

April 18, 2016

Mark McCauley, County Manager  
Clark County  
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Dear Mark:

As you may recall, the City of Camas contacted Clark County in December of 2014 in an effort to partner on annexing two specific areas located within the City's Urban Growth Boundary (Winchester Hills and Grand Ridge). Both areas are largely served by City utilities and are routinely covered by City police and fire services. The hope was to enter into an interlocal annexation agreement pursuant to RCW 35A.14.460 so the City could receive the tax revenues for the services provided. The desire of the County at the time was for the City to utilize a more traditional annexation approach with the petition method.

The City was able to successfully annex the Grand Ridge area last year using both the petition and island annexation methods albeit with at a considerable expense to the City with staffing and financial resources. Focus has now shifted to the Winchester Hills area. The City would once again like to explore using the interlocal method with the County, because close to 40% of the houses located in the Winchester Hills neighborhood are occupied by renters. As such, the prospect of collecting signatures for the petition method would be very challenging.

City and County staff have recently met to discuss this process and have mapped out a tentative schedule for both organizations to maximize efficiency and to provide for the public process. The Interlocal Method does clearly provide for a public process, so there is no circumventing public participation. The City plans on reaching out to the neighborhood again to inform them about the annexation and to seek their input. Transparency continues to be our goal

Please let us know when you would like to meet and discuss this matter further. Heather Rowley, Administrative Support Assistant, will be happy to assist in any meeting coordination at your convenience. She may be reached at 360-834-6864, or by email at

[hrowley@cityofcamas.us](mailto:hrowley@cityofcamas.us). I am also available to discuss this matter in further detail. My phone number is 360-834-6864, and my email is [PCapell@cityofcamas.us](mailto:PCapell@cityofcamas.us). Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Peter Capell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Peter" and the last name "Capell" clearly distinguishable.

Peter Capell  
City Administrator

cc: Mayor Scott Higgins  
Phil Bourquin, Community Development Director  
Robert Maul, Planning Manager