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To: O'Brien, Kevin M (LARA);
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Date: Thursday, February 16, 2012 8:53:23 PM
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I do not support incorporating dexter nor making it a city.
Village resident, Erin McKillen
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From: Fisher, Richard
To: O'Brien, Kevin M (LARA);
CC:
Subject: Docket #10-I-2 Incorpor. of Village of Dexter as City
Date: Monday, February 13, 2012 6:22:23 PM
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State Boundary Commission
Michigan Dept. of Licensing & Regulatory Affairs
P.O. Box 30254
Lansing, MI 48909

Att: Mr. K. O'Brien

Re: Proposed Incorporation of the Village of Dexter as a Home Rule City,
Washtenaw County
Docket # 10-I-2

Sir:

For the record, we (Richard L. Fisher & Barbara J. Fisher) oppose the proposed Incorporation.

Our opposition is based on a number of reasons:

1. Economic: We do not want to become disenchanted with a "city" government that ends up raising our taxes in order to provide services. The cost of services we currently enjoy (via our taxes to Scio Township) are borne by a larger population (which helps to reduce cost). Too many Chelsea (now city) residents we know personally have detailed how their taxes initially dropped when they became a city, and their service levels dropped accordingly. They are now paying more to receive the services they received when they were a village.
2. Risks: Currently, annexation & growth issues are mandated & managed by the township governments. Moving to a city government opens those issues to a new round of "politics" where a determined group could/can hijack the process to aid their own plans for "growth." Some, including us, see this push for cityhood as a means to circumvent the current township

restraints from opening & expanding the Baker Rd. corridor from Dexter to I-94.

3. To date, the "process" to transition from a village to a city has cost us much more than we were told it would, and the cost continues to rise. We have a hard time believing those who are "...a little reckless with the truth..." when it comes to the process and future costs.

Thank you.

Richard L. & Barbara J. Fisher

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Dexter, MI 48130
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State Boundary Commission
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STATE BOUNDARY COMMISSION

January 25, 2012

Dear Sirs,

I oppose this proposed incorporation. I have several concerns regarding the Village of Dexter becoming a home rule city. The first concern is the proposed boundary. The map with the revised boundaries had, apparently, only been finalized the week before. Many of us in the audience of the public hearing had not seen this map, let alone the "little purple triangle." It is a mockery of your earlier suggestion to square off that end of the city.

When the Dexter Historical Society was attempting to purchase the Gordon Hall property from the University of Michigan they approached everyone to assist in paying the 1.5 million the society felt was necessary to seal the deal. The Village of Dexter contributed \$200,000.00 of village tax money to help purchase property that was not in the village. Now that there is opportunity to have it part of the "city" the Historical Society wants nothing to do with us.

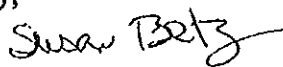
I understand from the public hearing that an agreement had been signed the week before between John Kingsley of Webster Township and Shawn Keough of the Village of Dexter. I have yet to see where that agreement has been published or the details of it. I assume in that agreement there will be compensation from the "city" to Webster Township for their lost revenue from the Westridge Subdivision. But no details have been revealed.

One of the selling points of becoming a city is that "our taxes will go down." Again there are no details. Other communities in the area have become cities with that same promotion but their taxes have NOT gone down.

I feel you may have left the public hearing thinking that there is no opposition to the proposed incorporation. I believe there is a great deal of opposition. I have lived in Dexter for 40 years and most people I have talked to are not in favor of becoming a city at this time.

I will be interested in seeing your ruling on this matter.

Sincerely,



Susan Betz


Dexter, MI 48130