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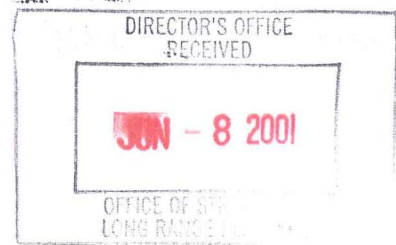
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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL
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Mr. Dean Barkley, Director
Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning
Centennial Office Building
658 Cedar Street
St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Paxton Township; Objection to Annexation Petition.

Dear Mr. Barkley:

Our office represents Paxton Township. On March 28, 2001, the City of Redwood Falls filed with your office a petition titled "In the Matter of the Petition of Certain Persons for Annexation of Unincorporated Abutting Property to the City of Redwood Falls, Minnesota, Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes §414.033, Subd. 5." Further, on March 22, 2001, the City served upon Paxton Township a "Notice of Public Hearing." The landowners' petition which was filed with your office seeks to annex certain property from Paxton Township to the City of Redwood Falls and invoked the authority of Minn. Stat. § 414.033, Subd. 5 to effect the annexation.

By virtue of this letter and pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 414.033, Subd. 5, Paxton Township hereby objects to the landowners' petition and the proposed annexation which the petition seeks to accomplish. A copy of this objection letter is being served upon the City of Redwood Falls.

I will be contacting Stephen P. Thies, the Redwood Falls City Attorney, in an effort to coordinate a meeting between the Township and the City to discuss the Township's concerns regarding this annexation. We will keep your office apprised should the City and Township come to an agreement with regard to this annexation.

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Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding the Township's objections. Thank you.

Sincerely,



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Cc: Mark Parker, Town Chair
Tammy Houle, Town Clerk
Jeffrey W. Weldon, City Administrator
Stephen P. Thies, City Attorney
Christine Scotillo, Municipal Boundary Adjustments