

Dear Commissioners of Holly Springs,

May 6, 2008

My name is Robert Padalino and I am the Vice President of the Board of Directors for the Sunset Lake Homeowners association. I am also heading up the Coalition Against Forced Annexation by Fuquay-Varina. Last evening we held our first meeting at the Sunset Lake Lodge. Needless to say it was a huge success and the turnout was in excess of 150 homeowners from the various subdivisions that are affected by this annexation plan. At this meeting, we all signed a petition stating that we are all vehemently opposed to being forcefully annexed by Fuquay-Varina and demanded that it be voted down.

In attendance from the Township of Holly Springs were Vinnie DeBenedetto (Councilman), Dick Sears (Mayor), and Carl Dean (Town Manager). These gentlemen along with Nelson Dollar, who is the North Carolina District 36 Representative, took time out of their busy schedules to come out and speak to us about their position on this situation. On behalf of our coalition, I want to sincerely thank you all for your guidance and support for our cause. Last evening, you managed to restore faith in a group of disenchanted citizens that are currently under siege. It was abundantly clear there are still elected officials out there who care deeply about issues that affect the citizens they are supposed to represent. We are now demanding that the Commissioners of Fuquay-Varina do the same.

I am here this evening asking each of you to reach out once again to your counterparts in Fuquay-Varina on our behalf. Please help them to understand that there is a growing coalition of affected citizens that are demanding the two townships work together and protect our rights. This annexation, if it is passed, will result in duplication of services that we do not need and did not ask for. It will also place a huge financial burden on the people affected and the residents that currently reside within town limits during a very difficult economic climate in this country.

We want our message to be clear to the commissioners of both towns. Vote no on forcefully annexing our communities.

Sincerely,

Robert Padalino