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The Honorable Rick Baker, Mayor
City of St. Petersburg
175 Fifth Street North
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Subject: Tierra Verde proposed annexation

Dear Mayor Baker:

I have been made aware by our mutual good friends in CONA of their request that you and the St. Petersburg City Council delay any proposed annexation plan for portions of the Tierra Verde area until the Pinellas Planning Councils' Annexation Subcommittee has completed its work. Further, I am aware that Dunedin Mayor Bob Hackworth, who is the Chair of the Joint Pinellas Planning Council/Countywide Planning Authority Annexation Committee (PPC/CPA) also feels that a delay is in the best interest of all parties concerned.

Annexations are really very difficult to engineer even under the best of circumstances. This one is no different and it would seem proper to take the time necessary to reach an acceptable resolution to those on both sides of the issue. I believe that taking the time necessary is warranted and will be in the best interest of the City of St. Petersburg, and the residents of the affected area in Tierra Verde.

My thanks in advance for your consideration of my request and your leadership in accommodating the interests of all parties.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Bill Heller".

Bill Heller