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WASILLA CITY COUNCIL INFORMATIONAL MEMORANDUM

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TITLE: REPORT BY DITTMAN RESEARCH; OPINIONS AND PERCEPTIONS OF WASILLA-AREA PROPERTY OWNERS REGARDING POTENTIAL ANNEXATION – APRIL 2010

Agenda of: June 28, 2010

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Attachments: Report by Dittman Research – *Opinions and Perceptions of Wasilla-Area Property Owners Regarding Potential Annexation – April 2010*

SUMMARY STATEMENT:

The City hired Dittman Research to conduct a survey regarding Annexation. The raw results indicate that 3 to 1 are opposed to being annexed into the city. The results of that survey are attached.

In past annexations, the city required 100% agreement among the property owners wishing to be annexed. The annexation process is time consuming and expensive. It is not cost effective for the City to annex small areas with only a few lots.

The planning department has petitions on file from interested property owners, however; none of the areas that have expressed an interest have 100% agreement.

Three years ago the City Council requested the Planning Department investigate annexing larger areas. The Planning Department, in coordination with USKH, held several public meetings in the proposed areas and then worked with Dittman Research to conduct this survey. It is clear that large scale annexation is not desired and should not be considered.

The question remains: What are the next steps for the City? What should the City do for the property owners who would like to be included in the City?

There are several options for the City Council to consider at a future meeting:

1. Totally abandon any future attempts at annexation.
2. Consider combining several small annexations areas where there is 100% interest so there is enough land mass to make the process worth the effort.
3. In larger neighborhoods where there is interest, the city planning department could secure signed petitions. If petitions are signed by 60% or more of the residents in that neighborhood (the council could set another threshold) the city could seek annexation using the legislative approval method.
4. Finally, it should be recognized that the City Council's first consideration is the viability and vitality of the City. There may be areas where the Council decides it is in the best interest of the City to annex. The City Council may take action to annex an area based on a perceived City need or if it determines there is a compelling reason.

However, as with all methods of annexation the State Boundary Commission makes the final determination of which areas will be annexed. Even if the council determines annexation is important for the viability of the city, the State Boundary Commission can over ride that determination based on the testimony of the city and the residents.

The Planning Department requests direction, at a future meeting on what actions the City Council would request of the planning department.

Please see the attached results of the survey by Dittman Research.

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Methodology



Overview

Five areas surrounding the City of Wasilla are being considered for annexation into the City of Wasilla. To gauge the sentiment of the property owners in these areas, the City of Wasilla contracted with Dittman Research & Communications Corporation (DRC) to conduct a survey. This survey featured a dual methodology to allow respondents to answer the survey in the manner most convenient for them -- the survey could be completed on paper or via the internet.

On April 8, 2010, paper copies of the survey were mailed to all property owners in the potentially affected areas. Completed surveys were returned directly to DRC for processing via business reply mail.

Respondents could also go to the DRC website (www.dittmanresearch.com), click on the "Take Wasilla Annexation Survey" and enter the password located on their paper survey. These passwords were unique to each property owner, and allowed DRC to ensure that no one participated more than one time. On April 23, 2010, a "reminder postcard" was mailed to all property owners who had not completed their survey to-date. The online password was also provided on this postcard. (See the Section IV "Survey Instrument" for images of the survey and postcard.)

Although the official due date for the survey was May 1, 2010, DRC continued to count and process all surveys received through June 2, 2010. A total of 1,249 surveys were returned, for a response rate of 31.8%.

Surveys mailed	3,933
Surveys completed	1,249
Response rate	31.8%
Returned by mail	974
Completed online	275
Area 1 (North of Spruce Street)	338
Area 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)	126
Area 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)	244
Area 4 (Wasilla Lake)	204
Area 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)	278
No area - incomplete survey	55
No longer own property in area	4

Processing the Data

DRC employees completed coding, editing, data entry and verification, while data processing was completed through the in-house DRC computer system featuring the Statistical Package for the Social Sciences (SPSS) program. The SPSS program is one of the most sophisticated research-oriented data processing and analytical systems available, and is designed specifically for the processing and analysis of survey research data.

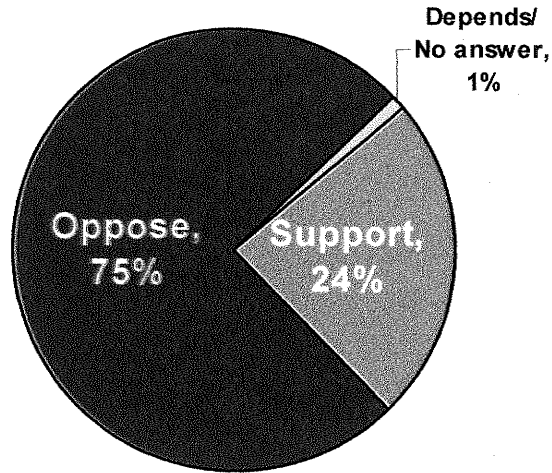


Findings



Looking at all responses as a whole, three-out-of-four (75%) reported “*opposition*” to annexation.

Question: *Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?*



By a wide margin, respondents from all areas report opposition to a possible annexation (71-81% “*oppose*”; 19-27% “*support*”).

	<u>Support</u>	<u>Oppose</u>	<u>Depends No answer</u>
Area 1 (North of Spruce Street)	27%	71%	2%
Area 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)	21%	76%	3%
Area 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)	19%	81%	0%
Area 4 (Wasilla Lake)	27%	71%	2%
Area 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)	25%	74%	1%

See Section V “Verbatim Comments” for the reasons respondents support or oppose a potential annexation.



Crosstabulations



Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?

		No answer	Support	Oppose	Depends	n=	BASE
TOTAL		1%	24%	75%	0%	1245	100.0%
Area of Property	No area given	2%	11%	87%	0%	55	4.4%
	1	2%	27%	71%	0%	338	27.1%
	2	2%	21%	76%	0%	126	10.1%
	3	0%	19%	81%	0%	244	19.6%
	4	1%	27%	71%	0%	204	16.4%
	5	0%	25%	74%	1%	278	22.3%
Registered to vote in Alaska	No answer	0%	7%	93%	0%	14	1.1%
	Yes	1%	23%	75%	0%	1175	94.4%
	No	2%	34%	64%	0%	56	4.5%

IV Survey Instrument



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Dear Wasilla area property owner,

We all know that the Wasilla area is the fastest growing community in Alaska! The discussion has begun in earnest on the pros and cons of annexing adjacent areas into the City of Wasilla, and we invite you to participate in the discussion. You are receiving this survey because you are a property owner within one of five areas being considered for annexation. Please review the map and pros and cons listed in this survey, answer three questions and share your comments — they are important!

This process is completely confidential. The City of Wasilla will never see the completed surveys. The results will be processed by Dittman Research & Communications, an Alaska company

with over forty years experience. Your anonymity is ensured. If you have any questions about the potential annexation, please contact Martin Veder, City of Wasilla, Deputy City Director, at (907) 373-9922 or by email mveder@ci.wasilla.ak.us. If you have questions for Dittman Research & Communications about the survey, they can be reached at (907) 243-3345 or dittman@alaska.net.

Thank you, your opinion counts!

Kenne E. Papright
Mayor of Wasilla

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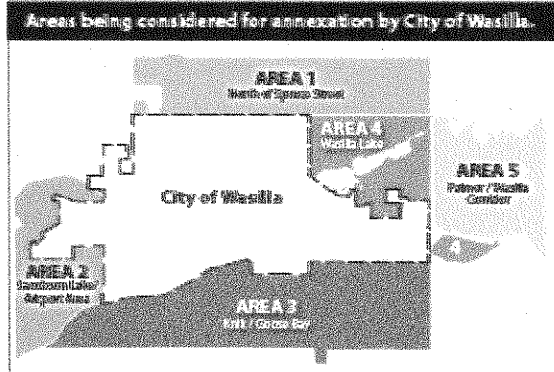
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Please take a few minutes today to review the enclosed information, answer the three questions, and add your comments. If you prefer, you may submit your responses via the internet. Just go to www.dittmanresearch.com, click on "Take Wasilla Annexation Survey", and enter the password that appears with your address on the front of this survey. Again, only Dittman Research & Communications will see your individual responses.

QUESTION: Please check the area where you own property:

- AREA 1 - North of Spruce Street
- AREA 2 - Jackson Lake/Airport Area
- AREA 3 - North/Vance Bay
- AREA 4 - Wasilla Lake
- AREA 5 - Palmer/Wasilla Corridor



The City of Wasilla is considering a request to annex adjacent areas into the city limits. We are asking for your opinion prior to moving forward with the request. Please read the following descriptions and mark your preference below.

The residents in the adjacent areas proposed for annexation are already part of the larger Wasilla community since they shop, use public facilities and are covered by public safety within the boundaries. Annexation will allow them to vote, run for elective city office, and serve on city boards and commissions.

The City of Wasilla would benefit by annexing the areas adjacent to the city since planning for transportation, public utilities, public safety and other services in the city must be considered in relation to what is happening nearby outside the city.

There would be some impacts to property owners. Building permits and land use requirements for the city and borough are similar, but not identical. Zoning is more precise within the city; however, the Rural Residential zoning allows a broad range of activities that are similar to borough land use requirements. There are additional rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles within the city.

Business activity inside the city already includes the collection of sales taxes; however, the city does not charge a property tax or road service fee, so property taxes in the city are substantially lower than in the adjacent areas.

Both the city and borough can provide public utilities through Local Improvement Districts (LID). The city has previously participated in water, wastewater and paving districts, while the borough has previously participated in the development of gas and electric utility districts.

QUESTION: Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?

- Support Oppose

REASON: _____

QUESTION: Are you registered to vote in Alaska?

- Yes No



Please feel free to add a page if you would like to provide further comments. Thank you again!



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Please return your completed survey by May 1, 2010


(back)

Dear Wasilla Area Property Owner,

Approximately 2 weeks ago, an important mailing was sent to you regarding a potential annexation matter. If you have already returned your reply, thank you! If not, please find it, answer it, and send it in. If you can't find it, or would rather reply online, please go to www.dittmanresearch.com, click on "Take Wasilla Annexation Survey", and enter the password that appears with your address on the front of this postcard.

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Mayor of Wasilla

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Verbatim Comments



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Question: *"Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?"* Reason:



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

So we can be involved in our planning commission and help make decisions on how our city will be developed. Be involved and have a say on issues in the city where I work and shop.

We use city facilities already. It would be nice to be able to vote on city matters since we are affected by them anyway.

Lower property tax.

We want off-road vehicles off our streets, which usually are underage kids. We would hope to have better funding for our roads and neighborhoods, and property taxes to be lower.

"Urban sprawl" – they should pay taxes as they benefit from the city's amenities.

First, more flexibility to provide services and reduction in response time versus borough. Second, no increase or levying of real estate tax on homes; lower taxes otherwise. Third, local controls, representation is always better versus remote borough government.

Former city resident; less property taxes, better police protection.

So I can run for city council!!! Plus ++, control of off-road vehicles in our area and better road maintenance. Non-union contractors suck!! (They just don't do a good job.) **Vern's doing a VERY!! good job.**

To lower property taxes.

Tired of ATV's, snowmobiles, and dirt bikes 24/7.

We use city facilities, pay sales taxes, and welcome the rules of the city.

For the ability to vote. I hope it will bring better zoning in our area. I like that property tax may be lower. I also like the public utilities.

More police for that five percent of troublemakers. Taxes will inevitably rise as Obama takes over the entire country and eliminates governors so nothing much matters at this time.

I think we would get better police and fire protection, as well as possible lighting on our streets.

Save money on taxes and maybe get our street paved.

Better opportunities.

We do all our trading in Wasilla. We would like a voice in the city administration. We also believe we would see more police presence inside the city limits.

Regulation in growth.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: *“Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?” Reason:*

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Lower property taxes, increased police patrols, and it would get the little #\$\$@& on four-wheelers off the streets, make the hillbillies clean up their yards, and remove junk cars.

Bike path maintenance (plowing), lower taxes.

Police protection and response time would probably be quicker if needed.

We do have misgivings about the cost of water and sewer and paved roads – mostly the water and sewer – because we are retired and on a fixed income.

I'm affected by the choices of the very few that live in the city limits. I want to vote on issues that affect me. Don't let those NIMBY FOOLS stop this annexation.

Police and fire protection.

How does it benefit me as a homeowner? Police protection isn't enough of a reason. Will I end up paying more taxes? Will the city be responsible for road maintenance?

Obtain Wasilla Police protection and specifically to allow ordinances that: One, restrict four-wheeler usage. Two, provide for zoning. Three, allow me to have a vote in how my sales tax dollars are spent. (As I shop in Wasilla proper, pay the sales tax, but I don't have a vote.)

Alaska State Troopers are understaffed and have performed poorly in many instances in our area. It also seems appropriate since we use many “city” services.

Interested in city utilities as a benefit to our home; also, I have paid over \$5,000 a year in property tax and our road is still not paved. I want public utilities.

City services.

If property taxes decrease, services go up, and additional jobs are created, then I'm for it.

We bought land in this area and built a home so that we could reside outside of the city. We see no benefit to belong to the City of Wasilla. The tax base within the city provides plenty of revenue – an abundance!! However, zoning to separate business from residential areas would be beneficial.

To have a voice; service; borough out of control taxes.

Annexation would provide an opportunity for my subdivision to enjoy lower taxes, city police protection, public works support (such as speed humps where needed and snow plowing, road maintenance, etc.), and representation at the city through council representation (not necessarily our own council person, but someone to represent our interests).

From above information it fits with our philosophy and ideals and long-range plans.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Police support.

So I can vote on Wasilla things.

I use city services as much as anyone already living in city boundaries.

[Also in Area 3] I enjoy city services.

Lower taxes – better road maintenance – better police coverage. Offices closer to people with closer contact with city government.

Less taxes. Better police protection. Better road maintenance. Building and zoning laws.

Would like to reduce property taxes.

Improved services.

More money for Wasilla to have a new and improved library, post office (feds?), community center – we need a pool, lower property tax, pave our street finally – lived on a dirt road more than 16 years.

Lower taxes, police protection, safer community.

Not enough information to make a decision – most concerned about water and sewer and how more would be affected. Generally a good idea, but need more information.

I think it will give the greater Wasilla area more of a say in local government. It will increase the "gene pool" for elected officials.

City water and city sewer (city utilities).

I hope stricter building requirements will result in better built and more pleasant looking neighborhoods. I like the idea of more precise zoning so that you will have a better idea of what could be built next to you when you buy a piece of property in these areas.

Lower property taxes. More precise zoning.

Hopefully more zoning/code enforcement.

[Also in Area 3] Provides greater area public participation in local government.

[Also in Area 4] (Area 1, North of Spruce Street – West of church.) Better police and road maintenance. Being in Area 4 and surrounded by city limits, state police have to respond to disturbances and that takes too long, and county road crews have to go through city roads to plow the street and that takes too long.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Annexation makes sense.

While no one likes paying taxes in any form, I feel that if the annexation will lower the total tax taken from the local citizens and will improve services already provided, it would be a good thing. If it does not, the Independent Alaskan Mentality will kick in and a hornet's nest of legal actions will probably ensue.

I am generally in favor of a sales tax model rather than property taxes. I also feel that the City of Wasilla is generally run better than the Mat-Su Borough. When my wife and I moved here with our family over ten years ago, we felt it would be only a matter of time before annexation would occur.

As it states, we all interact with the City of Wasilla and should have say and investment in its future.

Public safety is my biggest concern.

Since I use City of Wasilla services and infrastructure regularly, I would like to have a say in the decision making process.

Already close to downtown... Would like to use city police services.

I enjoy my house and cannot do anything about my neighbors. Once inside city limits, there will be more rules that would regulate what their houses and yards look like.

Lower taxes and public utilities.

We live in Wasilla, but we have no say about the city or its elected officials because we live outside a line. I want more say.

Interested in public utilities such as city sewer and water.

Guarantee water and sewer utilities and I'll go knocking door to door to encourage my neighbors. I have no problem with tighter zoning with annexation. Looking at the town of Wasilla, I'd say you need to tighten it even further.

Our area would become safer due to off-road vehicle restrictions and better police protection. Possibly our land would increase in value.

If my taxes are lower I'm happy.

