

February 10th, 2020

To: House Local Government

From: Mayor Lou Cicirello, City of Valley Center

Re: HB 2580 - Written Opponent Testimony

Dear Chairman Thompson and Committee Members:

Thank you, Chairman and Committee, for allowing me to submit testimony on HB 2580. The City of Valley Center is opposed to this legislation because it is a fundamentally flawed bill. Current legislation is ample as well as creates a challenging process for communities to successfully annex areas.

The passage of this bill will detrimentally effect the growth and prosperity of our thriving community. Recently, the City of Valley Center has continued to grow in the highly competitive Wichita Metro Area. With the passage of this bill our community will be restricted in the ability to make local decisions, as well as cause increases in service costs to our current residents.

For these reasons, I ask that Committee <u>not</u> to pass HB 2580 out of this committee. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully

Lou Cicirello

Mayor