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Mr. Nathan Fred Shaw, Chairman
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RE: Lee County Charter Review Commission: Voluntary Annexation Proposal

Dear Chairman Shaw,

Thank you for the invitation to provide input to the Lee County Charter Review Commission as they consider draft language for a potential Charter amendment regarding voluntary annexation. On September 6th, the City Council discussed the concept of the proposed amendment and concluded that, as a matter of policy, the City opposes the current version of the amendment as it diminishes the City's Home Rule authority.

While we respectfully decline the opportunity to present the City's position at the next Charter Review Commission meeting, the City Council will continue to monitor discussions through out the Commission's review process. Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in the conversation.

Sincerely,

Mayor Rick Steinmeyer

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