I am tired of my neighbor firing off his pistol out his front door whenever he feels like it. The Alaska State Troopers say it is perfectly legal, despite there is no direction a weapon can be pointed that doesn't involve a home or person. It's only a matter of time...

We support more regulations, more paved streets and sidewalks, and more development.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

We are in a quiet area, all having our own wells and septic systems (don't pay for city water and sewer). We've invested deeply in rebuilding leach fields and pulling wells, and do not want that money lost. We don't want city tax! We're happy now the way we are. Road cleaning and maintenance have been very good.

I am satisfied with the current situation.

Absolutely oppose!!!! Why should I be a part of Wasilla City? I do not pay property tax now due to age exemption. I have a very good well, and sewer system, our roads are paved. There would be absolutely NO benefit to me to be a part of the city.

Less rules, specifically zoning! Enjoy off-road vehicles freedom.

Increased taxes but no services.

I don't want more taxes for even less services, annexing us into it. City is no way to fix their budget problems.

Higher taxes less services. We do not have any benefits of the city. We have our own septic and water and the borough does a great job of road maintenance. We do not pay sales tax here. If we become part of Wasilla we will pay sales tax.

Wasilla police or public safety can't handle the residents now. I was robbed of everything twice in Wasilla city limits – on my property while gone – police did nothing except talk to me – never solved. I am slowly buying back my losses.

Too vague. Would like to have absolute specifics.

Tax increase! I can barely afford the \$3,800 per year I'm paying now. It is outrageous.

No need – satisfied with present conditions. Don't trust the governing body of the City of Wasilla.

I don't want added taxes or to hook up to city water or sewer.

Wasilla is a corporation – not a du jour constitutional political entity. I am a sovereign man, as are all good American adults. Sovereign Americans created governments which are servants of the sovereign people. (This is not to be construed in any manner as giving the City of Wasilla corporation any jurisdiction over me or my property.) Your offer to contract is declined.
Refused.

I like the independence of having my own well and septic tank and being left alone more. I can have some livestock if I wish.

If we do not get water or sewer it's not worth it.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Cannot afford extra taxes that will be infused later (water, sewer). As it is now I do not have any borough taxes (my age). You are not giving me any good reason to change.

The City of Wasilla cannot ever properly manage the area they have. The only benefits are to the City of Wasilla and negatively impact us!

Oppose!!! Public utilities, no! Do not need city services; do not want to be in city limits. VERY OPPOSED to being annexed!!! **Already have paved road, private well/septic.**

This move would only serve to broaden the city's tax base. It will not provide those of us being annexed with any more services. Let's be honest, you are not going to hire more police, provide more fire protection, or services to any of us you intend to annex.

The city should not regulate the use of firearms in any way. Therefore, the city jurisdiction must not be expanded until it repeals all firearm laws and regulations.

Increase in property taxes. I may be forced in the future to hook up to city water which is very expensive.

The City of Wasilla CANNOT keep up with the area it currently services, so I do not believe that adding to it will serve the people or utilize the new tax money well. The current administration is a complete joke and drunk with power. NO THANK YOU!!!

If I wanted to live in the city I would move in the city. Beside, you have the laziest police force I have ever seen.

We are perfectly happy with our neighborhood the way it is and do not need any additional red tape in our lives. Thank you.

If I wanted to live in the Wasilla city limits I would have moved there. I like my zoning the way it is!

I'm a creature of habit. I don't like city politics lately. Living "outside Wasilla" is nice. But would annexing help get the four-wheelers off the road, really? Would the city patrol and ticket offenders?

Possible loss of rural way of life. Not an economic/viable corridor. Additional burden on city to maintain roads within our housing development (which currently is maintained on a regular basis). (Support Area 4 only!)

We prefer to remain outside the City of Wasilla (CoW) to retain OHV use, reduce CoW potential tax increases due to annexation and retain personal responsibility for building rights on personal property.

Too much government regulation.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

[Also Area 4] Title 21 or any future type legislation.

Hell no! I am tired of all the rules and regulations! Stop making more and more. Leave Alaska rural. Keep it borough. Thanks ☺.

Too many unknowns – taxes – bureaucracy, city politics, codes, ordinances, enforcement, animal control. If I wanted to live in the city I would have moved there – I don't. It would make me a criminal if I shoot a damn squirrel in my backyard. I will get a break on my property taxes in four years (age 65). That will be lost under city government. Who requested this annex? By the way, the Wasilla Police Department does not cover Area 1, the Alaska State Troopers does.

I realize nothing ever stays the same. I prefer that the City of Wasilla continue to plan for services inside the city in relation to what is happening outside the city. Thank you.

Permits, zoning, firearms, off-road vehicles, high taxes.

Without any drastic increase in the Wasilla Police Department we will have no better coverage than we have now. Also, it is highly unlikely that we would receive water and sewer service. (Not enough bang for our buck!)

We do not need or want any more regulation. Stay away.

Taxes, regulations, more government.

There would be nothing to gain and plenty to lose.

If we wanted to live within city limits we would have bought a house already in the city. Also oppose further restrictions for off-road vehicles.

Already pay too many taxes!!!! Don't want to pay more!!!!

Don't want any more restrictions.

I strongly oppose annexing my area. Do not know enough about it, and after living here for almost 22 years I think things are great the way they are now.

I do not wish to live in city limits or I would have built our house in the Wasilla city limits.

We firmly do NOT want to be added to Wasilla city limits.

Taxation without representation. I know about LID. No way! I don't have money for it. Want an RSA! From the borough we have water already on our own.

Not sure that this survey applies as we are borough amongst city at this time, but we oppose the annexation because there are not clear terms of what such action would bring if passed.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

The last thing we need is more regulation of any kind!

The Wasilla city limits are already big enough, it's unnecessary to make them larger...

I do not wish to be under City of Wasilla jurisdiction with their rules and regulations. Borough is bad enough.

Zoning.

Do not want or need more government regulations or taxes.

We do not consider ourselves a part of the Wasilla community since we try to do most of our shopping in Anchorage; we do not use the public facilities; and do not have the Wasilla police patrolling in our area and do not want them to be patrolling in our neighborhood. We do not wish to vote in Wasilla city elections or run for any office or boards. We have enough restrictions as far as building and other permits and do not want to dance to the silly tune of Wasilla. We are happy the way things are and do not want to be part of a poorly run city government with ridiculous restrictions.

Tax increase with no return. Morbid fear of being identified as having any commonality with Sarah Palin.

[Regarding zoning and requirements] I intentionally bought property out of city limits for this reason. Thank you.

Well documented increase in taxes.

No more regulations.

Oppose STRONGLY! If I had wanted to be in city limits I would have bought property there. The benefits are more to the city for annexation than for me as an individual. The lifestyle changes for being "inside" outweigh any other so-called "benefits" for me. I do not want to be in the city, rules, etc. Yes, I will shop there. I do not want to be involved in city politics.

Like living outside city limits with fewer restrictions on use of firearms and off-road vehicles.

We have a sales tax in California and it just gets used up by special interests and bad politicians. Doesn't work here, why would it work there?

We purposely bought home and property OUT OF CITY limits. We do not want to live in the City of Wasilla. We DO NOT WANT city zoning, rules, taxes, and regulations. Keep Area 1 borough land!

We don't need more government, don't need your zoning, don't need your rules on firearms and ATVs.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I do not want sales tax in the area.

Because I don't feel they offer me any more than I have and my taxes would go up and I like it the way it is.

If we wanted to live in the city, we would have purchased a home in the city.

No desirable benefits; but significant financial costs and reduction in quality of life (more government, more restrictions, less rural feel).

People outside the city pay sales tax inside the city. [Regarding annexation allowing city voting] This is not necessarily valuable! [Regarding LID] I am already providing these things! [Regarding city property tax] I'm sure they will change this! THIS IS NOT GOOD FOR PROPERTY OWNERS. This is also very BAD TIMING (see Obama Care 2010).

Why?

I don't want higher taxes, city utilities, or any of your control. Your water is terrible. There is nothing the city offers that I want.

I do not want to, at some point, be forced to hook up to water with unhealthy fluoride and chlorine and who knows what else. I have a one bedroom home with a three bedroom sewage system that is ready now and don't want city sewer. It costs too damn much to hook up. I am on a fixed income.

More restrictions, more government, impact to property via regulations.

This survey was put out by the City of Wasilla and said they would not see results. What does the borough think about this? I would like to know that and how Wasilla is going to benefit from this land grab.

Firearms – off-road vehicles. This is why I built out of town, to get away from dictators. I built in 1973 to be out of town limits and want it to stay that way.

[Also Area 3] No beneficial gains, more restrictions.

Because I don't want to pay your taxes with no benefit. I have my own water and sewer, and just simply do not want to be a part of a city that already can't take care of its own roads and crime problems. Also, the map above does not explain the proposed boundaries.

Although lower taxes sounds appealing, the thought of total regulation on building, recreation, and even more, is my deciding factor to opt out. These issues are why we moved here from Juneau.

No benefits I need.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We do not need to increase our town's population and size. Why not keep our town small?
Can we not learn from the Lower 48?

There is no reason for more government that will not give us any more services than we already have. They just want to expand their tax base and provide little to no extra services.

No interest in living in a city. No advantage to homeowners. Just another bureaucracy. I already pay sales tax. Stay away from my property taxes.

I live on a gravel road in a one road subdivision. If we are annexed the road will be paved and I will be forced into paying a portion of the cost.

We like the freedoms we have of making decisions for our property.

We live here because it is outside the city limits. We don't want any government intervention from the City of Wasilla.

I don't want any more added expenses – I like it just like it is.

Faster jump to more burdensome zoning regulations and permits. Left Oregon because of these opportunity-stifling practices. Local money, state bureaucracies, are now near bankrupt because of these practices.

I do not want to be brought into the city limit of Wasilla.

We do NOT want to be in the city limits – you say taxes are lower now, but wait until you have more people to serve and taxes will go up.

We don't believe we would see any benefit to being part of the city, but we'd be paying city taxes. We are on well water and won't get city water. We don't need trash pick up. So NO, NO, NO, we do not want to be part of the city.

No benefits for annexing to Wasilla. I have lived in the Valley since June 5, 1982. I've had no problems with the Mat-Su government.

Strain on public services. Not enough businesses to collect sales tax to cover the cost of services in the areas proposed. Keep it like it is... it works fine!

We do not want ANY CITY SERVICES! We love our well water and have already paid to pave our road. I believe AM08-53 should not be repealed so that this issue can be resolved by the people.

I strongly oppose annexation because there is not any advantage to living within the city limits of Wasilla. Leave the boundaries as they are.



WASILLA CITY GOVERNMENT
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AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

The cost of taxes, utilities, and gasoline have sky rocketed. Unless there is proof of government spending under control, I am opposed to any more government.

We are happy the way things are at this time.

To keep the city out of the country.

I see no reason for the annexation. It does not benefit me in any way.

Don't want to be in the city.

I dislike government interruption in life.

Covenants.

Not interested in additional restrictions on use of my property or in additional licensing or permit requirements for building, pets, etc.

We don't want to be in the City of Wasilla. Not now; not ever.

Higher taxes.

Zoning laws.

Bigger city means bigger government. I believe over time this will cost us more money and bring more rules and regulations that are already strangling our freedoms.

We don't need additional government!!

We are just now getting the quality of services we voted for 20 years ago. Adding huge quantities of residential areas will set us back.

We strongly oppose being annexed into the City of Wasilla. We love the lifestyle afforded us by not being encumbered by further regulations this would cause. We do not want restrictions placed on our firearms and off-road vehicles. We do not want Wasilla police setting up speed traps in our neighborhoods. Sorry, Vern – we say NO!!

I do not see what the city can offer. The borough has been great for me.

The only one to benefit from this is for the City of Wasilla.

Because I don't have the money to hook up to city waste and I enjoy riding my recreational vehicles when I feel like it. Most of the people in my neighborhood like things just the way they are.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I see no benefit in being annexed into the city, just more rules and regulations.

I like my rural residential zoning.

More government equals more taxes, more regulations, and dealing with more government bureaucrats.

I can't afford to pay for all the improvements that would follow annexation.

I don't want the extra regulation on my property. I believe there will be more taxes as part of the city; can't expand government without a price. Don't want to pay for sewer or water hook up.

I don't want to pay any higher taxes for property. No laws are enforced by Wasilla Police Department anyway except traffic. I know I have spent tons on septic and well already. Don't need help.

Want to keep our area secluded and private the way it is. Besides, our taxes would go up and it is too high already for five acres with nothing on it.

We have all the services we need and we do not have to pay more for them! We have enough government now. If they really were for the people, by the people, and not for themselves, it may be a different story.

No more bigger government. Wasilla doesn't need to become another Anchorage with higher taxes and less service to those taxpayers.

We bought to live in the "country".

Not interested in your public utilities. Not interested in your extra permits. Not interested in your rules for off-road vehicles. Not interested in your sales tax. We like our well water, as opposed to fluoridated city water.

Cost benefit is not there for us or the city.

The city cannot remove snow fast enough already, why give them more. They never plow on the weekends and take four days off for Christmas and Thanksgiving, which leaves our roads unplowed for four days. They do a real \$%#& job, but my property tax keeps going up.

If I wanted to live in Wasilla I would have bought a house there. I pay your sales taxes and that is enough.

Want to leave things just like they are. Thanks anyway.

Do not like taxes! Do NOT LIKE additional rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles!!!



VERBALLY CONSENTS WASILLA AREA 1 (NORTH OF SPRUCE STREET)

AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We are happy the way it is. We do not want the extra taxes.

I purchased property outside of the city because I do not want to live in city limits with its encumbrances. I moved out of Anchorage because I like the freedom of non-city living. I raise animals. Cities have too many restrictions and assessments for things you don't need. I would have to move further north.

We are fine as we are.

No more taxes!!!!

I don't want the City of Wasilla telling me what I can and cannot do with my property! And... I think your paragraph is misleading about property taxes. I'm sure mine wouldn't go down... only up!!

My taxes would go up. I know people in city limits who tell me they pay borough and city tax on their home. Could not have horses and I like the country, I like having a well. Don't want to be on city water – they can add things to the water.

Would receive no city services for cost of paying city sales tax on all utilities. Would not like the additional rules for off-road vehicles and the use of firearms the annexation would bring. Less government. Less taxes!!!

We do not want to live inside city limits. Property taxes are already too high. This is just to get more money for Wasilla – I shop in Wasilla, pay taxes. Do not need more! Will consider moving if it happens. (Will move outside city limits.) You won't give me city sewer or water – NO!! Don't want it anyway.

I want to keep my small farm – built up in 1971. State just took 2½ acres. I don't want city taxes. The city, in the form of one meeting, can force a person to hook up to city water, sewage, etc. My parents were forced into it in Kodiak and were fined \$100 a day until they lost everything.

Don't want to pay city water, sewer, taxes. Would have to charge clients city taxes for our business. If we wanted city restrictions we would have bought a house in-town initially. No (obvious) benefits for us.

If I wanted to live in the city limits I would have built my home (house) in the city!

Wasilla has more restrictive laws and no doubt taxes would increase.

Business tax.

We derive no benefit from annexing our property; we would only add layers of complication and regulations.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Don't want city services; don't need city services, taxes already too high!

Things are fine the way they are – "don't fix what ain't broke."

If we wanted to live in city limits we would have bought our house there!

We don't need to be paying any city sales tax to fund your corrupt police department!

[Also in Area 5] Wasilla has nothing to offer me. City services are poor, at best. They (you) have an antiquated and improper 911 system (Palmer answers 911??). Police are lazy; they answer calls for domestic violence complaints over the phone. Not to mention your sales tax.

Many – regulations, taxes, fees, etc. Keep government to a minimum!

Negatives outweigh the positives. Too expensive.

We like being outside city limits.

I do not want city permits, land use requirements, zoning rules, or additional rules. The city government is far too liberal for me.

Expect there will be additional taxes and restrictions.

[Also in Area 4] [Regarding "some impacts to property owners"] By more taxes! [Regarding "property taxes in the city are substantially lower"] Wasilla can't live up to this promise. You lie! Oppose – Look, do you get it! I attended and voiced my opposition to this. The city does not have the capacity to provide additional utility services as they stated the need to build a sewer treatment plant to do this. This is just a money grab to build a bigger tax base. Get it in your thick pig-headed skull, **WE DO NOT WANT THIS!** I voiced additional comments at three meetings. Don't you listen? Obviously not!

