

Date: June 10, 2013

To: Sedgwick County Board of County Commissioners

From: Doug Powell

3810 Rio Grande Circle

Valley Center, KS 67147

Subject: De-annexation of Ranchos Del Rio Addition from Valley Center City

Thank you for considering this letter as evidence for de-annexation of our neighborhood. I was not intimidated to sign the petition nor am I being intimidated to write and send this letter.

I am the father of three great kids. We moved to our home at 3810 Rio Grande Circle from McLaughlin Drive, Valley Center almost a decade ago. It is a great area of the county to raise kids. My experience with the Valley Center city administration over the paving of McLaughlin Drive is an experience I do not want to live again and certainly influenced our decision to leave the city.

Regarding the roads in our neighborhood; they are now a patchwork of sealed, chat, rock and sand. I do not believe the city has met the expectations of the service plan and I do believe the county is better equipped and more highly trained to serve rural residents.

I never requested street lights and do believe that they have an impact on the wildlife in our rural setting. I enjoy an unobstructed night sky. The lights definitely are considered an obstruction to clear viewing.

I have never had an occasion to require the services of the compliance officer although it is reasonable to expect the position to provide necessary services based on residential needs. I know that prior to the annexation we could depend on the sheriff to answer our calls.

Gentlemen, thank you for your service.

Douglas E. Powell

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