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DISTRICT 18

March 2, 2011

Cottonwood Creek WCID No. 3
Board of Directors
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Dear Directors:

It has been brought to our attention that the Cottonwood Creek WCID No. 3 (District) is exploring the idea of annexing land in Bastrop County for development of the Central Texas Airport project. This despite the fact that the entirety of your District is located in Travis County and an estimated 15 miles from the proposed annexed property.

As you study the feasibility of this proposal, we strongly urge you to consider all aspects of the project and the impact they will have on the entire area and its community. We know that the Board would not dispute that public input is a vital part of any democratic process. That said, to proceed with this development without first seeking input from the surrounding landowners and affected constituency is both careless and inadvisable.

There are also significant safety and environmental issues that must be given serious consideration during your deliberations. The intended use of the land will obviously impact the area considerably more than any number of other, more common, uses and a thorough understanding of those impacts should be considered as a prerequisite to any further deliberation on the proposed annexation.

It is of substantial importance that you work in conjunction with the Bastrop County Commissioners, the Bastrop City Council, and the citizens of both communities to address any concerns they may have before moving forward with this proposal.

In the event that the land annexation is confirmed through the Board of Directors and the District becomes a part of the Bastrop County community, we fully expect that you will participate in all civil and county government proceedings as they relate to the District. It is also expected that you will, as a District, take an active role in the community. Any lesser involvement or certainly the lack of a comprehensive review of the proposed annexation will cause us to become much more involved in your deliberation as a District and as board members.

Thank you for your consideration and please do not hesitate to contact either of us with any questions or feedback you might have.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Glenn Hegar in black ink.
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