Do not agree with the direction the city is going under the direction of the current mayor. Do not like his approach or attitude, nor do we think his vision is what the majority of the citizens want. Don't believe that the mayor listens to the citizens. Believe that the areas to be incorporated bring very little revenue (mostly residential) and if incorporated would mean the city would have to reinstitute property taxes to provide services (additional police, etc.). We already do most of our shopping in the city and pay sales taxes for our purchases, so there would be no additional revenue to the city for that. The renewed city property taxes would then be on top of the borough taxes we currently pay. The services we receive from the borough such as our road services are superior to (and probably cost less) than what we see in the city limits.

I see absolutely no advantages and many disadvantageous, intrusive Wasilla laws.

If we wanted to live in the city, we would have bought in the city.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Quite frankly I view this as nothing more than an additional tax base grab. Additionally, I know of no one in my area that supports this land grab by folks who we weren't able to vote for in the first place. There is absolutely nothing the City of Wasilla can offer that we are interested in.

If I wanted to live in the city, I would have bought a home in the city.

I purchased home outside city limits specifically! Too much government at all levels.

We like where we live and prefer not to have to deal with additional government bureaucracy.

[Also in Area 3] For our properties north of Spruce we won't get water/sewer services and right now the borough does a better job with road service than the City of Wasilla. I did not get a code for each of my three properties – all three are impacted by this proposal. I am opposed also for Area 3 annexation.

There are not enough businesses in Area 1 to collect a reasonable amount of sales tax to support the necessary service expenditures placed on the city. The city would need to increase sales tax or increase its mil levy from 0.0 to 2.0 to support the service level requirement. Not a fiscal responsible thing to do!

No sewer or water planned in the subdivision for many years, subject to city sales tax, and no benefits that we don't already have. We've been fine for the past 30-plus years so why annex us now?

I cannot afford the cost of sewers or whatever else the City of Wasilla decides I need.

Potential costs of city water, sewer...code compliance issues.

Cannot afford higher taxes.

This annexation will not do anything for the homeowner in our area; this will benefit the City of Wasilla only. They will increase their tax revenue and the homeowners will not receive any additional services. I do not wish to run for elective city office or serve on city boards or commissions, nor does my wife. The city has roads that need repair in the main areas and they cannot keep up with it. How do they plan to maintain all the new roads if they annex the new areas, hire more people, buy more equipment, and do nothing as in the past?

I oppose the annexation because I don't know enough about city codes/taxes to make an educated decision. I don't really like more laws/codes (firearms, off-road vehicles, etc.), and feel I pay plenty of taxes as it is. I already pay Wasilla sales tax every time I shop in town so I don't understand the revenue increase without taxing newly annexed property owners. Is it that hard to plan for services with the borough? Alaska DOT seems to be doing fine. Also, I have no desire to run for city office or serve on a city board/commission – that's one reason we bought a house outside of the city limits.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Homes are on their own well and septic. My lot is undeveloped. I enjoy little or no services. I would support it only on all these conditions: 1. Equal to or less than Mat-Su Borough taxes; 2. Received police services; 3. There was a lower tax rate for undeveloped land than developed land, since services used are very little; and 4. I can vote on city issues even though I live in Anchorage, otherwise this is taxation without representation.

Building permits and land use requirements for the city. Rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles within the city.

I am satisfied with the level of services and the cost of them offered by the borough. Adding another level of government to deal with will not improve my quality of life or services. Area 1 is not a business district, so offsetting city costs will have to come from other than business use. The city wouldn't pursue this unless it was monetarily beneficial to them (and thus not me).

If we wanted to be part of the City of Wasilla instead of the borough we would of purchased our home within city limits.

As a homeowner for over 23 years, at the same address in the Ravensview subdivision, I have received no benefit from the City of Wasilla. I do not need or require water or sewer services. This is just another government land grab for taxation. I am totally opposed to this annexation.

I get nothing out of it except problems for a home-based business. There is already way too much government intrusion in my life and I don't need any more.

The generation of more taxes, rules, and regulations will eventually make for a poorer community and subsequently a downturn in economics for the area. Move the capital and generate jobs, build industrial factories in the area to help offset our president's budget!

We do not want to be considered in Wasilla city limits and all that goes with it. If we wanted to be in the city limits we would have purchased property there.

Annexation will only increase property taxes. The increased cost for police to cover expanded areas, plus cost of additional road maintenance equipment and operators, and administrative costs cannot be supported by existing sales tax revenue as purported previously in news articles. This annexation was strongly opposed in November, 2009 town hall type meetings. Water and sewer service would be taxed by LID assessments.

I see no benefit to annexation. I don't want the added expense. I live where I do because I do not want to live in a city.

No advantages, more government control...exactly what we don't want.

Because of City of Wasilla's rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles within the city.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: *"Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:*

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We are happy with the way things are at the present time. The borough does a great job with street and road services. Although there are no city property taxes being assessed, once the annexation goes through surely that will be the next step in this process. If we had wanted city "restrictions" regarding land use, we would have chosen to live in Wasilla. We previously owned a house in another state where we were forced to accept annexation, even though we were against it. Once the annexation occurred, we were then faced with big assessment fees for water and wastewater, in addition to even more taxes and fees. Where will the money come from to provide the additional burden of police and fire protection? More and higher taxes! Annexation just means more taxes and fees for property owners. Leave us alone! We will fight this annexation. Annexation just leads to taxation without representation! The bottom line is that the City of Wasilla just wants to annex these areas to put more money into their coffers. Right now we are not hearing any absolute guarantees that additional fees and taxes will not be assessed, now or in the future.

If I would have wanted to live in Wasilla I would have bought in the city. I was here when you started the sales tax and they said that it was only for the police department and look at how fast it went to the general fund. I think that this is only a money maker for the city and I'm against it. Anytime you give up more freedom I'm against it.

This annexation will do nothing for me except create more taxes and oversight from too large of government already. I know you say it will reduce taxes, but I don't believe it and I am over-taxed as it is and do not care to have to pay the borough and then Wasilla as well. Please leave well enough alone. I also am not interested in your re-zoning. I want my zoning left as is and am fine with being in the borough.

If I wanted to be part of a city, I would live in one.

Too many restrictions on what you can do with your property.

I do not see what the benefit to my family is.

Destruction of wetlands by building contractors within the existing city boundaries is indicative of the growth at any cost of the city. Our ponds have lost more than four feet of water due to drainage of wetlands and residential building. Waterfowl and moose have lost habitat because of it. We don't need more.

One of the main reasons we purchased this property was its location. We did not want to live in the city. We prefer the freedom and less restrictive lifestyle that comes with living outside the city limits. If we wanted to live in the city...we would have bought a house in the city.

I oppose the annexation proposal. I see no benefits to me as an owner of two businesses that would be subject to even more regulations. I bought unrestricted land and I don't see that the City of Wasilla has provisions for grandfather rights, just additional permits and land use requirements. This would negatively affect me, my businesses, and my customers.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

ABSOLUTELY NOT!!! There are zero reasons why I should want to provide Wasilla with any tax monies as there are zero benefits to me or any other land owner outside the want-to-be city. We are already paying their sales tax. And as far as the services they will provide in return for our tax money, they are to maybe put in a sewer line and city water along the street someday, at a cost of several extra thousand dollars to each landowner, and then tell us we can't continue to use the wells and septic systems we already have; and force the resident to spend more money to hook up to their services for which they will charge a few more thousand per household plus an undetermined amount of money monthly for water and sewer. I have no reason to want to serve on their boards or committees just so I can tell my neighbors that because some idiot got a bill passed they can no longer have six or eight trailers in their yard, or that a resolution says they have to get a zoning permit to build a woodshed in which they are forced to keep the winter's wood secreted from the sight of their neighbors. What paving are you considering, and how much are you going to charge for what the borough has already done, or did they mess up and do a worse job of it than you think you can do? Also, how much extra are you planning to charge to repair them every year for keeping the snow cleared? As far as police protection is concerned, I rather imagine we'll get about what the people in Wasilla get now – just less of it. On any given day I watch their vaunted police force sit on their asses drinking coffee as they watch most of the drivers on the road go speeding at ten to fifteen miles an hour above the speed limit, through red lights and stop signs. The police can't do a damn thing until a crime has already been committed and I trust a hell of a lot more in my riot gun, which is near at hand, than I do in their ability to get out of their office or away from the donut shop when someone at 911 does finally decide that maybe there is something amiss going on, and I am dead because I didn't have the right to do anything to protect myself anymore. Yes, the police are as near as your phone, it just may take them a couple of hours to get there, if they bother to respond at all!!! I'm perfectly happy with being able to get out on my four-wheeler or snow machine and use it for transportation to a friends' so we can go riding or hunting without having to load them on a trailer, because the little noise they make might disturb some prima donnas' beauty rest at 10:00 am in the afternoon. MOST OF THE PEOPLE I KNOW OUTSIDE WASILLA'S CITY LIMITS ARE PEOPLE WHO MOVED OUT HERE TO GET AWAY FROM ANCHORAGE AND ITS HIGH-HANDED "GIMME OR I'LL TAKE IT" ATTITUDES. AND SPECIFICALLY BOUGHT PROPERTY OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS OF WASILLA TO STAY AWAY FROM ITS ATTITUDES. WE NEITHER NEED, NOR WANT, YOUR ZONING LAWS, NOSY COMMITTEES, OR NONEXISTENT SERVICES. WE JUST WANT TO BE LEFT ALONE!!!

Off-road recreational vehicles are running amok and apparently don't recognize the rights of private property owners to quiet enjoyment of their homes. This is happening inside city limits and is condoned by the city. In my mind there is no upside to being part of the city.

Prefer the rural attributes, including off-road uses.

I do not have enough information to make a informed decision on this. How will my property tax be impacted? Would I be forced to be part of LID of sewer and water? What are the benefits other than Wasilla Police Department and paid fire department? When I am provided this information I will weigh the pros and cons.



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

There isn't anything left to develop right here and all else is grandfathered in. We already have our own water and septic, so it would only mean more taxes that would not benefit me directly. Our subdivision regulates everything already.

As a small business owner, annexation of Area 1 would require me to carry an additional business license, charge my customers sales tax, and make sales tax deposits to the city. I don't require city public utilities and I am concerned about the impact of city building permits, land use requirements, and zoning restrictions. From my perspective, the benefit of annexation, if any, would be minimal. Residents outside the city's boundaries are inherently part of the larger Wasilla community, and yes, shop and use public facilities within the city; but that assertion does not justify annexation of those adjacent areas. The residents of the proposed annexation areas should have the deciding vote. If the majority of my neighbors support annexation then so be it, but I don't think it should be a city council decision.

If I wanted to live inside the city limits I would have purchased property inside the city limits. We intentionally bought outside the city limits. If other people outside the city limits are inquiring about city services, tell them to purchase property inside the city.

We purposely bought our home outside the city limits so as to not be subject to the same rules, regulations, zoning, taxing, and requirements that are associated with owning property within the city limits.

Taxes will go up.

WE don't need the city taxes; we have enough.

The city is not maintaining the streets or sidewalks.

I would like to support this because: 1. Being taxed without representation via city tax, living in borough. 2. Sewer and water. 3. Don't like borough manager, nor their costs. But do not support this because: 1. Don't like the police, most are not nice and they would harass us. 2. How long would sewer and water take to plumb in? Years!! 3. Couldn't shoot my gun in the city limits. I also have been told that when you put the sewer system in it was put in (built) at capacity. That has been exceeded now, and the waste goes to Anchorage. How wasteful and stupid. Is this true? Also, the city hall of Wasilla has now become like a big city, impersonal. They don't even answer their phones now when you call. I don't like that. I do like Vern, but is he being transparent? It doesn't seem so when city hall doesn't answer their phones now. But are they becoming more controlling and communistic? Seems so. Plus, there is not just, honest, equal protection under the law, because the police have their records expunged after two years and their own personal investigate their own police crimes, so therefore they are exonerated from their crimes. Not so with the PEOPLE. Our records are kept from birth to death and my friends aren't investigating my crimes (if any) and exonerating me. A BIG FAT NO!!



AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: *"Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:*

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I didn't move to Alaska to live in a city. I lived in Folsom, CA. They became addicted to development fees and the city grew beyond recognition. This is not the atmosphere in which I want to live.



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AREA 1 (North of Spruce Street)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS / NEITHER

What is/are the long-term plans for taxation with this annexation? Would I be forced to pay for improvements like water, etc.? It doesn't seem likely to me that Wasilla wants to annex just to give us more services "for free" – I don't think you're being honest about the COST to the property owner. Is the borough going to stop taxing if we annex to the city??

Would support for city water, sewer, police protection, noise reduction, but do not know if this would happen under annexation. Oppose because I do not understand the tax structure. This mailing is the first communication we have received on this – would like more information.

How will the city accommodate adults whose only mode of transportation, for legitimate reasons, to and from work is by four-wheeler? We do not have an appropriate bus system out here! My property taxes would need to come down SUBSTANTIALLY! Undecided – need much more information.

Not sure how I feel about this.

Unknown. Not enough information.

I do not have enough information to make a commitment either way.

Question what services would we receive, paved streets, city water, sewer? My answer depends on the/your answers to these questions.



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

To limit off-road vehicle use in my area.

Faster police response. Perhaps this will bring more businesses out to Knik-Goose Bay.

Hopefully it will provide better services and maybe city laws regarding loose dogs will help control the situation as it is now.

The board for Donovan Estates agreed to support this at the April 13th meeting.

Hope to have tighter restrictions on ATV access and hope to have road improvement in the housing district where we live.

City services, lower property tax, a good move toward our own Municipality of Wasilla.

First, for voting purposes. Second, I like precise zoning and its restrictions, including the off-road vehicle restrictions and firearm usage.

Lower taxes.

We already feel like we're part of the City of Wasilla. We do 95% of our shopping there and commute to and from work there everyday.

Looking forward to having access to the highway. The property will be very comfortable to subdivide down the road within the city limit.

Police service at the airport is needed.

I expect the city to provide better road services than we currently get. Our area is increasingly more dense in population. Stricter standards on firearms would improve safety.

This would benefit the town of Wasilla and would allow us city water, gas, etc.

We believe that we would receive better police protection in the city and also need for a sewer system is coming to the area. Let's do it before the problem hits.

[Also in Area 3 and 5] We appreciate the City of Wasilla's long-term vision for the greater Wasilla area. We applaud the city's effort to further study annexation.

With the annexation, our physical address would be Wasilla rather than Meadow Lakes. This would simplify our residence and mailing address conflicts when communicating with others.

Lower taxes as part of the city who doesn't have property taxes or a road service fee.

The zoning aspect in regards to vehicles, trash, etc.



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AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: *“Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?” Reason:*

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Originally we were against this annexation. Our subdivision is on the border of the city limits. We felt that if we wanted to live within the city limits, we would have bought a house within the limits. We are going to be enveloped within the city with all of the explosive growth here in the Valley. Maybe we can get our roads plowed a little faster and see our property taxes go down a little.

Our neighborhood desperately needs city water. We have notoriously high levels of particulate matter (mostly iron) in the private wells in the Bettina Way area, due to being in the Lucille drainage pattern. It is undrinkable from the tap. Filtration systems are expensive and require more than average, due to the volume of sediment and particulate that needs to be removed. I would not mind the extra taxes and restrictions if we could get the water quality issue resolved.



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

Too little benefit, increased costs, and bureaucracy.

No need to except for "GREED". We are just fine on Foothills with the troopers – never needed them in ten years though. And road service by the people who live on Foothills is fantastic – so leave us alone. Thank you.

I don't like the way Wasilla has gone around a lower valued area and left them to the borough, but taken the higher tax areas from the borough.

I do not want to live in a city – that is why I moved here nine years ago. I was at the meeting held at Goose Bay Elementary School last winter. About 99% of the audience voted NO. Why don't you listen to us!

We totally oppose the annexation. As stated by everyone at the so-called hearings, if we wanted to be in the city we'd be in the city. Don't want anything they offer and don't like the high-handed methods employed by the city and the mayor. We aren't interested in being a tax collector for the city.

I'm not interested in your forced services and taxes, period.

I like things the way they are.

Increased taxes with no increase of city services.

If I had wished to live within the city limits of Wasilla I would have purchased property within the city limits in 1983! I desire no further land use regulations or zoning!

