

WEST LAKELAND TOWNSHIP

October 8, 2012

Timothy J. O'Malley
Assistant Chief Administrative Law Judge
Municipal Boundary Adjustment Unit
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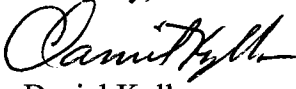
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Your Honor,

The West Lakeland Township Board would like to give a short comment concerning D-499 Lakeland/West Lakeland Township (Eric and Kathryn Norha Property; 3 acres). The Town Board stated at the hearing on Sept 19th that the Township is neutral in the matter, which is partially true. The township did not approach the Norhas to detach, nor did the township approach the City of Lakeland concerning detachment. West Lakeland is on good terms with Lakeland and has been for a long time. There has been an unspoken agreement between our two communities that we would not annex each other's property. This particular case could jeopardize that partnership if the Norhas were allowed to detach. There are West Lakeland properties adjacent to Lakeland that Lakeland could legitimately lay claim too, because Lakeland provides city water services to those properties. This case could initiate action by Lakeland to pursue the annexation of those said properties if Lakeland felt threatened to lose more properties in the future. The Town Board has never been in favor of this detachment, but feels helpless to stop it. The Town Board would like to go on record of not allowing this detachment to proceed and would appreciate it if you could pass this letter onto whoever may be overseeing this case in the future.

Sincerely,



Daniel Kylo
Chairman, West Lakeland Township



Dave Schultz
Supervisor, West Lakeland Township



Steve Ebner
Supervisor, West Lakeland Township