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To the Hillcrest Community

We wanted to clarify that the Hillcrest Community is not in our proposed annexation area. We understand the concerns and our goal is to make a quality active adult lifestyle-oriented development and amenities that would enhance the surrounding community.

We have about seven hundred acres in total and have put together a development team to create a new home community. Four hundred acres of that total is in a Permanent Habitat Protection Easement which will maintain fantastic views and be a place everyone in the community can enjoy. This easement mitigates the loss of agricultural land and creates a safe space for local wildlife.

Safety is a priority and part of our process will include studies that determine whether a new fire station is required and what other infrastructure measures are needed to make the community safe.

Currently we are submitting a Pre-Annexation Application with the City of Merced. For now, this simply means it would be in consideration and potentially supported for annexation into city limits at a later time if the City Council agrees to the concept.

We have a quality and experienced team of architects, land planners and engineers working on this residential project. We are planning for it to be a terrific community with great views, and it will have access to amenities not currently offered for everyone in the surrounding area. Of course this will all take time and will be done factoring in feedback we receive. We feel certain this would create new membership potential for the Merced Golf & Country Club as well. This would of course raise your property values.

Thank you,

The Yosemite Lake Village Team

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Sent: Thursday, January 27, 2022 4:59 PM
To: Espinosa, Kim
Subject: Fwd: Accessing Hillcrest Neighborhood to the city of Merced

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: January 27, 2022 at 4:06:09 PM PST
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Accessing Hillcrest Neighborhood to the city of Merced

I am writing this letter strongly apposing this neighborhood's acquisition into the city. We are a neighborhood of 200-300 homes which sits across from El Capitan high school on 1+ acre lot sizes. Each home is on its own well system. In the first meeting the council was not even aware of this neighborhood. Someone asked if our neighborhood could be withdrawn from the city's acquisition and we are so wanting this to be done.

In the summertime my back yard watering system runs six hours 3-4 nights a week. My front yard runs three hours early AM 3-4 days a week. I'm sure with city water costs you can imagine the high cost of being on city water and what my water bill will cost me. We bought out here in the county so be out 4 legged kids could run in a fenced acre.

Also the hook up fee the city mentioned was unrealistic. Try triple or more that amount with having to drill up my half circular driveway in the front of the house as well ruin the sprinkler system and lawn when bringing in the city water pipe line to my house.

Has the city even considered the hiring of more policemen in this acquisition? The sheriffs department has taken good care of me when I've had to call them. What about firemen and trucks. We have no fire hydrants in the Hillcrest neighborhood.

I feel that the city council is very naive when it comes too adding this neighborhood to the city. I have lived here close to 30 years, I'm retired and my husband is no longer living. Many people in this area are retired. Having to pay to go onto city water at sometime will be very hard on us if not impossible so you are forcing us out of our homes.

I assume the council will take this into consideration. I know Mike Gallo won't.

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