We enjoy being outside the city limits! We enjoy our freedom from the City of Wasilla. We are Knik-Goose Bay. We do not want to be part of the annexation!

I don't want more rules or taxes. I don't want to have to pay for water or sewer that I don't need.

NO. NO.

I moved outside of city limits to get away from small town politics and continual gouging of property owners – no way do I support annexation by City of Wasilla!

Do not want to be in Wasilla!

Higher taxes, less services. City of Wasilla is big enough.

Too many restrictions for being considered out-of-town.

I am retired and my house is nearly paid for. With a fixed income I am not interested in being charged more LID assessments for city-designated "improvements" that I neither need, nor want.



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Zoning restrictions, firearm, and off-road vehicle restrictions. Do not see benefit.

I do not want to be part of Wasilla city.

I don't wish to finance city requirements and fund a mismanaged organization. They are merely looking for a larger tax base and do not have any idea how to manage the new tax base. They stated that they would not expand any services, police, utilities. Wanted funds to fix back-log of issues.

I already have taxation without representation; don't need any more of this.

We oppose this plan. Don't want to handle sales tax.

I do not wish to be a part of Wasilla. Too much politics.

I have a small business and don't want the extra hassle and expense of sales tax. I just plain don't want to live in city limits.

We already have enough government people telling us what to do.

"Additional rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles within the city." The ability to have the choice is why I live here.

We prefer living outside the city. We moved out in 1992.

I pay enough taxes, living on a fixed income I do not need any more. Was this not voted down last September?

We do not want more government or taxes.

See no benefit in living in the city limits. Do not want to be policed or restricted as a "city" dweller.

I do not support more regulations. I was born and raised in Alaska and do not support Lower 48 thinking. I am 66 years old and have been teaching for over 30 years.

Taxes – restrictions, etc.

Sounds like a bad deal. No four-wheeling; more restrictions.

Making the "city" larger will require increasing the size and cost of city government, public safety (fire and police), etc. That, or it will diminish the effectiveness of what is already in place. If I wanted to live in city limits, I would have bought property there.

We are part of Meadow Lakes and want to remain that way. We do not want to pay tax on our utilities and do not want the extra regulations and government.



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: *“Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?” Reason:*

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We do not want to live in the city limits, that is why we bought our home where it is located. Those of us who live outside the city limits do so for a reason. We do not want to be ruled by city government.

Annexation of the rural areas surrounding Wasilla would be an imposition on personal freedoms. It would limit our enjoyment of recreational vehicles and limit our use of our land.

Added rules, restrictions, and regulations that I am not interested in. If I wanted to live in the city limits, I would.

Do not want to be in city limits.

I don't want city taxes, rules, and regulations.

I don't want the extra taxes and city rules to govern how I live. I left Anchorage for the same reason. I feel you should spend time and energy on other issues.

We do not want to be taxed by three levels of government, nor do we want to be under borough and city rules and laws. We have our own well and do not want to pay for city sewer and water. Do not want it.

Too much restrictions and zoning changes. Too much government control. Loss of freedom.

I have lived in the Wasilla area for 36 years. I do not need more government in my life. I have everything I need. I strongly oppose being annexed into the city.

No benefits to us – just more regulations. We are fine being part of the borough.

I am happy with the public safety and water and sewer services I currently have. I enjoy the rural community I live in and do not want to support another local government through taxes on my property which will not benefit me.

We don't need city regulations or politics out here. By the map, Area 4 would be best.

I don't see the benefit of more taxation for any of the services I don't receive.

Don't know – too many taxes already.

Because this does not show roads to end at!!

[Also in Area 4] Don't want to be part of Wasilla. My home is Area 1 – NO. My business is Area 4 – NO.

I do not want to be part of their building/zoning rules.



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I feel that the taxes that Wasilla is charging are not in the best interest of the area. Also I feel the road I live on will not be taken care of any better than it already is.

I am not interested in paying higher taxes due to public utility improvements that will never be offered in my area.

I do not want any more help from more government. I heard on the radio that the city has more police than they need so they want to expand the service area. Why don't they fire some of the police, not grow more government. Growth is not necessarily progress. I personally will fight against any annexation attempts.

No need for public utilities. Live closer to Alaska State Trooper station than Wasilla police station, so do not see how response times would be improved.

I did not buy my property to be inside the city limits of Wasilla. I have been to several meetings on this annexation and the majority of the people there were against it. I am also against the City of Wasilla being able to annex us without our legal vote on it. I look at this as a way for the city to get more money from the state without taking the people's choice into consideration. I do not care about the tax advantage. We will be charged city tax on our utilities.

Taxes and building permits.

I didn't move here over twenty years ago to be within any city limits. I already paid for paving, I already paid for water (I like well water better), I already paid for septic, I already paid for electricity, I already paid for gas. What in the heck do I need the "city" to take over to charge me for everything I've already paid for? You can keep the "CITY" right where it sits currently! Stuff this whole idea in the mayor's back pocket. He can take it with him wherever he goes after he's replaced! Lawyers...if he wins on this, does that give me the right to have the city take care of my squirrel problem? The woods are full of those rascals! Oh, don't let me forget I already paid for the security thing, too ☺.

Do not want our freedom taken away!

Already pay plenty of taxes!

Extending city limits will not benefits us in any way, shape, or form, and there is no need to do so.

I prefer to leave it the way it is and taxes are high enough.

We purchased outside of the city limits to avoid restrictive covenants, extra taxation, and limiting city regulations. Nor did we purchase our property to have a city tell us what we can or cannot do on OUR PROPERTY. The arrogance of the City of Wasilla has been astounding. The residents of these areas have told the city NO TO ANNEXATION in many, many meetings! The fact that the city is still trying to do this is GARBAGE!



AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We like it the way it is. We don't need more taxes. We do not want anymore government interference.

Don't want to see the use of ATV's restricted. Want to be able to target shoot FIREARMS on my property, which I currently do frequently. No need to have another BIG BROTHER watching. I choose to live outside of city limits to keep that FREEDOM from more RULES and RESTRICTIONS.

I am not interested in being subjected to another level of government rules and regulations associated with my property. The map was hard to read.

I want this area to remain as rural as possible for as long as possible. I homesteaded at Wallace Lake in 1959 and have not subdivided my homestead. I particularly don't want additional firearms restrictions.

Do not need or want more government – do not need or want more restrictions on the use of my land. Do not want anything to do with paying for a new sewer system the city will have to buy in the next few years. Do not want a bunch of linear thinkers deciding how I should live. Why is it that some people believe they have the right to tell the rest of us that we have to live like them and then charge us to be regulated? NO! NO! NO!

More laws, more government. Ordinance # 97-46 CH 13.04. I will vote all of them out.

The last time I had to call for the police department the State Troopers were the responding agency. I oppose the restrictions that an annexation would bring. These include property permitting, use of firearms, and off-road vehicle use. I also think it is screwed up that only one password is issued to a household. If additional passwords are requested for additional adults then we as voters should – no, we absolutely have the right to be heard, especially in matters such as this. My wife and adult child would like to have a say. This is crap. I hope the City of Wasilla stays put. I am a disabled vet and do not pay property taxes, so my reasons are sound and have nothing to do with money. The annexation has everything to do with money; you want the tax base from this growing area. There is absolutely no benefit to me from any annexation.

Small business owners will have to comply with more paperwork.

Things are okay the way they are now. Don't need any more taxation.

I have not been very impressed with Wasilla police or Wasilla zoning. I wonder if I will pay borough property tax, as well as city tax. Are there other taxes I would be assessed? Off-road vehicles are a way of life here. I am not ready for more regulations that change this.

No benefits as a homeowner and property owner. Only the City of Wasilla will benefit from this annexation. Twenty-five years ago we chose to live outside the city limits and still prefer to do so.



WASILLA / COMMUNITY WARDEN / AIRPORT AREA

AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We (my neighbors and I) live outside the city limits by choice. We are strongly opposed to this land grab and WILL vote to unseat any politician that supports it if it goes through.

Unnecessary increase in taxes without an increase in services

The mayor has a personal agenda of gun ranges where soccer fields should go. I don't want to pay a blinking dime for him.

I don't want to be in the city limits.



VERNON COUNTY WASHINGTON
WASILLA WASHINGTON COUNTY

AREA 2 (Jacobson Lake/Airport Area)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS / NEITHER

Don't know – still weighing pros and cons.

Questions. Would need to do more research.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

Lowering of property taxes.

Lower taxes.

[Also in Area 1] Provides greater area public participation in local government.

Gives city a broader tax base – which money can be used for better police and fire protection, and for road and safety improvements. More control on building codes. Protection from "unwanted" land activities.

I enjoy city services.

Property taxes are too high. However, we like to ride our four-wheelers and target shoot.

Lower taxes.

Lower property taxes and city services and utilities.

Taxes and sewer and water.

We need water and sewer in the Kink-Goose Bay area.

Better roads! I live off South Perin – needs barriers (dangerous hill and lots of dust). Will you do better than the borough?

If the annexation works to bring down property taxes when will the roads be improved?

Lower property taxes.

Restrictions on use of firearms and off-road vehicles, and hopefully a noise ordinance, and hopefully again more police protection and coverage.

Fully paved road and police service along with being able to vote for more political events and candidates.

Don't need a real reason. Expansion means growth for the economy and well-being of other Alaskan citizens.

Paragraph 2: "...they shop, use public facilities and are covered by public safety within the boundaries. Annexation will allow them to vote..."

Lower taxes.

(All Areas) Future growth and planning looking forward 20 years will be a fact in our potential to shape a positive image and sustainable property values.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

I was told property tax would be less and road service would improve.

Enforcement of junk cars and trash removal.

Possibility of lower property taxes.

Police protection, hopefully better roads, and snow removal. Lower taxes, if what they say is true.

"Annexation will allow them to vote, run for elective city office, and serve on city boards and commissions."

[Also in Area 2 and 5] We appreciate the City of Wasilla's long-term vision for the greater Wasilla area. We applaud the city's effort to further study annexation.

Sound like it provides a better benefit based on reduced tax and access to LID, based on the city's prior participation in water and wastewater projects. More restrictive zoning and regulation is not a barrier. We would be concerned about expansion of government beyond current costs... bigger and more government... more politicians. Not sure how you will cover the added cost of expanded road maintenance obligations without expanding the revenue base (the information provided says that Wasilla does not charge a road service and/or property tax. We would need to review the detailed information and the LBC petition on how this would work prior to voting to allow the city to annex our area. A bigger city council would trigger a "no" vote for us.

Support services including emergency response.

Support only if more information is distributed to us – pros and cons... I like the idea of limiting gunfire and stopping ATV's from running on roads and front lawns...

I feel that expansion will provide Wasilla greater influence in Alaskan politics, in attracting business to the area, and in providing support for outlying areas.

Population has grown. Needs of community grow too. City boundaries need to grow as well.

Lower property taxes.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

If we wanted to live in Wasilla we would have purchased a home in Wasilla. We attended several meetings and there was no one at the meetings that supported it. I believe it would be wasting taxpayer's money to pursue this further.

I purchased the land because it is "outside" the city limits.

Although I don't necessarily enjoy the Mat-Su Borough's influence, I don't want to comply with some of the City of Wasilla's either. Specifically, building codes and prohibition of shooting within city limits. I have acreage and can shoot safely. There seem to be "core city" issues that conflict with more rural issues.

No advantage to us. Don't want to live in a city.

Wasilla City taxes would be charged. We are taxed too much as it is – especially with our current federal government raping the taxpayer. Local taxes are too high! Property owners are taxed too much.

[Also in Area 1] No beneficial gains, more restrictions.

I don't believe I will receive any services.

I really see no advantage to being within city limits. Owned and have lived in my current house for 17 years and it has been good under the governance model that currently exists.

We see no advantage to being part of the city. We're happy. Leave us alone.

I see this as an endeavor for imposing more taxes on citizens.

Can see no benefits.

I do not want to be in the city limits of Wasilla!! I don't want the taxes or any limits imposed by the City of Wasilla. If I wanted that, I would have purchased land within the city limits.

Do not want to pay more taxes.

There is no advantage for property owners, only the city.

Moved out of the city to have country property where we could choose for ourselves whether to have farm animals or not, whether to target practice on our land or not, whether to shoot a rabbit or not. We don't consider ten acres of property with family houses on it a "city" situation. There are two houses with two families.

I purchased my home outside city limits intentionally. I do not like having extensive limitations and governmental control. I'm opposed to now having this imposed on me.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Government is already too big and I can just see an excuse to waste more tax dollars hiring more people to aid in fake jobs to help in running these new annexed areas.

Don't want taxes raised!

Mr. Mayor – I guess you must not understand the overwhelming opposition to your plan. The above information is deceitful and I am disappointed in your administration's tactics. Shame on you. You are wasting taxpayer's money putting out propaganda. Go back to your small city boundaries and try to do it right – with integrity this time!!!

The city will tax our electric, phone, gas, cable television, and other things, for a law officer. No thank you.

I do not want any more people or groups telling me what I can do on or with my property. Also, access to ATV and snow machine trails is already limited or blocked off by some #\$\$%&@!

Oppose 100% and I do vote. You have nothing to offer. I don't need more rules. I already shop local and contribute through sales tax. I don't believe you will NEVER charge property tax or road fees.

I bought property outside the city so I wouldn't be considered living in the city and I want it to stay that way. Thank you.

Less government control equals happier citizens.

I don't see a reason for any more requirements or zonings for the City of Wasilla or surrounding areas.

I don't want to pay more taxes. I would be paying for services I do not want, but am forced to pay for. I like not being in the city limits.

Need lots more information. Prefer to be able to read and digest myself at home. Perhaps a bullet point mailer listing and detailing the most important pros and cons.

I don't want to pay more taxes. My neighbor has 20 or more dogs and lives in the city and nothing is done. Why pay for that type of government?

City cannot provide water, sewer, underground power, street lights, and sidewalks.

Don't want to pay city sales tax – don't use the facility in the city, use Anchorage instead – Mat-Su is providing it.

Riding my ATV more freely. Plinking with .22 on my five acres. Not adding to a coming "metropolis".



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We moved here so we could not be in a city. Nothing good comes from having more government look after us. I do not want the Wasilla Police Department in charge of our safety.

This area does not need any more regulations.

Not too crazy about additional rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles if this annexation occurs. Do not like the restrictions.

An expansion of these areas will only result in an expansion of bureaucracies. More tax dollars for the city will be used, as always, to justify more regulatory control of us citizens. NO!

Regulations, zoning, additional rules regarding off-road vehicles and firearms, possibility of duplication of services and outcome of same. Both city and borough property taxes???

We would not benefit in any way to being added to the city limits.

We feel that any more government is too much government! Let us alone. We moved out to get away from the taxes and BS. Live and let live.

As the landowner on an original homestead, I strongly oppose annexation of my property.

If I had wanted to live within the city limits, I would have bought a house within the city limits.

Strongly oppose.

We do not want to be a part of the Wasilla city tax base, period!! You guys are "nuts".

Strongly oppose. If I wanted to live in the city limits I would have bought property there. I see absolutely no advantage in this for me or my neighbors, only disadvantages in the form of restrictions.

I see no positive outcome if this would go through. I would prefer it to remain as is. I can see no benefit and strongly oppose.

Not interested in city water, city sewer, city politics (regarding what I can and cannot do within or on my lots). Annexing all these areas will require more money for infrastructure, which will result in higher property taxes for everyone. Things are fine the way they are – why change it?

Don't trust that my property taxes would go down versus rise.

Oppose – strongly. We live where we live because it is outside city limits!!!!

Loss of property taxes would increase burden to the borough.

No benefit services.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Don't want any more sales taxes.

More big government! More BS. I choose NOT to live in the city limits. No. No. No. No. No.

Would likely raise already exorbitant real estate taxes.

This was overwhelmingly rejected last fall and I don't see any change in the homeowner's response. The vote in the hearing we attended was: one in favor, approximately 70 against. We learned this is similar to other hearings. There is absolutely no value to us for annexation.

I would have bought a house in city limits if I wanted to live in city limits.

Moved outside Wasilla city limits specifically to have a rural farm lifestyle and livestock. Not interested in City of Wasilla politics, services, or utilities. Don't want anymore bureaucracy or political busy-bodies.

