

**Comments on August 25, 2016 Planning Commission agenda items,
received August 20-24**

Item 32, Proposed USD Expansion of Services

(letter from CM Kevin Rhoten follows)



METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Member of Council

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August 23, 2016

Chairman Greg Adkins and Members
Metropolitan Planning Commission
700 Second Avenue South
Sonny West Conference Center
Nashville, Tennessee 37210

RE: Proposed Urban Services District Annexation

Dear Chairman Adkins and Members:

I regret that I will be unable to attend the Planning Commission meeting on Thursday, August 25, 2016 concerning the proposal to expand the Urban Services District. I am disturbed that as a Member of Council, I was not notified the matter was being discussed or under consideration at the meeting, and only learned of it when it was already public knowledge in my district. The entire Hermitage portion of my district will be annexed into the urban services district.

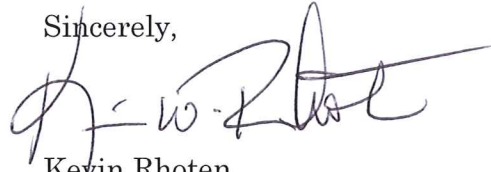
A large number of my constituents have already expressed their opposition to the annexation. Additional street lighting and garbage service provided by Metro will not be enough services to justify the increase in property taxes. For years the main reason for annexation was urban services level fire protection, which would result in a homeowner's insurance premium reduction. That is no longer the case due to the level of fire service in the GSD.

I am aware that some council members have asked for this in their district. In order to accomplish this, the annexation must be greatly expanded to meet the requirements that all areas in an annexation be contiguous with the urban services district or will be after the annexation. I strongly urge the commission to not go forward with the plan until after all affected areas are clearly in favor of it.

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Please in the future contact me in advance of such serious matters that affect my district.
Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Keyin Rhoten', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Keyin Rhoten
Councilmember, District 14

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Cc: Mr. Doug Sloan
Ms. Carrie Logan
Mr. Rich Riebeling
Mr. Joseph Woodson

From: donotreply@nashville.gov [mailto:donotreply@nashville.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:33 AM
Subject: Planning Commission - Citizen Email

Name : Lee and Hope Armstrong
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Please please please do not annex Council District 11....

From: donotreply@nashville.gov [mailto:donotreply@nashville.gov]
Sent: Wednesday, August 24, 2016 8:17 AM
Subject: Planning Commission - Citizen Email

Name : Tina Waller
Phone Number : 615-598-4453
Email Address : waller.tina@gmail.com

I am a resident of district 11 in Old Hickory. I am asking that our area remain General Services District, and not be annexed in Urban Services District! Please do not pass this change. Tina Waller 908 Debow St Old Hickory TN 37138

From: Allison Lanquist [mailto:allisonlanquist@yahoo.com]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:47 PM
To: Planning Commissioners
Subject: Proposed USD Expansion

To Planning Commissioners,

I am writing to express my OPPOSITION to the expansion of the Urban Services District in my area. I understand that this is coming up for council review and I want you to be sure to recognize that there are many of us out here in the General Services areas that like things the way they are. We do not want the

rise in taxes for the limited services that come along with it. We have chosen the outskirts of Nashville for its affordability and the small-town feel that comes with it.

Please make note. Our Councilman Larry Hagar represents us and our desires to vote this down for our district. This is not something that the people in Old Hickory Village want and we hope you will respect our opposition to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Allison Lanquist

1101 Riverside Drive

Old Hickory, TN 37138

From: donotreply@nashville.gov [mailto:donotreply@nashville.gov]

Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 6:43 PM

Subject: Planning Commission - Citizen Email

Name : Angela Searcy

Phone Number : 6156040265

Email Address : ajsearcy@bellsouth.net

I live at 2257 Riverway Dr in Old Hickory and I pay plenty in property tax already. I gave zero interest in being moved to the USD. I think the only reason you are trying to sneak this by is to get more money in taxes. We are fine the way we are!