way it is. The drain-field has been inspected over the years, and is working properly and efficiently. My well is fairly new, and works fine. I get my services, such as garbage and recycling, by paying Mr. Rubbish. I do not need city services to accomplish those tasks.

In addition, I know that there have been medical and environmental issues regarding water from the city of Ann

Arbor, and that PFAS contamination is a serious problem. I do not wish to have those issues become part of a city service that is forced on me. I am a scientist by training, and understand some of the problems with PFAS. There is no reason in the world for me to want to be part of the cities problems with PFAS contamination. My well is working just fine, with no contamination.

As mentioned, many of the current property owners cannot afford an increase in the taxation that would come with forced annexation. I would suggest that there are alternatives. One major alternative would be that if a property owner wanted to be annexed, they could do so voluntarily. But NOT forcibly. Another solution might be to defer an annexation until the property is sold, as if when some of the older property owners decide to downsize or move. At this point, annexation might be offered (not forced) to the new owners. Another option might be to eliminate any fees - tap fees, connection charges, etc so that the current owners would not suffer financial hardship. I for one, as mentioned above, simply cannot afford the cost of connecting, tap fees, etc along with an increase in my taxes. In fact, I have considered selling my home because of this proposed forced annexation. I do NOT in any way shape or form wish to be annexed. I am a disabled person, and I am trying to support and raise my 15 year old daughter. I cannot afford what will be a huge increase in my costs of continuing to live in the home that I have been able to afford for almost 20 years. It would be a sad case indeed if as a result of forced annexation, I would have to sell the home I have lived in, and find affordable housing in Ann Arbor - an oxymoron if there ever was one.

I hope that the Boundary Commission rejects this money grab by the city of Ann Arbor, and sends a clear message that forced annexation is not an alternative to be considered.

I hope to hear back from you concerning these issues.

Jeff McNally
2318 Newport Road
Ann Arbor, MI 48103

Veronica Sanitate & William D. Middleton
2153 Newport Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48103
734 747 8778

June 10, 2019

To: Dept of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
State Boundary Commission

Re: Notice of Public Hearing
Proposed annexation of lands from the Township of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor;
Petition No. 19-AR-1

To Whom It May Concern:

We are seeking clarity on what is expected of us related to Parcel ID 1-09-18-460-003 at 2118 Victoria Circle (Lot 15), and also the attached lots, which do not have a Parcel ID, but which are slated for annexation in any case. These are Lot 13, -006 and Lot 14, -006, adjacent to Lot 15 on Victoria Circle in Ann Arbor, MI.

Lot 15 has a small house on it; Lots 13 and 14 are "undeveloped." They have a pond and landscaping and are part of a wetland feature. Will we be required to pay for a sewer link-up from these lots? There are no lavatory facilities on these lots.

We assume we will pay for link-up to sewer at 2118 Victoria Circle. Can you tell me when sewer link-up is slated for this area? Currently we are on a septic system, which has been running just fine and does not seem in danger of failing.

Ultimately, we just wish to know what is going to happen regarding all three lots; when It might happen; do we have any say-so in the matter; what will be the cost to us?

Thank you,

Veronica Sanitate and William D. Middleton

May 30, 2019

Dear City of Ann Arbor Council members,

As a property owner and long-time resident of the property located at 1463 Bird Rd, Ann Arbor, I am writing to you to express my strongest opposition to the proposed annexation of lands from the Township of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor, Petition No. 19-AR-1

I respectfully ask you to reject the proposed annexation of the reference because of the following reasons:

1. The neighborhood included in the proposed rezoning is a well established area with mostly elderly people that have resided for decades due in gran part to the fact that this area with mostly an Area of Stability. Yet, the proposed rezoning seeks significant change.
2. The City of Ann Arbor will force the residents of the annexed parcels to connect to municipal water and sewage within a very short period of time after the annexation is approved. This imposes and undue burden on most of the residents and in some cases will result in life-long residents having to move out of their properties because of their inability to meet the financial stress associated, which amounts to between \$30,000 and \$50,000 per property at least. It should be noted that there is absolutely no precedent for this type of economical imposition by the city on the residents as a result of an annexation process. In the past, when such annexation has taken place the imposition to connect to city water has been made as a result of change of ownership of the property or because the failure of the well/septic tank and not before.
3. The great majority of the neighbors impacted by this proposal are in absolute opposition to the annexation. Not only because of the extremely high cost of the afore mentioned, unusual city requirement, but also because the proposed annexation will not bring any benefits whatsoever to the property owners.

