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Subject: my letter to Kiryas Joel

My name is Kathryn Small and I am a resident of the Town of Monroe. Annexation of land is a serious issue with long term consequences that can permanently affect the community. I am very concerned that this annexation proposal will cause further exploitation of all our natural resources.

Thus far the Kiryas Joel town council has not adequately addressed their ability to provide responses to any of the questions posed regarding the development of high density housing and the impact on our environment. No one has presented any positive benefit for this annexation other than an absurd flier that has been mailed to the townspeople saying they believe in community. If they had "Community" at heart, their efforts would have been better received by spending a few months in an open community involvement campaign with the surrounding villages.

One argument for annexation is that KJ will provide beneficial services for the residents of Monroe, yet the council did not survey the residents to find out if those 'services' were actually needed or wanted. The cost to the town of Monroe, surrounding communities and the environmental impact once the high density housing is developed will never be made up in services rendered.

Studies show involuntary annexation can divide a community. KJ is a town whose people made a mockery of our residents by placing a comment on Twitter stating its neighboring community members are "racist" and "children of Hitler". Where is the reputation that would entice county residents to WANT to help this town?

No one is against the growing of KJ. There are good people who live in the town. What we are against is rapid growth, destruction of land, over use of county resources, fiscal strain and increase volume of traffic on small back country roads.

I would ask the council and members of KJ who are in favor of this annexation the following:

1. Describe the benefits to the Town of Monroe and Orange County (environmental, fiscal and well-being)
2. Once the high density housing is built- how will sewer, traffic, waste management and water volume be handled
3. Will any land be preserved, or will it be developed in its entirety?
4. By increasing the population of KJ how will you handle the large volume of traffic on the small roads of Orange County?

As a taxpayer in the Town of Monroe, I'm looking for answers, so please take my words into consideration as well as the concerns of United Monroe and the townspeople.

\*During the March 3rd scoping session held within the town of KJ, NOT ONE resident stood and spoke in favor of this annexation. Shouldn't that make you wonder?.....

"A Country (Town) divided will not stand"