

June 10, 2021

To: Board of county commissioners Miami County Kansas

Re: Petition for incorporation of a city called Golden

Dear commissioners,

We would like to respond to the petition for incorporation with the following information.

- 1) We are a rural farm family that has owned this property at 27523 w. 215th street since the late 1940's
- 2) We have heard a lot about fighting Northpoint and the railroad in the last six months. However, we learned about the proposed city in the Kansas City Star newspaper. We were not alone in being informed about the proposal after the fact.
- 3) We all know that "rural" and "country" refer to areas outside city limits, therefore creating a city will forever irrevocably change the area. We also know that livestock really does not belong in the city limits. We do not need more restrictions than currently exist.
- 4) It was stated on the petitioners web page (before the June 7th "town hall" meeting) that they were not trying to force **anyone** to be involved, and that they would petition you to let them redraw the boundaries to let anyone out that did not want to be in the city. However, we attended the June 7th meeting at Hillsdale Lake and when we asked about opting out, we were told that now it is all or nothing. The web page has "mysteriously" changed after that meeting. (see attachments) The attorney for the petitioners stated that anyone not wanting to be included would have to petition the new city for de-annexation. It was also stated that if everyone opted out, there would be no town. We take that to be a reference to considerable opposition from other landowners. Our property touches the current Edgerton city boundary and we assume that if we want out we will have to fight our way out.
- 5) Our understanding of Kansas Statute 12-520 is that no property larger than 21 acres which is utilized for agricultural purposes can be legally annexed into a city without the landowners consent (forced annexation). We do not think we should be forced into a new city either.
- 6) We do not want to pay additional property taxes for no services other than "protection" from warehouses.

We would like to close by saying that the petitioners contend that Edgerton and Northpoint have done wrong. We believe that forcing anyone to be included in a city against their will (agricultural or not) is also wrong. **Every one knows that two wrongs do not make it right!** The change in the ability to be excluded from the towns formation brings into question all statements made by the petitioners. Therefore, we urge you to vote no on the incorporation of a city called Golden.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

John J. DeGrande as Trustee of the Florence DeGrande revocable trust

Florence DeGrande owner

DeGrande Farms/John and Shelley DeGrande

Florence E. DeGrande
John J. DeGrande
Shelley J. DeGrande

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Hearing at Paola Middle School to vote on approval of our city!

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We are not trying to force anyone to be involved. We are looking to stand together in unity, exercising our State rights to the full extent in order to protect **all** constitutional rights - including having a representative government, property rights, and due process. The map is a proposed boundary. We will request the commissioners approve the incorporation contingent upon revising property lines however necessary to exclude anyone from being annexed into the city limits against their will. This is not about forcing anything on anyone. It is about protecting us all by exercising our legal rights to save our property rights and the future of this area. We are stronger together.

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WE are Golden - not someone else miles away voting for their vision of our area, destroying our property rights and due process.

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Please take 38 minutes and watch the informational video below. This will help you understand what we're doing and why.

It also covers most of the basic questions regarding how the process takes place and how it will affect us as property owners.

ATTACHMENT #2

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maintainance, same schools, same sewer systems, same use you're currently enjoying. [Home](#) [Q & A](#) [Golden Gear](#) [Media Coverage](#) [Founding Family](#) [Q](#)

- Our mayor and 5-member council come from residents who live here and who are affected by any changes; therefore, we protect ourselves from being infiltrated by corruption and greed. We get to have a say in approving future developments that are a fit for all and denying those that are a nuisance, incompatible, or dangerous to our way-of-life and detrimental to our property values.
- **Conserving the Hillsdale Watershed, lake, and wildlife**

JUNE 9TH

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