

April 13, 2010

Via email to: Sophia Scherman, Mayor  
Steven Detrick, Vice-Mayor  
Patrick Hume, Councilmember  
Gary Davis, Councilmember  
James Cooper, Councilmember  
Susan Blackston, City Clerk  
Taro Echiburu, Special Projects Manager  
Peter Brundage, Executive Officer, LAFCO  
Don Nottoli, County Supervisor

Subject: **COUNCIL MEETING APRIL 14, 2010 – SPHERE OF INFLUENCE**

Property Reference: 11281 Bruceville Road (southeast corner of Bruceville & Eschinger)

My family has attended several council and community meetings regarding the proposed sphere of influence (SOI). I regret that I will be unable to attend the city council meeting tomorrow night. Therefore, I wanted to give you my comments by email to reiterate my family's position with regard to the SOI.

There are very few land owners adjacent to Eschinger Road on the south side so you may not have heard from many. Months ago, my sister, Glenda Stewart went to the land owners with a petition to include our properties within the SOI. Many of the property owners signed her petition. However, when it comes to voicing their position, you have not heard from many.

When the SOI line was drawn down Eschinger Road, we were very disappointed. With having 120 acres zoned AG80, we cannot do much with the land except farm it. However when the proposal of the transition area was introduced, we were excited with the possibility that some day, our children would be able to have a home on two or five acres, whatever is ultimately deemed "transitional."

The transition area provides a lot of positives that you have already heard. To our family, it finally offers options that the next generation can take advantage of to enjoy what we, our parents, our grandparents and our great-grandparents (125 years) have enjoyed which is to live in the country. Maybe the country won't look like it does today. But having a transition area will help keep some of the rural feel and smell that we would like to pass along to our children.

**We are in support of the proposed transition area.** Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Karen Giesser Shipley

c: Wally Giesser, Colleen Giesser Adams, Glenda Giesser Stewart