Strongly oppose to being annexed by the city. This is property homesteaded in 1956 and Wild Rose Acres (family) is a site condo that does its own road maintenance and has its own by-laws. We do [not] need more government rules and regulations.

No need for more government regulations... city, state, or federal.

Unknown costs, restrictions, enforcement of laws – size of government.

I do not want anymore governmental interference in my life. I moved here to not be in the city and I want to remain outside the city.

The reason we bought this property was because it was not in the city limits.

Do not see the need at this time.

Instead of annexing, work on the traffic situation in downtown Wasilla. Where are the one-way streets, Main and Talkeetna, so we can move freely downtown? Areas 2, 4, and especially 5, seem to be suited for annexation with citizens' approval only! I would lose the ability to use my runway, trap shooting range, target practice, and do my thing outdoors. Just leave well enough alone!

Too much government now.

[Also in Area 5] The more area annexed will mean that there will need to be more government people, and agencies will be created. This is NEVER a positive move.

Don't need additional regulations – the borough is adequate. Don't need to create more government and pay more taxes to pay more government employees.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

There is absolutely no benefit to us in being annexed by the city. We don't want the city's intrusive policies imposed on us and will spend thousands of dollars ourselves to mount a campaign to fight this annexation.

We are just fine with being in the borough.

Higher taxes and more restrictions and regulations.

We prefer to keep things as they are. We have lived around Wasilla since 1981 and neither of us like what has become of the city or the decisions city officials have made.

I am satisfied with the present situation and foresee no positive benefit to change.

This is primarily a rural area, so we strongly believe that we do NOT belong within the city boundaries!! Leave us alone!!

Don't need more government at this time!

Do not want any additional government regulations or requirements.

I don't believe annexing these areas would benefit anyone in them. I bought property outside city limits to stay out of the city politics, taxes, and added regulations. Thanks, but NO THANKS!

I don't want the additional governmental rules and restrictions. Initially it appears that this would provide lower taxes, but this tax revenue will have to be made up somewhere. So, in the end, we get more rules and same taxes.

City government has nothing better than the borough to offer.

Why no details? If people knew, they would vote no. Be open with details if you want an honest vote. Strongly Oppose. Ultimately, somehow, someday, taxes would go up. More restrictions on land use, firearms, hunting, etc. Borough taxes, regulations, and intrusion is bad enough. We don't need another entity controlling and taxing to get their way. I will not only vote, but work toward NO annexation.

We from Area 3, Knik-Goose Bay, Fairview Loop, opposed and defeated the annexation attempt made by the City of Wasilla in 1986. Both annexation attempts are for one reason; increase the tax base for the city. We do not shop in Wasilla because of the sales tax. All the benefits that you are offering suck, such as police (rent a cops). We are better served by the Alaska State Troopers. None of the fire departments can save our homes; all they save is the foundations. You can take your annexation and stick it where the sun doesn't shine!!!

I don't want any city restrictions, like building permits, sales tax, or business license, etc. What we have now is good. Leave it alone.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Prefer to remain totally rural.

No perceived need for city services.

Firearm usage and off-road vehicle usage.

First, I don't want to be in the city limits. Second, the city sales tax outweighs deductions in property tax with no benefits to being in the city limits. Third, don't want to deal with more government.

One, I do not like that the city can tell me that I can't shoot my guns on my property, it's my property, not theirs! Two, ATV's. Look at the damage done by ATV's in the city and the city does nothing. That is a waste of taxpayer money. The city can NOT manage and keep clean now. Why would anyone want to be part of that? NO THANKS.

The only thing this will do is raise my tax on my home.

[Also in Area 1] No new taxes!!

I'm worried that along with their city services will come taxes and restrictions. No thank you. All of the other local property owners which I spoke with feel the same. Don't annex us!!

Have not heard or read any compelling reason to do so.

Don't want to be in city limits. Taxed more. Bought just outside for a reason.

Satisfied with existing arrangements.

Just don't feel the need. Our place is just fine as it is. It's off Carr Street, off Fairview Loop. I can't tell from the lousy map where Fairview Loop is at all.

I see no advantage.

I do not want to be part of city regulation and tax control. We have more than enough now.

Don't need more government.

There are enough people trying to control what I do, I don't need the City of Wasilla doing the same and raising my taxes, too.

We chose to live OUTSIDE city limits when we purchased our home for many reasons, and should NOT effectively be forced to move against our will!!

I don't need any more services. I don't want more taxes and more people running (ruining) my life – more government. NO!



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Oppose (strongly), we moved here from Anchorage to get away from governmental meddling. I have lived in Alaska for 26 years and I do not clutter my property, period. But I refuse to be dictated to regarding how I live my life, period.

I did not purchase a home in the Mat-Su to live in Wasilla, or any city limits. People who want city service can move into city limits. Adamantly oppose. I consider my neighborhood agricultural, which would conflict with city values. Wasilla has a bad, corrupt reputation. I'd be embarrassed.

It does not make sense to accept increased regulation and general authoritarian harassment for the right to vote in city elections. There is no service offered that we do not already have or cannot be handled better ourselves.

Don't want city sewer or water or additional taxes. Don't see any benefits from such a proposal.

I pay enough taxes already and will not benefit from any services by this action.

Taxes will only go up over time if annexed. First, look at history throughout the United States of America.

No benefit to our area – only more layers of bureaucracy to delay and discourage property owner development ideas.

[Also in Area 5] Don't want to have all the rules and regulations of city living.

I prefer to remain outside the city limits.

[Also in Area 3] Paragraph #4 says enough and more. There is more, but without being there for the meetings I won't comment now.

Are two points in the mil rate really a significant lower rate? To me, no.

It would take too long and be too expensive to provide city services out this far at this time. Also, there are other areas more conducive to annexing because of their proximity to the basic "core area".

We have a large piece of property and do not want more regulation on its use. We also live on a private road which is quite long and would not want to be forced to bring it up to city standards. The cost would be prohibitive.

When choosing between property, we chose this one particularly because it is unrestricted and out of city limits. Our property line is the Wasilla city limit line and we don't want to be in city limits. It also decreases the value of our property. We DO NOT want to be annexed!

I do not want any more restrictions on what I can and can't do on my property.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I don't want to have to charge sales tax to customers that come to me now because there is no sales tax here – I shop "out of town" because of the tax myself.

[Also in Area 4] More government – more building regulations. More "TAXES". More school expense. More TAXES – more business fees. No – repeat, NO BENEFIT.

We (my husband and I) are very long time Valley residents and have lived in the same residence for 20 years. We own our home and have our own well and septic. We already pay for services we don't use, and have for many years. NO MORE! Ridiculous!

[Also in Area 4] I moved from the Lower 48 to get away from unreasonable taxes. Now you are trying to put me back in the same situations. I pay your tax on everything I buy there, now you want me to pay more. NO WAY!!

Do not see any point in being annexed to the village of Wasilla.

Our public safety is at risk as long as Verne Rupright is mayor. He has proven he is anti-public safety, anti-law enforcement. We would possibly reconsider once he is no longer mayor.

There is NO reason the city would want to annex more area unless they could tax it. NONE. Even though there is no current property tax, this annexation attempt shows there soon will be one. In a nutshell, nothing the government wants to do is good for people. And that applies to Republicans as well as Democrats.

Too many costs; don't want or need the services. Poor performance of Wasilla government in the past.

If I had wanted to live in Wasilla I would have bought a home there. Wasilla can best be described as a festering boil on the butt of Alaska and I want to have no part of it. I can't think of a single reason why I should add another layer of government to my life which already includes one too many – the utterly useless Mat-Su Borough, which sucks away \$250 a month in property taxes for NOTHING! Please go away and leave me alone.

Do not need the rules and regulations required in the city for ORV's.

I moved to the Valley (borough) to be free of the restrictions of an incorporated city. I like rural living, free of the rules required within the city. I prefer my area stay free of annexing by the City of Wasilla.

Too many regulations.

Already too many crooks running the state. We cannot drink chlorine in our water (city water). Taxes would go up. We don't need the borough and city and state running our lives, and our business.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Didn't you attend all three meetings that were held last year? What was the major response? NO, we don't want an annexation! Didn't you receive over two hundred signatures on the petition against the annexation? There were only two RICH property owners that don't even live in the borough that were in favor of the annexation. Why spend more money on a mute subject. NO ANNEXATION MEANS NO!!!

If we wanted to live in the city limits we would have bought a house there. The additional levels of government are unwelcome. It is common knowledge that this is simply a land grab to expand the tax base and appease wealthy land developers. If this is attempted, expect us to fight the annexation with any and all resources available. Better yet, put it to a vote of the people that will be affected.

Any gun restrictions cut off hunting in this area.

I chose to live outside the Wasilla city limit when I purchased the property.

This is a sales tax grab so the City of Wasilla can buy more buildings that they consider such a good bargain, and they do not even know what they will use it for. (Meta Rose.)

Currently there is insufficient staffing for city service providers to accommodate an increase in service area. Taxes will be increased to pay for those services. Time spent to acquire additional necessary staff to meet taxpayer needs constitutes taxation WITHOUT representation.

There are no benefits to us; all benefits are to the city. They have nothing to offer us. We are a rural farming area and choose to remain that way. Police protection will be no better due to the road restrictions: too few direct road accesses. Independent small businesses will have the burden of collecting sales tax, but will get no added benefits from it. The city laws concerning ATV use will be too restrictive for our area and be completely unenforceable. As 50 year residents on the same land, WE ARE OPPOSED!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

City is too intrusive, corrupt, and greedy.

I see no benefit to the homeowners. I would anticipate a worsening of road maintenance, also. Taxes would only go up. If the city is to provide police and other services to the newly annexed areas, how would they pay for them?

We live near East Fairview Loop area. We do not want to be annexed as there is no benefit to us to be within the city limits. We pay borough taxes for fire and road service and the Alaska State Troopers. We do not want to be on city water or sewer. We do not want city lights.

We GREATLY oppose the annexation! We feel that there are absolutely no benefits. We are very concerned that our current road service, provided by the borough, would be eliminated! We feel we DO NOT need more "government controlled" services at this time. Thank you. (36 years on our same property.)



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We enjoy the relaxed rural environment of our area and the associated climate of individual freedom and respect which transcends a few bucks saved in property taxes. We do not feel we would receive any substantial benefit from annexation into the City of Wasilla. We do not see any need for more restrictions in our area or for more precise zoning. While we are not fond of some neighbor's lack of building skills, we appreciate their freedom to build as they desire on their own land. We do not see any abuse or need for increased restrictions or rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles in our area. Moving to our area from the smothering restrictions of the Municipality of Anchorage was like a breath of fresh air from which we have no desire to return.

Reject the additional rules for firearms and off-road vehicles within city limits.

I do not want more zoning, more taxes, or more government control over my property. I also do not want rules regarding firearm use and off-road vehicle use. No farm animal regulations, no more regulations! Enact a borough-wide sales tax and abolish the property tax.

I don't want any more regulation. I do not need or want city services. I do shop in Wasilla, but more than pay for any services used through the tax. I have no interest in Wasilla politics. I live outside of a city so as not to have to deal with permits and added laws and regulations. I am very much against annexation as I expressed at the public meeting.

We do not want to be subject to additional regulations that would result by being within Wasilla city limits. If I have to pay high property taxes for the privilege of not being regulated to death by bureaucrats, then so be it.

No benefits to becoming part of a city unless you like additional taxes and more government imposed restrictions.

1. I do not desire to ask a city official if I can own a dog. 2. You offer no services I desire. 3. I view your annexation as an aggressive conquest attempt. 4. Leave me alone. 5. Your methods for this annexation effort are disgusting.

I like being outside of the city because of the firearm and off-road vehicle restrictions that would apply to us if we were zoned city.

Don't need sewer or water. Thanks anyway.

We don't want to be restricted in the use of firearms.

I bought my home in this area 25 years ago with the express intent on not living inside Wasilla city limits. I still feel this way. I do not want any of the restrictions that go with this plan.

I value our rural neighborhood and my freedom to use my property as I choose. We don't need city water, or sewer, or pavement, and the fees involved.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Taxes and regulations.

I don't agree with the land use requirements as established in the city areas. Regulations are too restrictive to Alaskans. Cities in Alaska are trying to conform to city regulations in the Lower 48 and it does not fit. We suffer now with too much regulation.

Not only oppose it, but would spend thousands fighting it in court to keep it from going through. Would also donate to any opponent of any politician who votes for it. The city already tried to take the Windbreak and Six Robblees' to get a little bit of road work done and to have friends and donors make money. Also, I do not need their police department, I can take care of myself just fine. I do not need Wasilla to put any more politics into living in the Valley. We moved out here from Anchorage to get away from city government and will do everything we can to keep it the way it is.

1. I don't want to pay sales tax on utilities or service calls – won't be saving any money. 2. I don't want to pay sales tax on supplies when I build on my property, or to be restricted on what I build because of the city rules and regulations. 3. I don't want restrictions on how many or what type of animals I want to own or have on my property. I live in a farming area. 4. I don't want city restrictions and regulations telling me how to ride and use my ATV. 5. I want to be able to use my firearms without city restrictions and regulations – I am a responsible citizen. 6. I don't see any benefits to being annexed into Wasilla city limits. 7. Plain and simple – I don't want to be annexed into Wasilla city limits.

My tenants would be subject to collecting sales tax from their sales and they are already strapped with low sales due to the economy. Additional sales tax would take away the edge they have to compete for sales to rural residents.

Will this save money and provide city water and sewer, or cost me more in taxes and not give me any service?

Too many restrictions and no advantage to being part of Wasilla!

Taxes.

[Also in Area 1] For our properties north of Spruce we won't get water/sewer services and right now the borough does a better job with road service than the City of Wasilla. I did not get a code for each of my three properties – all three are impacted by this proposal. I am opposed also for Area 1 annexation.

Until we hear what the true cost to us will be, we will be opposed. The City of Wasilla needs to be more proactive in telling residents how, exactly, annexation will affect them.

Too much government regulation, taxes, and all the other problems associated with big government.



AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I see no advantage to be in the city of Wasilla.

We don't have enough police patrols as it is, what difference would it make to be part of the city?

Not being able to discharge firearms is a issue, off-road vehicle restrictions is a big issue for my family. Also, if I wanted to live in the City of Wasilla, I would have bought property within the city limits. I see no benefits for me to have my property annexed into the city.

In the long run it will, and always, mean higher property taxes, starting with Taj Mahal style fire stations, with high tax-free benefit packages for the new firemen. It will command more government employees overall to manage their larger city. More rules and regulations, more interference in my life as a property owner here for the past 26 years. Now your question below on whether I'm a registered voter in Alaska. Do I smell an already insider trading by that question? So those who are registered won't have an effect on your poll. Well, I'm not going to tell you whether I am or not because the issue here is how do the property owners feel about this, not how some flag flying politician feels about it being their platform for this fall's election!

If we wanted to live within city limits, we would have moved within those limits. We do not want "additional rules regarding the use of firearms and off-road vehicles". For the city to "support" a larger area they would likely need to increase the sales tax to accommodate the additional services needed. Higher sales tax is not desired, either.

I am in Area 3. I do not want to pay the inevitable higher taxes that will come with city annexation.

We lived in an area where we were annexed. It cost us \$3,000 more a year and the services did not change.

Extra cost adding more taxes.

Started home distributor program – do not want to have to pay city tax.



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AREA 3 (Knik/Goose Bay)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS / NEITHER

Equivocal. What additional services, if any, will you provide following annexation? Will Wasilla Police Department be expanded to allow for faster response time to the annexed area? Will city water, sewer, and garbage collection be expanded into the annexed areas? If so, when?



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

Hopefully the city will encourage the residents to clean up their properties.

We are a short distance from the city boundary at the present time (Peck Street) and [to] be eligible for city benefits would be an asset as a property owner.

Low producing wells concern us in Area 4. Hope city water comes with annexation. Assume fire protection and police are benefits as well. Septic not a problem.

I believe we will get faster police or other services faster than we receive now.

[Also in Area 1] (Area 1, North of Spruce Street – West of church.) Better police and road maintenance. Being in Area 4 and surrounded by city limits; state police have to respond to disturbances and that takes too long; and county road crews have to go through city roads to plow the street and that takes too long.

Don't have a reason to oppose, but haven't really been explained any benefits of being in city.

