

To: Burien City Council

Re: Annexations

Date: October 4, 2011

From: Marga NewComb

Hi Folks

I wrote a long detailed letter, but then figured no one would read all that. So, will try and keep it short and simple.

You added part of White Center to Burien without giving us a chance to vote on whether or not we wanted that to happen, and now you are planning to add the rest of White Center, once again without giving us a chance to vote on it. I wonder what it is costing to add that first bit and what it will cost to add the second part of White Center. You have not given us much information about the finances of it all, but I noticed you have added taxes to us. I have also heard that you will get money from the county or state, but no one has said what happens when that money runs out or how the money you have already received has been spent. I do know that White Center has lots of low income people living there, roads that have not been kept up and a serious crime rate. King county does not want them, saying they cannot afford them. If King County cannot afford them, then how can Burien afford them? All of my expenses are going up lately and though you have managed to fill a few potholes here and there, some of your other projects have been useless. I really cannot afford to pay for White Centers' problems along with the increasingly expensive Burien upkeep, and I think annexing more property and people with all of their needs is a very bad idea. It seems very dictatorial of you to not let us vote on something so important that it will certainly cause financial hardship and quality of life changes to current Burien citizens.

Please give us a choice about another annexation on the next ballot.

Thank you



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