

August 27, 2011

The Honorable Mayor Rick Davis
Hailey City Council Members

Re: Quigley Annexation Application

Dear Mayor Davis and Council:

With regard to the annexation application of the Quigley Canyon property, which application is set to be heard Monday, August, 29, 2011, I would ask that the following *opposing* comments be entered into the public record.

It is disheartening to again be asked to rehash the points presented two years ago. The citizens at that time echoed a resounding "No" to the application filed by the applicant. The new proposal is even more devastating. I value my community, neighbors and neighborhood and expect a reasonable quality of life here. This annexation would have enormous negative impacts on east Hailey neighborhoods (as well as the Canyon itself) including increased traffic, noise, demands on city services and a further reduction in value of existing vacant lots.

It is inexplicable to me how the City could even consider annexing more property at this point in time. We are experiencing the very real, devastating effects of a perfect storm--the worst economic downturn since the Great Depression. The citizens of the Wood River Valley have taken it on the chin over the last couple of years and the economic forecast continues to be grim. We may never dig ourselves out of this hole (at least not in my lifetime). The City is not in a position to take on more uncertainty in these most uncertain economic times. Cutters and Sweetwater have severely compromised Hailey's ability to function, let's not make a third mistake. We need to get back to the basics and take care of what we have.

I respectfully request that the application for annexation of the Quigley Canyon property be denied.

Respectfully submitted,

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