Lower property taxes. More responsive police protection than understaffed Alaska State Troopers can give. More precise zoning.

Lower taxes and police protection.

Because I can run for mayor.

Because it seems inevitable as we are so close to the city limits now. Does not seem worthwhile to oppose something which is underway.

City services.

For better fire protection.

I would like to see lower property taxes.

Access to public utilities.

Vacant property. Require no services, but taxes seem high.

Water, wastewater, and zoning.

Same reasons you already mentioned.

Better representation. Consistency of land around lake.

I think it would improve the neighborhood I live in. And I thought I was already a part of the City of Wasilla.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Probably better police and road services, yet I am not sure. Let's put it this way, I don't oppose it... I am neutral. "I'm Canada." "I'm Switzerland." I am apathetic ☺. We do like Mayor Rupright though!

Property value might increase.

The sales tax collected by the city allows for lower property taxes for city residents.

I wish to be in the Wasilla Police Department area as their response time will be quicker than the troopers.

Would like to see improvements in this subdivision (Williwaw).

[Also in Area 5] I own property in Williwaw subdivision. It is ideal property for living "close-in" to Wasilla. It needs to be in the city limits so that the City of Wasilla can "clean it up". When this area is annexed and the City of Wasilla "cleans up" the Williwaw subdivision it will increase the number of city residents, thereby increasing federal funding monies available to the City of Wasilla.

I consider myself part of the city already; however, I don't have the same rights. I want to have a voice in my own community. The annexation is inevitable. Wasilla is growing and so must the boundaries. Better now than later.

I would like to be able to receive city services in the future.

It would lower my property taxes and I already pay your city sales tax anyway.

Lower taxes.

Better per capita representation, such as council member per resident. Lower taxes. Police protection. Having a say in what our sales tax is used for. Ridding ourselves of the borough bureaucratic system.

I would like to see improvements in the Williwaw subdivision via LID (particularly water and wastewater).

I have a few storage units that would now have to collect sales tax on, and a rental house. I don't know how that will impact my business. I DO NOT WANT PUBLIC WATER OR SEWER!!! I want assurance that I will be able to continue using my well and septic system, and not be charged for something they have so poorly run to-date. Nor should I be forced to drink treated water. I do note that the taxes are lower for my property located in the city. I also am concerned that the police will not be able to keep up with the scoff-laws that run wild on the city streets (they can't now!) and will be stretched too thin. Will more police require higher taxes? So, I am not sure how I feel AND WILL VOTE ACCORDING TO HOW THESE CONCERNS ARE ADDRESSED.



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AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

We are more or less part of the city already and having it official may help clean up parts of our neighborhood including, hopefully, sewer and water.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

[Also in Area 1] Title 21 or any future type legislation.

We don't need any more government control or taxes. Our taxes are high enough already.

No benefit to offset potential tax increases.

Oppose "Area 4". If we wanted to live in the city, we would have bought there. Don't like city water. (Chemicals.)

Not sure how it would affect current land usage.

I am happy with the services here and don't need more government oversight and taxation.

I see no value to me for this to happen.

The sole reason Wasilla desires to annex adjacent areas is for taxation purposes. Please dispense with the bull#\$% amenities like running for office, serving on boards, etc. ad nauseam. Please, please, not everyone is gullible!!

Do not want to be a part of the City of Wasilla – taxation formulas.

[Also in Area 3] More government – more building regulations. More "TAXES". More school expense. More TAXES – more business fees. No – repeat, no BENEFIT.

[Regarding "property taxes in the city are substantially lower than in the adjacent areas"] Don't believe this statement – it is misleading.

There are no city services (water, sewer) in this area.

There's NO service I need from the city. People have stated, "They don't want this!!" How many times are you going to bring this up? Knock it off!

I don't want to have to get rid of my well and septic. Road paving was supposed to be done in the 1970's, but mysteriously, the money disappeared! And it has never been done!

I don't want any more rules or regulations governing my life. No more government controls.

Too many businesses now building on Bogard. I don't want city sewer and water. I don't want more "Strip Malls!" on Bogard. There are no advantages you have named that would be beneficial to me, nor my property.

Wouldn't get any more services.

I moved to this location to stay out of the city. Lately the city has been too quick to spend money. Wasilla cannot provide anything the borough already does provide.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Too much government.

No benefit for the tax.

Less restrictions.

No more government than we already have!! No more taxes!!

[Also in Area 1] [Regarding "some impacts to property owners"] By more taxes! [Regarding "property taxes in the city are substantially lower"] Wasilla can't live up to this promise. You lie! Oppose – Look, do you get it! I attended and voiced my opposition to this. The city does not have the capacity to provide additional utility services as they stated the need to build a sewer treatment plant to do this. This is just a money grab to build a bigger tax base. Get it in your thick pig-headed skull, WE DO NOT WANT THIS! I voiced additional comments at three meetings. Don't you listen? Obviously not!

Have a private airstrip on property which might be restricted by the city.

[Also in Area 5] Not enough information as to what the pros and cons are to me as a property owner.

NO! NO! NO! NO ANNEX. If I wanted to live in the city I would.

Taxes.

I do not see any benefit to belong in the City of Wasilla at this time.

Surrounded by state and borough roads – no advantage to incorporate within the city.

Why would we want to be part of the City of Wasilla? No benefit that we can see.

We will see no added benefit. No sewer or water, etc.

This is my cabin. I don't want additional restrictions on my property. I don't need additional services.

I don't want to live within any city!

I want less government; please get rid of the borough government as well. I want no entitlements. I want no special interests. This is what more government brings with it. Let's do more with less (government).

Don't want city water and sewer or to pay taxes for the City of Wasilla. Already pay enough taxes.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I'm content with Mat-Su Borough services, especially road maintenance.

Because it really would not do anything beneficial to me for my business.

Don't want to live in a city.

No benefit to me.

It would add unnecessary "reporting" and permit requirements and would likely add future costs we cannot afford.

[Also in Area 3] Paragraph #4 says enough and more. There is more, but without being there for the meetings I won't comment now.

Would love for the city to come in and clean up Williwaw subdivision, however, worried that city sewer and water will come in when I just (last summer) spent thousands and thousands on a well and septic system.

Feel we would lose more than we would gain. (We have a small farm.) Do not see any great benefit at all.

Impacts to property owners...

Nothing I need from the city I don't already get. Leave us alone.

I moved out here 20 years ago to get out of a city. I think Wasilla has grown enough.

We do not need another layer of bureaucrats and politicians to hinder the already slow process of getting important things done, like road improvements, infrastructure maintenance, etc. We also do not need another layer of government trying to figure out how to tax us more while reducing services rendered and requiring more permits and red tape to get things done.

They are trying to force us into this annexation. I don't think the city manages what they have. I don't want to be a part of that city AT ALL! Strongly opposed.

Reduce local government; reduce city operating costs by reducing police, firemen, and other useless public loafers who do nothing, but collect big salaries and pensions of worker's expense.

My entire family is located on Wasilla Lake: parent, brother, children. We have fought to keep Wasilla Lake open to all uses without restrictions. We believe annexation would have an adverse effect on the way Wasilla Lake is utilized.

Grandfather rights would need to be included if they annexed Area 4.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I do not want to be on city water and sewer. I am happy as things are.

Zoning is too intrusive in city codes.

I have sat in your previously held meetings and have heard your spin. I do not believe, nor trust the Wasilla city council. I do not want any new taxes of any kind. You heard this in your community meetings. WHY are you still pursuing this? Leave us alone.

Do not want this. Leave us alone.

Just bought property for the reason it was located outside of city limits. Built new home and have invested life savings for this type of lifestyle. Do not want changes!

I do not like the way the City of Wasilla has developed itself so far. I do not want any part of it now. My property is used only part-time recreational.

We do not want annexation in this area. We are happy the way it is now. We do not want the money it will cost or the restrictions that will come.

I don't believe the city can or will provide the financial support for utility improvements without an increase in taxes! I also do not want the added restrictions and regulations.

[Also in Area 3] I moved from the Lower 48 to get away from unreasonable taxes. Now you are trying to put me back in the same situations. I pay your tax on everything I buy there, now you want me to pay more. NO WAY!!

I like the situation "as-is". I prefer the rural residential designation.

Do not want to live inside city limits. Don't want sewer, water, etc. through the city. Want to be able to ride my four-wheeler out of my subdivision to the trails.

Don't believe taxes in city limits will remain substantially lower. I believe they will increase eventually and we will be stuck with over-burdened city services as a result.

More taxes, more restrictions. No benefits, no gain.

[Also in Area 1] Don't want to be part of Wasilla. My home is Area 1 – NO. My business is Area 4 – NO.

We don't want to lose our ability to have farm animals on our property.

More government, more restrictions equals increased taxes, equals less freedom. We do not want city water or sewer. Alaska State Troopers are more trained and more professional. Can you guarantee quicker and better snow removal service?



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I am opposed to the annexation of Area 4 for the following reason. Going west from the Parks Highway there is an area of the state approximately 1,000 miles long by 700 miles wide that is road-less and largely dependent upon air travel for access. There is no connecting road system for this portion of the state. All villages and a huge, and expanding, scattering of "Remote" cabins dot this immense area. Air travel: floats, wheels, and skis is the only logical means of access. Without the airplane the majority of these structures wouldn't have been built and local businesses would not have profited from the sale of construction materials and grocery stores from the obvious necessities of life. For this reason the airplane is correctly known as the "Pickup Truck of Alaska". The Mat-Su Borough profits handsomely from its unique position as an obvious supply center for this large road-less lake and river covered area. My concern is that Area 4, with its existing and expanding seaplane faculties and operations might someday be eyed for the chopping block of seaplane activities. Lower and Upper Wasilla Lakes are both FAA listed seaplane bases. Lower Wasilla Lake designation is (516) and Upper Wasilla Lake is (3K9). An aviation related subdivision is currently in development on Upper Wasilla Lake. This subdivision, if allowed to continue, will bring in increased property taxes and will enhance remote development and commerce. My concern is that should annexation occur, new restrictive taxing and regulatory actions might be a case of shooting oneself in the foot.

I don't need anymore taxes! And I don't want anymore rules and regulations! Glue: Think of ways to reduce taxes, rules, and regulations! Not raise them! (Or move to San Francisco.)

We have no interest in additional rules, regulations or taxes – we moved outside the city limits for a reason and would leave if annexed. No thanks!

We like things the way they are.

More taxes eventually.

[Also in Area 5] Don't like the city. Most of the people running the city are idiots! They have NO common sense and are stupid! Look at what they have done with what they already oversee. That's just what I want, to pay to support more useless cops eating donuts and driving brand new cars. More strip malls, yeah.

No advantage and increased governmental oversight. I thought this issue was closed after discussions with Sarah, the then-Mayor of Wasilla.

Don't want it.

It's just an excuse to expand government.

I don't want your services or your taxes.

We already have too much government interference in our lives!

More taxes, cheap politics, unnecessary regulations and services.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Not interested in your city water or other utilities or more rules and laws.

[Also in Area 5] Oppose!!!! We have established businesses in Area 4 and Area 5 and would incur significant assessments when public utilities are brought into the area. Our customers would be subject to increased cost due to sales tax and thereby reducing our competitive advantage.

[Also in Area 5] I don't see the benefit to me to be inside the city limits.

Too many ridiculous rules.

"Wasilla politicians for the most part are corrupt, short-sighted, and not democratic. I don't want another layer of politicians ruining my life and property. (Think forced annexation, "Windbreak" fiasco, zero lot line subdivision that violated Wasilla rules, but paid off city officials approved.)

Currently have very good response time with road clearing and sweeping; trooper response.

Don't need more regulations and taxes! That's why we have been here 28 years.

We do NOT want to be in the city limits – you say taxes are lower now, but wait until you have more people to serve and taxes will go up. We don't miss any elections. I own two lots in Williwaw and did not receive this survey.

To the best of my knowledge annexation would not provide access to either city water or sewer services. I prefer to receive police protection from the Alaska State Troopers as we do now. We do not want to become embroiled in Wasilla city politics.

If I wanted to be in the city limits I would have bought property inside the limits. I do not want the rules on my property to change to the city rules. Why is the city still pushing this? There was no support for it at the public meeting. Our subdivision had a meeting on this a few weeks ago and voted with all against the annexation move by the city. The city thinks we should be part of them because we do stuff there?! By using that logic we should annex into the Anchorage municipality since most people from the Valley work there. They are talking about transportation when the public transportation in Anchorage is failing and did not get new support from the people. What makes them think that the people out here will use public transportation more when the people are generally more here to be on their own? Most move away from the city and extra rules. I will fight this all the way. There are a couple ways for the city to do this. They do not have the support of the people so they are going to go the route of the current administration and stuff it down our throats. FOUL!!!

Think Wasilla is just looking for a larger tax base. Do not want to live in the city limits.

I am on a limited budget and I would have to pay more sales tax. As of now, when I order online I am not charged for sales tax because I don't live in the city limits.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

If we had wanted to be within an incorporated city, we would have moved within their borders – prefer staying as we are – do not want to be a part of the city – actually a unanimous subdivision decision was made at our last meeting in April to not become a part of the City of Wasilla.

The processes I've observed over the years I've been a resident in my area of the city's governmental activities do not impress me as an advantage of being part of the City of Wasilla. I have no trust for any more government involvement or imposition over my or my family's life activities.

I see nothing the city can offer me, except higher taxes down the road. I now shop, bank, go to church, etc. in the city limits. I see no need to change. Why spend the money?

Enough regulation already, especially in area of land use, permits, and planning. Don't need two entities to go to regarding land use permits and building, etc. It's enough hassle dealing with Mat-Su Borough!

The City of Wasilla offers nothing to being incorporated into their boundaries, other than more regulation, more taxes, and more fees. There have been annexation meetings in November, December, and January, where more than 90% of attendees were in opposition to annexation. Obviously, the city didn't listen to the results of those meetings, no differently than Obama with healthcare. Nobody wants this, it offers nothing.

No measurable benefit to annexation. Taxes will increase due to services required by increasing acreage within city. City is being mismanaged, for example, trying to change zoning to accommodate shooting range within a residential area. I would not be interested in annexation under the current city administration – very unprofessional and dishonest group of city leaders.

I already pay borough property taxes and get very little for the money I pay. If annexed I would also end up paying city property taxes and assessments for area improvements.

Do not want or need city services and would not like any increase in restrictions regarding permits and land use Wasilla wants. Well and septic usage is cheaper than an LID with the major assessment and which you continually pay a municipal utility company for forever with increasing water and sewer fees. No thank you.

I do not see any significant benefit to adding wastewater and water treatment facilities in this area at this time. It would require that lots be smaller than an acre to be feasible. The only location that has sufficient density is Settlers Bay, where I believe a shopping center is proposed.

I am already paying Wasilla sales tax with the goods and services that I purchase within the boundary of the Wasilla city limits that collect taxes; therefore, I see no revenue increase from the populous or the surrounding business that supports annexation revenue. The money is not there and I do not want the added the restrictions of being inside the city limits. I could say much, much more, but I am out of time. Thank you!!



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We do not want to deal with your petty despots such as public works, planning, and more especially, your armor-vested, swaggering, vertically challenged individual you have for your code compliance officer. He would not need that vest if he were not such a pompous in-your-face power happy idiot. Your predecessor's antics have made Maney Drive a racetrack for meatheads, with dust and danger to all. Dope deals occur daily on that nice turnout your public works director had built. It has a view of the surrounding area and constant traffic comes and goes throughout the night. Further, we purchased our land because of its rural setting. You have devalued the worth of our property and annexation will only devalue it more. We have had no opportunity to vote for any of your regulations which will also impact us. We will gain no public utility LID. Wasilla's only interest is to have more and more commercial activity to gain more and more sales tax revenue to squander. The homeowners in Wasilla are well and truly \$#%^&. I expect annexation to occur, against the annex area residents' wishes. However, if it does I will make sure that I run for public office and support those who do for the sole purpose of cleaning house. Verne, I expected you to clean house when you took office and you did not. I thought you were better than that. You still have all the bad apples and it appears may have gathered a few more. None of your people listen to public input and do exactly what they want. You have done nothing to stop this. The Meta Square purchase is a prime example of Wasilla government run amok. Annex us and then start planning what you are going to do when you leave public office. You will not get many votes from the annexed areas if you press on with this.

