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September 21, 2022

Pilibos Statement #2

Reference Property: AL20 to RM-2/ANX

Good evening,

*I am here today to update the Commission on our position regarding the proposed annexation of our 40-acre family ranch. As stated earlier we own & operate two (2) fields of citrus. The Ranch houses 4 residences, 7 occupants, a mechanic shop, barn, and horses. The address range is 1919, 1949 & 2011 S. Willow Avenue.*

*On Friday, September 16, I met with Planning staff members Trejo, Holt & Gray with our consultant, Mr. Nick Yovino, senior. Staff was friendly, helpful, and informative. To recap our conversation:*

*(1) Fresno County Fire transition Fees will be paid by the developer, including any cost incurred to the City as a result of our detachment from Fresno County Fire Protection District.*

*(2) Permitted Use – we will be permitted to continue farming as long as our use does not change.*

*(3) Water & wells – We are permitted to keep, repair, and/or improve our existing well without metering as long as it is operable. However, when it needs to be <sup>deepened</sup> or replaced, we must connect to city water. SP 9/21/22*

*We have one (1) well that serves the fields and homes. If this one well fails, our fields would be irrigated with metered City water. Separate irrigation lines would have to be run to each field pump and lines that stretch the depth of the property. This is unrealistic and certain death to our ranching operation.*

*Further, all homes on the property were built between 1929-1951, with some minor modifications in the 1960s. All homes have concrete foundations. All water & waste lines are laid in the concrete foundation. All homes are set back about 150-200 feet from the road. To find, install then connect plumbing lines to each home to meet City requirements would be cost prohibitive and an unconscionable burden on us owners. The same would be true for the sewer system.*

*(4) Sewer – each home has its own septic system. All systems were recently pumped and are in good condition and repair. According to current code, septic systems may be retained for 3 years, then all connections must go to the City. To connect to City sewer service would require the same process as the water connections.*

*For these reasons, and others not yet mentioned, we request our parcels be removed from the annexation motion presented. We are a sleeping dinosaur and prefer to rest in peace. It is not our time to go.*

*We are not opposed to the annexation of our neighbors' property nor to the proposed development.*

*However, the burden placed upon us as a consequence of this annexation would uproot and destroy our operation, our home, family, and tenants in quick order. I do not believe this is the desired result of neither this body nor regulation.*

*I submit a copy of this statement with my contact information for your immediate attention.*



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