



# Florida House of Representatives

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The Honorable Rick Baker, Mayor  
City of St. Petersburg  
175 5<sup>th</sup> Street North  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701

Dear Mayor Baker,

I am writing to you today regarding St. Petersburg's proposed annexation of properties in Tierra Verde. I respectfully request that you consider delaying any further action on this subject until such time as the Pinellas Planning Council's Annexation Subcommittee has concluded their work.

The Annexation Subcommittee is currently working diligently to find feasible and fair solutions to the contentious issue of annexation. In order for the committee to be successful, the continued good will and cooperation of city and county officials and residents is critical. It is my fear that a controversial annexation bid during this time will not only hamper the Subcommittee's progress, but also lead to costly lawsuits and increased dissension in our community.

I appreciate your consideration and offer my sincere gratitude for your leadership. I look forward to working with you to find solutions to these issues on behalf of the people of St. Petersburg and Pinellas County.

With warm personal regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Janet C. Long".

cc: The Honorable Charlie Justice, Chair, Pinellas County Legislative Delegation  
cc: The Honorable Dennis Jones, State Senator  
cc: The Honorable Jim Frishe, State Representative  
cc: The Honorable Bob Hackworth, Chairman, PPC Annexation Subcommittee