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Subject: City Council Meeting on 8/7/23

Dear City Council,

My name is Cliff Harris. I live at 527 N. Shirk Rd. and am a receipt of your mailing re. annexation #2022-04. My property lies on the southern border of the proposed annexation. I would like to bring the following items to the council's attention.

One, the proposed addition to the city will markedly effect the traffic on Shirk Rd., and particularly the quality of life of those of us who already live on Shirk Rd. There are two bottlenecks to flow of traffic on Shirk Rd.. One is exactly East of the proposed addition and should require the widening of Shirk to the boundaries already easily identifiable if one drives on Shirk. I believe this property is already owned by the developer as it was included in the earlier proposal for annexation into the city but does not seem to be included this time.

The second is one which personally affects me. When ground preparation and construction begin, there will be a mass exodus of ground squirrels from the above property onto mine and the property of my neighbor to the West. This has happened before when the property South of me and to the East of me across Shirk were developed/converted to farm use. This caused considerable damage to my property and work on my part to deal with the situation.

The developer should be required to exterminate the ground squirrels on the property he plans to develop before he is allowed to begin building.

Third, the council may not be aware of the fact there was a ground water contamination remediation in the not-so-recent past. The last several yearly ground water analyses have been clear, but monitoring is a yearly on-going requirement from a previous legal action and may require the maintenance of a well which is likely within the area to be developed, but I do not know its precise location.

If I can be of any further assistance please do not hesitate to contact me through this email address or the postal service.

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