

STATE OF INDIANA) IN THE MONROE CIRCUIT COURT
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COUNTY OF MONROE) CAUSE NO. 53C06-2203-PL-000509

COUNTY RESIDENTS AGAINST ANNEXATION, INC.,
an Indiana not for profit corporation,
Representative of Those in the Territories Sought to be
Annexed; DON CREEK, HARRY FERRIS,
WILLIAM MANWARING, DAN DOYLE, CATHERIN
DENSFORD, SCOTT S. LOMAN, ETHEL ANN SATLER,
MARILYN J. DANIELSON, DEAN E. HOKE, BERT F.
PHILLIPS, SUNNY SLATER, HOLLY HILL, DEBORAH
REED for REED QUARRIES, INC., THOMAS W. McGHIE,
RICKY FERGUSON, THOMAS E. OSBORN, JIMMY JOHNSON,
RICHARD PEACH, KAREN LAUCELLA, BARBARA
LEININGER, CINDI LIVINGSTON, RHONDA GRAY,
ARLLYS PAPKE, JOANNA HAHN; and OTHER TERRITORY 1A AND 1B OWNERS OF
LAND,

Remonstrators/Appellants/Petitioners,

vs.

THE COMMON COUNCIL of the City of Bloomington,
Monroe County, Indiana,
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON, Monroe County, Indiana,
JOHN HAMILTON in his official capacity as
Mayor of Bloomington, Monroe County, Indiana, and
CATHERINE SMITH in her official capacity as Auditor
of Monroe County, Indiana,
Respondents.

AFFIDAVIT OF THOMAS McGHIE

COMES NOW Thomas McGhie, and being duly sworn upon his oath, states as follows:

1. My name is Thomas McGhie.
2. I am an adult resident of Monroe County, Indiana, within the Territory Sought to be Annexed by the City of Bloomington, Indiana designated as Area 1B.
3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in this Affidavit.



4. The City of Bloomington, Indiana advertised a public meeting to be held on August 4, 2021, at the Showers Building concerning the City's plan to expand the City and annex new areas.

5. Members of the public were supposed to have been given the opportunity to speak regarding proposed annexations the August 4, 2021 meeting.

6. In the minutes before the August 4, 2021 meeting was set to begin, the Common Council of the City of Bloomington distributed information to the crowd that had fathered to attend, informing us that the meeting time and venue had changed and discouraging persons from attending the meeting at the Showers Building.

7. The Common Council of the City of Bloomington then severely limited attendance of the gathered crowd into the Showers Building meeting, citing their COVID-19 response measures. The first actions of the meeting were to adjourn without allowing any persons to speak regarding the proposed annexation ordinances and to plan to reconvene minutes later in a telepresence-only meeting. At the time of adjournment of the meeting, a member of the Common Council stated that members of the public who wished to speak could do so by going to the Monroe County Public Library and attend the new meeting via Zoom.

8. The Monroe County Public Library was not equipped with computers that would have allowed for public participation in the August 4, 2021 meeting.

9. I was not permitted to speak regarding the proposed annexation ordinances in the Showers Building Meeting.

10. Persons who had come to the Showers Building as advertised, and who had requested to speak regarding the proposed annexation ordinances, were not able to speak in the telepresence-only meeting that was convened later that day.

TM 03 June 2022

11. Further affiant sayeth not.

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I AFFIRM UNDER THE PENALTIES FOR PERJURY THAT THE FORGOING
REPRESENTATIONS ARE TRUE.

Date: 03 June 2022

Thomas McGhie
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