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I have been a Kenai Peninsula resident for over 40 years and a City of Soldotna resident for 20 years. I am very much in favor of Soldotna's annexation of the current proposed tracts of land. The city has carefully selected sections that are clearly a part of its commercial hub. Some properties in these tracts are already using city water and sewer, and most of them should be connected to the system to protect the Kenai River and the ground water in these areas.

It has been clearly stated that property owners in the areas concerned are grandfathered in with regard to current land uses. It is also a fact that property taxes for residents in these areas is generally lower within the city than it is outside the city.

Residents have been scared into thinking that their rights will be restricted if they become a part of the city. Among these rights, people have mentioned the right to shoot guns on their own property while outside the city. If people are shooting within the proposed annexation areas, they are within range of neighbors in nearly all directions. Responsible gun owners would not have a reason to shoot guns in close proximity to neighbors. I know several people who moved into the city to avoid hearing nearby gunshots on a regular occasion when they resided outside the city.

Thank you for taking this testimony.

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