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Subject: FW: CAR15-00026, Annexation

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Re: CAR15-00026, Annexation

Commissioners:

The City's proposal to annex just the Riverland Terrace subdivision, passing over the other parcels of land that are also in Ada County that surround us is 'cherry picking', trying to gain the most money for the City coffers with out regard for equal treatment of all property owners. Why does the River Land Terrace subdivision get singled out for higher taxes with NO benefits to gain from the annexation and land on all sides of us get spared? While all areas in the Area of Impact may ultimately be annexed, it should be done for all land parcels that fail to meet the size that exempts them from annexation take over. Note that all the areas to the southwest side of Warm Springs Avenue have been left in Ada County. These properties include: the Shakespeare Theater, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, Barber Pool Conservation Area, Gregorson's, and Ben's Crow Inn. Why have they been excluded?

The annexation of just our property is unfair and disrespectful to our residents. The City is treating our little self-contained community like a "Cash Cow" for tax revenue, and providing no improvement in services or amenities.

As the Staff report indicates, we are adequately served now, and do not need anything from the City.

- ▲ Our water is from our own wells
- ▲ Our septic system functions well and we do not need to hook up to city sewer
- ▲ We have excellent fire protection and law enforcement security
- ▲ Our children are in Boise School District schools

We would get negligible benefits from being in the City only a large property tax increase of more than 37%, amounting to \$400 to \$500 per year.

And so I plead with you to stop this 'cherry picking' to gain quick money and expand the City boundaries in a logical and rational way. Take in those areas on the southwest side of Warm Springs Avenue first. When the GROUP of properties along East Warm Springs Avenue are brought in as a whole, we will join the city. Until that time, I and many of my neighbors will continue to oppose the annexation. It is very unfair.

Debra Hardy