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RE: Ranchos Del Rio De-Annexation

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Sedgwick Co. Clerk

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jodi Kirkland. I live on 10 acres at 7956 N. West St. in the Ranchos Del Rio addition with my husband and two kids. We have lived here for 17 years. I am writing this letter on behalf of my family and my in-laws, Jake & Patricia Kirkland, who live at 3700 Palos Verdes in the same addition. They have resided there since 1974. As property owners in the Ranchos Del Rio addition, we would like to voice our opinion of services provided to us by the city of Valley Center as compared with those provided by the county/township. Our chief complaint is the condition of the roads. It was our understanding that Palos Verdes would be resurfaced with oil & chip. It was only recently covered (sporadically) with rock instead. The dirt roads were better maintained before we were annexed. My daughter and I spend a lot of time riding horses on the neighborhood roads so we get a close look at them often. I can attest to the fact that there are so many good-sized rocks being thrown to the ditches by the graders. I also notice that there is a lot of debris blocking culverts. Since I live right on West Street, the snow storms weren't really a problem for me. However, my in-laws, who are elderly and not in the best of health, did not have their road cleared of snow in a reasonable amount of time. When our roads were graded by the township, snow was cleared promptly. I have never seen the city mowing or cleaning ditches in our neighborhood. But, I have always maintained our ditch, which is quite large.

My only other complaint pertaining to the issues at hand now is that of animal control and livestock fees. We own three horses. We have for many years. I find it appalling to have to pay \$75 each per year to the city of Valley Center. The city says that this is to help pay for animal control. In May of this year, my father-in-law called animal control about a stray dog at his house. He was told that the compliance officer was on vacation. The dog remained in the area for several days. When the officer came to look for the dog **one week later** it was of course gone.

I realize that we may or may not be de-annexed. If we continue to be in the city limits of Valley Center, I would ask that the workers who maintain the roads be better trained in doing so. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Doug & Jodi Kirkland

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