For the foregoing reasons, we urge you to vote against this proposed annexation and please consider to undue burden that your decision could cause on life-long residents that would be forced to sell their properties and move out.

Alfredo R Munoz

Sincerely,

Alfredo R. Munoz

1463 Bird Rd. Ann Arbor

(1-09-18-180-005)

From: [Richard Mattson](#)
To: [BCC OLSR](#)
Subject: Re: Proposed annexation of 1-09-31-475-002
Date: Friday, June 7, 2019 1:03:56 PM

Richard & Deborah Mattson

1727 Hanover Rd

Ann Arbor MI 48103-5912

Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs

Bureau of Construction Codes

Office of Land survey and Remonumentation (OLSR)

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To Whom It May Concern

We are in receipt of your letter concerning the proposed annexation of land parcel 1-09-31-475-002, 1780 Scio Church Rd, Ann Arbor MI 48103 from the Township of Ann Arbor to the City of Ann Arbor.

We have the following comments and concerns which we wish to bring to the attention of the State Boundary Commission in advance of its public hearing on Monday, June 24, 2019.

--[if !supportLists]-->1) <!--[endif]-->Our lot, parcel 09-09-31-410-008, partially abuts the Scio church Rd parcel in question. After we purchased our home in 1992, we noticed that our fence line at the back of the property did not correspond with the fence lines of our next door neighbors. Our fence had been built by a former owner of our property approximately 3 feet into our lot from what we would assume to be our property line.

--[if !supportLists]-->2) <!--[endif]-->One of our neighbors told us that the former owner of the Scio Church Rd property, now deceased, had insisted that his property line was where our fence stands. Apparently, not wishing to engage in any sort of conflict, previous owners of our property has built the fence in accordance with that gentleman's (the owner of 1780 Scio church Rd) concept of his property line.

--[if !supportLists]-->3) <!--[endif]-->There is an outbuilding, a shed of sorts, which stands a few feet away from our fence. It is our considered theory that the owner of 1780 Scio Church Rd had built the outbuilding too close to the actual property line to be in accordance with Scio Township's zoning regulations. Rather than risk running afoul of any zoning regulations, it is a strong possibility that he had forced previous owners of our property to accept a false lot line definition in order that his outbuilding could remain standing where it was (and still is).

--[if !supportLists]-->4) <!--[endif]-->It is our understanding that the Scio Church Rd property is currently listed for sale which may perhaps lead, at least in part, to the reason why it is being considered for annexation by the City of Ann Arbor.

--[if !supportLists]-->5) <!--[endif]-->Further, it is our supposition that the property may be considered for development similar to that on Landmark Ct, Dogwood Ct, and Old Pear Tree Ct to the west on Scio Church Rd. We believe that all of these properties are within the boundaries of the City of Ann Arbor.

--[if !supportLists]-->6) <!--[endif]-->One of our neighbors had told us that the property on 1780 Scio Church Rd was not connected to the city sewer system. While we have no direct way of confirming that statement, it is highly likely, were that to be true, that annexation and subsequent connection to city services would make the property more conducive to both its sale and subsequent development.

--[if !supportLists]-->7) <!--[endif]-->One concern of ours is that, if the boundary lines between the two pieces of property are not properly defined, any new development of 1780 Scio Church Rd might unknowingly encroach on our property line as we understand it, and would therefore not be in accordance with the zoning regulations of the City of Ann Arbor should the annexation proceed as proposed.

--[if !supportLists]-->8) <!--[endif]-->Our second, and perhaps more important, concern is that we would like to know without any uncertainty the location of the property line between 1727 Hanover Rd and 1780 Scio Church Rd—particularly if it is clearly shown on any and all previous surveys.

We thank you for your kind consideration of this email considering that it would prove difficult for both of us to attend the public hearing.

We remain, sincerely yours

Richard & Deborah Mattson