Nothing to gain, but more zoning restrictions.

I do not need, nor am I willing, to pay for any of Wasilla's city services.

They just want to tax me!

There would be no benefit for me.

Have property in two annexation areas – one is undeveloped. Do not want to pay Wasilla city taxes or have all of the zoning rules the city will impose. See absolutely no benefit in the city government interfering in our property ownership. Truly believe the Greedy City just wants a larger tax base. Also, survey only allows answer for one area.

I see absolutely no benefit to myself as a property owner in being annexed. The fact that my property was NOT within Wasilla city limits was a large reason to buy this particular lot over others available at the time.

I am a horse owner who keeps them on my property and I don't see things as far as public safety changing.

[Also in Area 5] We chose to live in the country, not the city, so we will not be burdened by the city municipal code. We also own property in Area 5 and oppose annexation to that area as well.

There is nothing you can offer us as a reason for being annexed. No sewer, no water.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Do not want to become part of City of Wasilla.

The city does not charge a property tax or road service fee. How are these services going to be funded with the new annexation and additional needs for road services, transportation, utilities safety, etc.? Not enough information. I foresee annexation and then property taxes following.

We believe there are not enough benefits of joining the city to make it advantageous to do so. The city is not currently long on resources, and that to add any benefit for us to be included in the city is only more fees, taxes, permits, restrictions, and bureaucracy.

I believe I am closer to Palmer.

I don't want to be part of the City of Wasilla.

Don't want the City of Wasilla to restrict where I ride my four-wheeler. Don't see any great benefits.



AREA 4 (Wasilla Lake)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS NEITHER

Don't know the area I'm in; no streets; why? There are no road systems included in you map! Extremely difficult to know if we are in #1, #4, or #5. Poor map! We are interested in attending a meeting where questions will be answered.

Neither. No comment.

I sold the property to the state for the Seward Meridian right-of-way.

I support if taxes are not added to my property. I pay enough to the borough for my lake frontage property.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

First, eventually either Wasilla or Palmer is going to "annex" us with our choice, but more likely against our will. I would just as soon be part of Wasilla instead of cliquish Palmer. Second, the Valley, Wasilla, Palmer, Sutton – Big Lake – Houston should be and needs to be, only one city. Otherwise, we just keep fighting against ourselves for our fair share from Juneau.

[Also in Area 4] I own property in Williwaw subdivision. It is ideal property for living "close-in" to Wasilla. It needs to be in the city limits so that the City of Wasilla can "clean it up". When this area is annexed, and the City of Wasilla "cleans up" Williwaw subdivision, it will increase the number of city residents thereby increasing federal funding monies available to the City of Wasilla.

All for lower property taxes.

Stricter rules for firearms use and off-road vehicles, possible participation in wastewater utilities, and paving.

Quicker services such as police, fire.

We do most of our business in Wasilla. We keep up on most politics in Wasilla rather than the borough.

I potentially support this action, but with conditions. I have never before been asked a question of this potential gravity with such a vacuum of supporting information. To the best of my research there is NONE. Even the boundaries of the "Areas" are not clearly posted. I suspect, by my knowledge of the area, that I'm in Area 5, but that's only a supposition based on what appears to be Seward Meridian Road crossing the end of the lakes and knowing that Whispering Woods subdivision, Sears, and WalMart are IN the city. I have asked a few questions of the City of Wasilla and the answers I got were vague at best. It would seem that something of this nature would have been researched prior to asking (I'll bet Wasilla did!). And the results of the research would be publicly available, if not included within the survey paperwork. I would have expected to be able to find some charts comparing the tax differences, service differences, police response information, road service differences, and so forth. To the best of my research thus far, none of that has been made available. To be frank, I have to wonder why. I see potential in this, but have grave concerns about anything done so clandestinely. It's almost creepy to have it so poorly published and publicized. I'm even surprised that your company would participate in a survey that was so poorly outlined. The results are so "absolute", but based on such vague parameters that I question the validity of the results.

The cost of running the city should not be a burden on only a few. However, the growth of city personnel should be limited (no more wage increases until there are more professional employment opportunities and the economy improves). Also, when is the train system going to be on line to and from Anchorage and the Valley? Lastly, the city needs to plan better, don't mix residential and commercial.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Better police and utility services.

Makes sense.

Lower taxes.

Public safety patrol and coverage. Tax differential.

More focus on our area, a smaller area to manage. Lower property taxes.

I would rather be in the City of Wasilla than under the thumb of the wackos at the borough.

Lower property taxes.

Would increase revenue for emergency services and improve response time.

I'm possibly in Area 4. I want zoning so that my neighborhood and the lower neighborhood are forced to get rid of the junk cars on their front lawns, tidy up the pig and cow farms, and pick up trash. City sanitation and water are desirable if done in an environmentally approved way.

Lower taxes.

We would like the Wasilla police protection. Public utilities may be good.

Lower taxes (property tax).

Will not support annexation to Palmer!

Public safety officers.

City water and sewer would be nice. My street needs paving.

If it will truly lower taxes (property) I support. If it doesn't, I oppose.

Police protection. Eventual city sewer facilities – wastewater. Rules over four-wheeler use.

Lower taxes, public safety (police). Would like more rules regarding firearms and off-road vehicles.

More services?

We like how the city is trying to diversify the economic base like a plan for industry near the Wasilla airport.

We need help in code compliance – the borough does nothing. Lower tax base.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Police coverage.

Law enforcement, city sewer.

[Also in Area 2 and 3] We appreciate the City of Wasilla's long-term vision for the greater Wasilla area. We applaud the city's effort to further study annexation.

Lower taxes and increased services.

Local police services, road maintenance, and lower RP taxes.

Lower property taxes and police service.

To help regulate the use of the land surrounding my neighborhoods and hopefully petition for some speed bumps around the streets for the safety of our kids from drivers disregarding the posted speed limits.

We have desired to have the city annex our area for the reasons stated above; possibly lower property taxes and the ability to vote on city issues that affect us, but that we are currently unable to vote on. Hopefully annexation will include us – about ¼ mile past Seward Meridian!

I support annexing my area to the City of Wasilla because it is time we have a say in what happens in our town. My kids are young; I want to make sure they have the best and the city is making good decisions for their future. It is time we embrace our growing population and make Wasilla safe, a community, and a well-structured place to live.

Lower property taxes and police protection. The City of Wasilla government is also more user-friendly than the borough.

I support annexation to decrease property taxes and increase code compliance regarding zoning rules. Thanks for asking.

Sewer and water policy.

For better zoning, eventual city sewer, and hopefully we'll have city transportation service when Wasilla gets around to that. There are seniors and kids who would benefit from public transportation today and there are only going to be MORE seniors around here in the future!! I must say that the borough does an excellent job of keeping our street plowed and sanded in the winter and I would expect the same from the city.

Improved property values and services.

Property taxes are already too high in the borough. We also need more city police officers than Alaska State Troopers.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT, CONT'D

Support is conditional on learning more positive facts that are guaranteed prior to voting. I am in favor of coverage from Wasilla Police Department rather than coverage from Alaska State Troopers, which equates to no coverage at all. I am in favor of lower property taxes. I am also in favor of more precise zoning requirements.

Would like to have city sewer and water. Additional comment is that it would be easier to tell which area you are in with a more detailed map. Just including the Parks Highway and Palmer Wasilla Highway would help.

I would like water and wastewater service brought into the area near Seward Meridian and Wickersham.

Lower property tax and better road maintenance.

I want the city of Wasilla to pass zoning ordinances, and covenants, codes, and restrictions.
Respectfully yours.

We would like sewer lines extended into our area and improved wastewater treatment facilities for the Wasilla area. The City of Wasilla should plan to extend water and sewer lines into any area it is annexing. If they do not plan to do so then I am OPPOSED, as there is little benefit for us.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

[Also in Area 4] Not enough information as to what the pros and cons are to me as a property owner.

Just another layer of government with more regulations.

I also own property in Wasilla. I get nothing from them except taxes! They refuse to pave streets unless one of the (in crowd) owns property on it. Example! They paved right up to the back corner of then-Mayor, John Stein's, property but refused to pave any further.

No good comes from having more government, more tax, fees, control, and excess regulations and red tape.

We do not support being regulated more than we currently are. We moved where we are for a reason: TO STAY OUT OF CITY LIMITS!

Why would I want to be part of Wasilla??? Keep your regulations, corruption, and leave me alone!!

Don't want to be annexed!!!

Don't want to be part of the city. That's why we moved to the Valley. We don't want to be super micro-regulated and controlled. We don't like the Wasilla city police and their attitudes or how they operate.

There is no good and compelling reason for us to annex. This is an intrusion into our rights and we purchased where we did because it is outside of city jurisdiction. We are adamantly opposed and will fight this to the end.

No sales tax; no business license required from city.

Services they promise will never happen in my lifetime.

[Also in Area 4] Don't like the city. Most of the people running the city are idiots! They have NO common sense and are stupid! Look at what they have done with what they already oversee. That's just what I want, to pay to support more useless cops eating donuts and driving brand new cars. More strip malls, yeah.

There is no need in this community (adjacent to Hyer Road) to become beholden to the City of Wasilla. Paying taxes within Wasilla, where most of us do our shopping, should be sufficient for the administration of that institution. Requiring the citizens of outlying areas to be subjects of Wasilla may force many of us to move to Willow or Talkeetna earlier than anticipated.

I don't like the idea of additional rules. I don't like changes made to where I live. I don't trust that I'm getting the full story in this flyer. What are the rest of the negatives?



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Too much government.

Would not gain anything by being annexed. No city water or sewer, only more regulations. To my knowledge Wasilla police does not service Area 5, as you allege. The Alaska State Troopers are the present responders.

Annexation will raise taxes. Corresponding services will be slow to develop and not offset additional costs. Don't want city sewer and water. I already have all I need.

I don't want to live in the "City of Wasilla"!!! Leave it alone. All you want is more tax money.

It puts people out of work that maintain the service area. Plus, the city does not have enough people or equipment to maintain the service area so they will raise taxes. I already pay the borough taxes, and then pay the city – NO WAY.

Do not want or need "city" services and do not like rules inside city limits.

[Also in Area 4] Oppose!!!! We have established businesses in Area 4 and Area 5 and would incur significant assessments when public utilities are brought into the area. Our customers would be subject to increased cost due to sales tax and thereby reducing our competitive advantage.

[Also in Area 4] I don't see the benefit to me to be inside the city limits.

Doesn't benefit me in any way. More rules and regulations.

If we wanted to live in the city we would have bought in that area.

I would lose some of my freedoms that are afforded me – keeping animals, burning.

Disadvantages outweigh advantages.

Our subdivision has its own well system for residents. Will City of Wasilla have sufficient funds for increased police force? We do not feel the need to become a part of the city. We pay the sales taxes and do our major shopping, etc. in Wasilla.

If I wanted to live in a city I could have done so.

As with all government, you want more money through taxation. Well, no thanks! Just another way to legally steal our money! NO, NO, NO. Has to stop somewhere! Leave us alone.

No more government, we have enough. We choose to live outside cities for many reasons.

If we'd wanted to live in the city, we would have bought in the city.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

You have nothing to offer! The streets in Wasilla are HORRIBLE, your "city" is just a highway strip, and you've never met a business that you stopped from building whatever, wherever. Allowing all businesses at Fred Meyer to share parking sucks. Allowing Freddie's on the lake – bad idea!!!

I can't afford more in property taxes now or in the future.

We moved here to be out of the city limits and all that it involves.

Not necessary.

Wasilla government will never have my best interest at heart as seen by past performance.

Too much government.

I like it as is.

Strongly oppose. There is no benefit to being part of Wasilla city. We are part of the borough, and there are no services we need from the city. Wasilla should take care of the residents that already live in the city limits.

Can't tell by your map if in Area #1 or #4. Don't see the need to be in the city with more rules and costs. With animals would there be a "grandfather" clause? New ordinances? More public utilities and police and fire protection costs LOTS of money!!

Already pay enough taxes – don't want more.

We are homeowners and small business owners between the Palmer Wasilla Highway and Parks, off of Hyer. We do not want to be subject to additional taxes, re-zoning, or any other changes being part of the City of Wasilla would bring. We are very happy with the way things are.

[Also in Area 4] I don't see the benefit to me to be inside the city limits.

Don't want sales tax, regulations, and government intrusion.

Restrictions on zoning – more activities will possibly be zoned out and that is why we like being out further.

Higher taxes, more control for building permits. The borough service we receive is working fine.

Business would be negatively affected by sales tax and consumers would shop in areas that have no sales tax. There is ZERO benefit to the residents of this area to annexation, only benefitting the tax coffers.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I do not want to be within the city limits. I do not want city water or sewer in my area and I do not want the additional restrictions that would be imposed.

Don't wish to pay additional taxes when I will receive little in return.

Cost.

No more government!!! No more taxes!!!

What's in it for me? What is the city going to bring to my property except more taxes?

If it isn't broken, don't fix it. I love my neighborhood the way it is.

Not interested in the potential "benefits" listed. Annexation would add restrictions (firearms, ORV use, etc.). I am opposed at this time. Additionally, I would end up paying sales tax at more locations in the Valley. NO! NO! NO to annexation of my area.

No benefit seen.

Do not want to pay sales tax in this area. It is also a jut out to areas proposed and the line makes no sense.

Zoning – know of problems when the City of Wasilla has re-zoned areas which land use is by plat note. My area is of large lot subdivisions and any public utilities would force land owners to re-subdivide to small lots per cost of "pipe". This would ruin the area for present land use (animals, warehouses, etc.). NQ to City of Wasilla!

I would have to pay more taxes and get nothing in return – just because the bureaucrats want to build a bigger empire – thus putting more money in their pockets.

I can't see where it would benefit me to be in the city limits.

I do not shop in Wasilla, I go to Palmer. There are too many people and cars in Wasilla and I don't want to be associated with Wasilla because of Sarah Palin! She has ruined Wasilla!

Too far from city center, still too rural. Too little direct impact on our area to justify annexation.

We have too many governmental rules, boards, commissions. We don't need more of the above telling us how to live our lives.

Not enough information.

No, the Wasilla city officials have shown there is no benefit due to their waste of tax dollars. I prefer the Palmer city government over the wasteful Wasilla council.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

We like the country area and do not want city water or sewer.

If the rationale is that I shop and use public facilities in Wasilla, you would be incorrect. I am located in the corridor because I never wanted to be in Wasilla. For the last 15 years we considered a move. This could precipitate a move. At least you may have someone who is interested.

Change of zoning.

I do business most frequently with Palmer. I think Wasilla already has a large area of concern and I'd rather not be added to it.

It is quite possible after annexation now, higher tax rates would be voted in to pay for expanded services. Police force increase in manpower and vehicles – use of off-road vehicles within the city continues with no enforcement. The City of Wasilla should work to improve the core city area before any annexation is proposed.

This is nothing but a "land grab" by the city to enlarge their tax base. What's in it for the residents?! I wouldn't expect any more frequent patrolling by the city police than we get now by the troopers.

I see no real advantage: same borough taxes, but more city taxes on top of more government restrictions.

The City of Wasilla offers me nothing. If we were in the city limits we would pay taxes on all of our utilities. The only thing Wasilla is interested in is taxes, taxes, and more taxes. As a retired person I don't need to be paying more taxes, I need to pay less. The statements made in your survey are misleading. Second paragraph – just because I shop in Wasilla doesn't mean I want to be in the city. I can, and do, shop elsewhere. We have lived at this location for 20 years and have never, and I mean never, seen a Wasilla policeman in this subdivision. So don't try to tell me they cover this area. Third paragraph – you got that right, the City of Wasilla is the only one that will benefit from annexing this area. Fourth paragraph – the city can plan all they want to considering utilities. I know they are not going to do anything about my utilities, so why would you think I should be concerned? I do not need any more rules and regulations, covenants, rules against firearms and off-road vehicles. From what I can see, nobody pays any attention to your rules anyway. Fifth paragraph – your statement, "...however, the city does not charge a property tax or road service fee, so property taxes in the city are substantially lower than in the adjacent areas." In the same sentence you say the city doesn't not charge a property tax and then in the same breath same sentence you state the taxes are lower. Okay... what is it? Does the city charge property tax or not? Whoever wrote this is obviously a politician and/or lawyer. Thanks, but no thanks. I will strongly campaign against the city annexing this area.

