

I'm writing to submit my objection to the proposed forced annexation petition submitted by the city of Soldotna. As stated previously at numerous public hearings I along with many others have offered countless reasons why we're objecting to annexation. Probably the most glaring deficiency in this process is the lack of concern over affected property owner rights. At every public hearing the message sent by those affected is **they do not support annexation period and those concerns are being ignored.**

I've presented numerous examples of how property owners rights will be affected through added regulation, control, permits, development costs etc. just to mention a few. I've developed numerous commercial buildings in and out of the city and can assure you the cost of doing business in the city is certainly more complex and costly. Many owners bought their property without the city's excessive government control and would prefer to remain as is. **They do not want to be included in the complexity and burdensome regulations associated with the city.**

The city commissioned a study to gather meaningful impute from affected property owners and there was a resounding message again that Annexation was a NO GO. The no message either hasn't been heard or it's being completely discounted. Why a council of six can so dramatically affect property rights without a vote by those being affected is a mystery to me. We're being run over by this council and forced to accept their ruling without any meaningful impute or consideration. They've had numerous public hearings however they are not listening or simply don't care to hear us.

Now to clarify my position. I have three specific buildings in one of the proposed annexation areas. I've agreed in writing not to contest inclusion of one of these property's however I have not agreed to accept annexation of the other two pieces. My objections are specific to the remaining two property's.

I'm listing the three property's below for reference.

Not objecting:

34234 Industrial Street, Soldotna

Objecting:

34100 Airport Circle, Soldotna

34080 Airport Circle, Soldotna

I realize the city submitted under the legislative review process. I find this method to be aggressive, unnecessary, unjustified and completely inappropriate in America. It's my understanding there are only a few remaining states that even allow this forceful approach. Appropriate situations may exist for forced annexation, without a voice, however this simply isn't one of them.

I'm also an owner of several holdings located within current city limits. As an existing city property tax payer I'm concerned about this excessive annexation effort. The city removed two specific areas along Kalifornsky Beach Road that may have increased sales tax revenues, although that's debatable. Without these areas included I question why the city wants to expand to this degree. At times the city has a difficult time managing snow removal etc. and I can only imagine how difficult things will become with a nearly 30% increase in their service areas. As a current city tax payer this is a concern therefore I object to a land grab of this extent. It's too much too fast and will be detrimental to existing city services and tax payers.

I'm hopeful all LBC hearings on this matter will be held in our local area so those affected can continue objecting to this aggressive annexation effort.

Thank you.

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