



QUINTON D. LUCAS
Mayor

October 26, 2023

Mr. Bob Huston
Presiding Commissioner
Cass County
102 East Wall Street
Harrisonville, Missouri 64701

Re: Annexation and De-annexation in the Cass County Portion of Kansas City

Presiding Commissioner Huston and Commissioners:

I write as a follow-up to recent conversations concerning a potential landfill in the Cass County portion of Kansas City. Like you, I have spoken to many of the parties involved in the landfill debate. Part of the discussion has involved a request of Kansas City to de-annex portions of the City in Cass County where current plans appear to place the landfill. In discussions with interested parties, I have advised them that Kansas City appreciates its presence in Cass County and economic development opportunities in your county—one of the safest in our region and one of our state's fastest growing areas.

Requests for deannexation in one area of Cass County have led us to consider potential alternatives to maintain our presence in Cass County, such as annexation (or more accurately, absorption) in the northwestern-most portion of your county—the Loch Lloyd area—where Kansas City has expended substantial resources to help replace the Kenneth Road bridge connection between the Village of Loch Lloyd and Kansas and about which myself and my colleagues from south Kansas City continue to receive requests for multimillion dollar infrastructure improvements to the Kenneth Road and the Holmes Road corridors in Kansas City, but which are heavily traveled by Loch Lloyd and other Cass County residents.

In sum, Kansas City wishes to retain economic development opportunities in Cass County, but also faces substantial infrastructure costs with a material impact to Cass County residents, but less impact on most Kansas City residents.

To resolve both issues, facilitate infrastructure improvement like Kenneth and Holmes Roads and provision of services, we write to ask you to consider Kansas City's annexation (or absorption) of the Village of Loch Lloyd, while at the same time our deannexation of areas of Kansas City in Cass County near Raymore.

Understanding the fiscal impact to Cass County residents becoming new Kansas City residents, we would be willing to evaluate the availability of freedom from certain Kansas City tax liability. In exchange, Kansas City would be able to prioritize infrastructure improvements, such as Kenneth Road and Holmes Road, in portions of Kansas City abutting the village of Loch Lloyd and northwest Cass County.

We are copying herein other municipal leaders in Cass County, including leadership from Raymore, Loch Lloyd, and Belton, but wanted to ensure we had your thoughts. We know annexation, absorption, and deannexation can be a lengthy process, but one that can be fruitful for all parties.

I look forward to further discussion and welcome your contact at your convenience. Thank you for your friendship and service to the people of our region.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'QD Lucas', with a stylized, flowing script.

Quinton D. Lucas

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Commissioner Monty Kisner
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