We do not want to be part of Wasilla! You can keep your taxes, your zoning, and your laws! Leave us alone.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I do not want additional regulations regarding off-road vehicle use, building permits, etc.

Sales tax conflicts with my business along with a multitude of other issues.

Taxes, restrictions.

I'm from Palmer – I do not wish to be from Wasilla!

Things are great the way they are. I spend thousands of dollars in Wasilla, pay sales tax, borough tax. Bigger isn't always better. Been here 30 years.

City expansion is a waste of time and money. All the city wants is to expand their tax base. I moved out of Anchorage in 1981. Have no desire to be in a city again.

We don't want to be part of the city.

Property taxes are low for now, but that can and will change. Add that to a sales tax and it isn't worth the benefit.

The area where I purchased my home in was outside the City of Wasilla and I have all the services I desire. The only benefit of being annexed: would be allowed to pay additional property tax. If Wasilla needs to increase revenues I recommend raising city sales tax and not target "only" landowners.

Do not want to be part of the City of Wasilla.

Do not need water or sewer from City of Wasilla, or new taxes.

We do not want to be under the thumb of the city, we have enough help with services from the borough. Enough taxes. Building permits are a joke. Land use – big deal – not. Do not zone us in; we do not want any part of "city" use.

Too far from Wasilla.

I have been in this area since the early 1960's and in that time have seen more and more regulation, and with annexing just more regulations, so NO.

Possibility of more services – no additional tax.

I like the way it is.

Do not want to for many reasons. I want to stay the way it is now.

I do not want to live in the "city". We give Wasilla enough taxes. I like my well – "no chlorine" – my septic works fine. Tell Rupright to give up. This was soundly defeated last year.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I do not want to have more permitting imposed on my land.

We moved here so we wouldn't be in the city limit and that's how we like it.

I do not believe it is necessary to increase boundaries. We bought out of city limits because we did not want to be in city limits.

Future ability to tax residence and rules and regulations involving ATV and firearms use.

Don't need anymore government control.

If I want to live in Wasilla I will move there!

Don't want to be in the city limits.

More taxes, more regulations.

I'm very happy with the way it is now, I don't see need for a change.

Husband doesn't trust city government. Wife thinks we'll be charged for a sewer system when our well (and everyone else's in our subdivision) works just fine.

Prefers to remain a rural area between Wasilla and Palmer and not be regulated as part of city limit so I can raise small livestock.

I like it the way it is.

We have enough government intervention with Mat-Su Borough. Don't need a whole new body extorting more of our money. I've told you before what you can do with your donut tax.

As always, this survey is very vague. We don't need any city services and we sure don't need any city government along with its taxes. I don't think we would benefit from the expansion of Wasilla.

Oppose. No benefit to me – more tax!

I oppose any action of politicians to control and restrict my autonomy. I consider this a grab for power and control. Wasilla is doing a poor job with what it has. We don't need or want their problems or control.

Why – what's in it for us?

I purposely bought outside of "city limits" and the last thing I want is to be forced into this. Also, too many times has the promise of "lower taxes" been dangled in front of voters just to have taxes raised instead. NO! OPPOSE!



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Fail to see major benefits.

Annexing would be of no positive benefit for us. Example, snow plowing has decreased in quality since city managed.

We don't need any more rules or taxes. The city just wants more taxes. I don't want to be part of this. I oppose it very strongly.

No benefit (like sewer and water), and collecting sales tax. We have a small business at home. Paying for a LID is costly.

I do not want to fall under the taxes for the city.

I see no benefit to becoming part of the city. Don't want, or need, city water utilities. I can think of no city service that would benefit being annexed. It would impact my small home-based business due to having to collect sales tax and the requirement for a city business license. I would more than likely close the business. I moved from Anchorage because I did not want to be part of a city.

A Wasilla business license will be required (in addition to borough license). Wasilla needs to have a plan for the city – a vision – that makes it more attractive. "Wonderland Park" is/was a visionary leader. Wasilla needs a comprehensive plan for development, "community center", and traffic, parks, etc.

Don't want any more taxes – learn to budget what you have! Do not need bigger government intruding into where we live by rezoning. [Regarding utilities through LID] All of these things end up costing homeowners more money.

I still remember when Anchorage annexed Eagle River. Land taxes did not go down, nor did public utilities and services improve. "City center" always gets served first.

I purposely purchased a home outside city limits! I do not agree with or want additional restrictions imposed. I live in the Valley for a reason and currently if I would like to have a couple chickens in my backyard I can...

Unsure of the City of Wasilla's in-depth reason behind this (taxes, forcibly taking property for their benefit, etc.).

No additional sales tax.

We conduct most of our business in Palmer.

I do not want: More government, more property taxes, more sales tax, city water and sewer, more land use restrictions, more building permit red tape, more bull#@\$%, and less quality of life. If I wanted to live in a "City of" I would have bought or built in one. Leave us alone.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

[Also in Area 1] Wasilla has nothing to offer me. City services are poor at best. They (you) have an antiquated and improper 911 system (Palmer answers 911??). Police are lazy; they answer calls for domestic violence complaints over the phone. Not to mention your sales tax.

I do not want more precise zoning. I support off-road vehicles on trails. I don't support more rules on firearms. Thank you.

Find no benefit. I'm a small business owner and it would only cost me more fees and sales tax collection.

It will cost me city taxes at first AND will cost me (in 20 years) to get hooked to city water and sewer when you decide to put it in. This is for starters. Any more questions, let me know.

I don't want to be told that I cannot run a business out of my home – and my clients like NO sales tax.

I am not impressed with the competence or courtesy displayed by the Wasilla Police Department. I know there have been efforts to improve this organization, but for now, I prefer to be covered by the troopers.

No need for further taxes, nor services.

[Also in Area 3] Don't want to have all the rules and regulations of city living.

I want the area to stay in the borough and not in the city.

I don't want to be in the city limits!!!!!!!!!!!! That is why I purchased the property, so I could be outside the city limits!!!!!!!!!!!!

I like it the way it is. We do not need any more control by government-run entities. Local, State or federal. No more taxes. PERIOD!

1. Your "map" is incredibly misleading. Where are the borders? 2. I pay sales taxes in Wasilla. What "services" would be received incumbent upon added property taxes, regulation, and added administrative burden? 3. Given previous administrations in Wasilla, what credibility am I to extend to the current or future ones? 4. Subsequent to #3, what assurance would be extended that I would not be "induced" to mandate changes to the quite satisfactory – thank you very much – services currently received in the borough? So far this merely appears to be an effort to increase the tax base without much in return. I chose to live outside the Wasilla limits when I moved here years ago. I see no reason to alter that decision at this date.

Not enough information or time to evaluate properly. Things are fine the way they are so opposition is the best vote for me at this time.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I'm happy with the services already in existence.

I don't want to have more restrictions that restrict what I can do on my property or in the area I live. Don't want to have to connect to city water or sewer.

In the dictionary annex means "to take or appropriate without permission". Wasilla wants to take more territory to broaden their tax base. It's all about the money. More territory will mean more and larger government. More government needs more funding and a bigger budget. It means more public work projects, more building city infrastructure, more taxes. Big government always wants to get bigger, bar none. The fact they are considering taking the land by "annexing", without a public vote, proves my point. Our current government culture is way too wasteful. They think every building project needs to be more beautiful and grand than the last. No government builds a structure that is just good enough to work and last a fair amount of time. No, they always want to build the biggest most spectacular structure they can get away with. They build monuments to their own successes, legacies. Next our freedoms will be slowly eroded with new more stringent regulations, like building codes, permits for any construction or deconstruction you may do, etc. And the permit prices will constantly go up to help pay for the wasteful projects the kings in charge deem necessary. I grew up on the east coast of the Lower 48, and that's how it happened. The common man in Delaware is strangled by the rules and regulations in that area. If we allow this to happen in the Mat-Su Valley, there is no going back. This will be disguised as "being for the good of the people", but in reality, it will be for growing our already overpowered government. You asked for my two cents and I honestly gave it to you. But I know this will be thrown away, and discounted, because I'm just a common citizen. I'm not one of the chosen few. I'm part of the silent majority. I'm an American. But I'm a realist. I'm sure this decision has already been made. This survey is just to ease the conscience of the "movers and shakers" in the Wasilla elite. Yes, I'm registered to vote in Alaska. And my next vote will be to the candidate that resists government growth.

NO ANNEXATION.

Wasilla is not a city. It is a wide spot in the road.

Conflicts with current subdivision covenants. Expect problems with existing residential land uses (horses, geese, chickens, dogs, vehicles (hobby), landscaping). I like not being in the City of Wasilla.

New taxes and no benefits for the annexation.

Stay away from me, city; don't want you.

I would like more detailed information about how my area would be affected by annexation.

Don't see a need for more government.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I purchased my home nine years ago and the fact that it was not inside any city limits was a large factor in my decision to purchase.

I am happy with the current amount of infrastructure and services. I see no need for more restrictions.

I believe that Wasilla wants to annex to gain more taxes, despite what the mailer says. I can't imagine Wasilla wanting to annex for any other reasons. More people means more tax revenue.

We do not feel there would be much benefit for our area and would oppose higher taxes to support it.

Taxes.

1. Trying to annex too large of an area at one time. 2. Planning and zoning issues are more stringent. 3. City does not charge a road service fee, but who will plow the roads? Do we stay in our same road service areas? If we do, then what is the advantage to the annexation? 4. We have a community well. Will the city take over the maintenance of this system? If so, why would we want to pay an LID when we are paying water fees now that are very reasonable? 5. Annexing will require a huge increase in city staff, like public safety, plus additional staff in the city offices to handle more planning, zoning, and finance issues. 6. Does the borough continue to maintain the parks and trails that are within the proposed annexation areas? Summary: Too many unanswered questions, therefore, I don't see any advantages to annexing to the city.

I don't see any advantage to being part of the city.

Oppose additional governmental control over my land use. Many of the city codes are not applicable or necessary in the outlying areas (like discharge of firearms).

If I wanted to live within the city limits I would have purchased a house located within the city limits.

Unneeded and unwanted.

Do not believe there is any benefit to being in Wasilla city limits. If I wanted to be in the city limits I would have moved there. Do not want restrictions on my property. Do not want to participate in LID for utilities.

Public safety and road maintenance is already provided at a very high level. No intervention on behalf of the City of Wasilla is necessary.

It is just another way to get more money from the people. I don't need city services. If I wanted to live inside the city I would move there.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I purchased this land because of the freedom, unlike in the city limits. I do not want to collect sales tax from my customers so the City of Wasilla can #^\$% away that money like they do all the sales tax money. The City of Wasilla can't take care of their own business, so why do they think we want their problems crammed down our throats?

Don't know of any benefit to being within Wasilla City limits.

[Also in Area 4] We chose to live in the country, not the city, so we will not be burdened by the city municipal code. We also own property in Area 5 and oppose annexation to that area as well.

I do not wish to be subject to sales tax online. Currently, merchandise I purchase via the internet is tax free. This would change with an annexation.

This survey provides me with inadequate information to make a decision. The map is too hard to tell what area I live in. The map is poorly illustrated and inadequate to the task. I guessed at my region so I could continue with the survey. This phony survey is evidence enough to establish a fact. The City of Wasilla is little concerned with what I think and is going to proceed with their vision regardless of my opinion.

Not necessary – not enough benefits versus cost.

Additional rules equal loss of freedoms.



AREA 5 (Palmer/Wasilla Corridor)

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UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS / NEITHER

I'd favor this if annexation would provide access to water utility; otherwise I don't see an advantage.

I find that not enough information is provided to make a choice. Also, confusing statements: "The city does not charge a property tax or road service fee, so property taxes in the city are substantially lower than in the adjacent areas." (What does this mean?)

It is impossible for me to make an intelligent decision with this limited information.

Ninety percent support, ten percent oppose. Support: like "Strong Mayor" government; Wasilla Police Department is better than troopers; like lower taxes; have better impression of City of Wasilla than Mat-Su Borough. Oppose: firearms laws should be more relaxed in Palmer-Wasilla corridor area to match Mat-Su Boroughs'.

Undecided. Is there an agreement between the city and the borough about taxes and services? Until that happens and the agreement provided to the public, how can a voter make a decision?



NO AREA

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

[NO COMMENTS IN THIS SECTION]



No AREA

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE

You build with no plan!! You waste tax money all the time. If you could do something besides add police. No gyms, no kid's places, nothing for youth. There are businesses in residential areas. I see no real plan. Cart behind the horse?

Taxes.

The new services areas will not receive more service. This is merely a money grab. This citizen is opposing. Less government starts locally.

Taxes.

No foreseeable services offered by the city, such as sewer and water. I bought my home in 1986 with the express intention of being outside of city limits. Do not want this pushed on us.

Do not want more regulation (laws) for my property. Want to be able to harvest game on my property (outside city limits). No additional taxes.

Already have wells, and septic, homeowners dues. Mat-Su Borough provides little service. Disagree unless get more service for taxes at a rate equal to or less than Mat-Su Borough, also a break on taxes for undeveloped land. Most of all, property owners can't vote in Wasilla if they don't live there, thus this is taxation without representation.

There is no such thing as a free lunch as intimated by no property tax. Utilities and other services will be taxes. The old saying that I am here from the government to help you holds true. This is just another attempt by local bureaucracy to exert control. Favoritism and criminal activities will follow just as if it were an attempt to close Windbreak Cafe to benefit a development.

It would raise taxes and would increase government intrusion and complication with little or distant benefits.

The map is too inadequate to show if we would be affected by an annexation.

Want to keep my well and septic. Don't need more taxes.

Additional restrictions such as firearms restrictions, building and land use restrictions, ATV off-road vehicle restrictions. If I wanted to live in Wasilla I would have bought my home there!!!

Do not wish to live in the City of Wasilla.

Less government – more freedom!

The city does not provide adequate support for roads and other utilities to the outlying areas currently in the city – testimony in Wasilla and Knik Road hearings proved that. Don't want – don't need the city.



No AREA

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

I don't want my business involved in city sales tax.

We don't need more government and taxes.

I strongly oppose this annexation. The city cannot offer police, water and sewer without increasing property taxes (Wasilla city). I for one will strongly campaign against this issue. Advise Wasilla city council not to pursue this.

Contended with borough regulations for many years. Burn barrel – no need to drive to dump. Large garden space. No restrictions.

Violently oppose – There's NO reason except you wanting more money. I want nothing to do with that city. Don't annex anything.

I feel that we would have less service and more taxes. We still buy almost everything in the city.

I see this as bigger government. If I had wanted to live in the city limits that is where I would have built to begin with. We say no.

The supposed benefits will take forever to implement. For example, city sewer and water, increased police coverage. The supposed benefits will be very expensive to implement.

Less government.

Attempt to increase the city's revenue base without any additional services to the residents of the proposed areas of annexation.

It will cost me more money to live in the city limits and it will cost my business customers money.

What advantage does the city gain by expansion? There are no additional services the city would provide which are not provided at this time.

City zoning restrictions and requirements in regard to personal activity choices.

No more T.E.A. taxes.

Don't want, don't need city services.

I do not see a purpose for annexation. The core area is fine the way it currently is. No annexation!

No benefits to us to be annexed. Too much bureaucratic regulation! Wasilla is big enough!!

I feel, know, the more I allow government to take my property, the more I lose.

We do not want to see unrestricted subdivisions become restricted.



No AREA

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

OPPOSE, CONT'D

Totally unnecessary – no need for this except to put a greater tax load on property owners and funds in Wasilla's pocket.

Do not want to be any part of the City of Wasilla.

Will raise our taxes.

Area to try to annex is not ready for it, primarily due to excessive cost and lack of support or follow-through.

More sales tax means less property tax.

Progress.

Overlapping land use – additional taxes and lack of representation on the local political body.



NO AREA

QUESTION: "Do you support or oppose annexing your area to the City of Wasilla?" Reason:

SUPPORT

[Also typed in Area 3] (All Areas) Future growth and planning looking forward 20 years will be a fact in our potential to shape a positive image and sustainable property values.

OPPOSE

[NO COMMENTS IN THIS SECTION]

UNSURE / NO ANSWER / DEPENDS / NEITHER

Wasilla collects sales taxes from the adjacent 20,000 residents and uses it for the benefit of their 5,000 residents. Why do they want to share this gravy train?