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## **The facts, and nothing but the facts;** **You do the math...**

- FACT 1:** There are 842 sworn police officer positions in the City of Fresno. Fresno has 481,000 residents. This equals 1.75 officers per 1,000 residents.
- FACT 2:** City officials have stated they could and would handle policing services to the 40,000 County residents who reside in the unincorporated islands within metropolitan Fresno with 5 to 6 officers. This equals 1 officer per 6,667 - 8,000 residents in the County islands. Therefore, in order to provide County pocket residents the same level of police coverage they currently provide City residents, the City would need to assign well over 60 police officers to the County pockets.
- FACT 3:** Today, the Sheriff has 50 to 60 deputies assigned to the County pockets within the City limits compared to the 5 or 6 police officers the City is proposing for the same area.

***Ask yourself, Why would you want to change who is currently protecting you, your family and your neighbors?***

### **Here is a sampling of what your neighbors are saying in response to FDSA's recent mailings...**

(This is only a sampling of the feedback received by the FDSA, to date; 100% of the responses are in opposition to annexation, NOT even one is in support of annexation)

*"The Sheriff's Department does an excellent job in our neighborhood & we see no reason to change. We needed an ambulance recently & the Deputy was at our door immediately, before the crew arrived. His presence gave me comfort & he wanted to help in any way needed...Also, we have known for years, we have a registered offender that lives very close. We are not worried about it as the Sheriff's department keeps track of him. Thank You."*

**The Ken Kennedy Household**

**Read more of what your neighbors are saying . . .**

I am the Apartment Manager for 155, 225, 445 & 555 S Argyle.

I have already had some dealings with Fresno Police and needless to say I am not impressed at all. I have been here on this block for over 10 years and have worked well with the Sheriffs.

**Brijette Masterson**

The Sheriff's dept. has always provided better service to the County than the City of Fresno police. I live in the county and I own a rental property in the City of Fresno. I have had the need to call the police both for my home in the County and for my rental in the City of Fresno.

The County service is far superior and more efficient to the City's - it might be with less taxation as well. I would like things to remain the way they are. Thank you

**Asriel Saporta**

I'd like to stay informed about this as we bought this house BECAUSE it is in a County island. We will move out of Fresno if it is annexed and to Sanger or another small outlying town.

**Diane Barela**

My husband is retired from Fresno PD and is now working for the Sheriff's Office as extra help, special investigator. We know both departments. I do not want to have Fresno PD for Old Fig. I want better service than what Fresno PD can give due to their heavy call load and severely stretched resources. I have that now by having the

Sheriff's Office patrolling my neighborhood. I am also strongly opposed to old fig going to private security which I have heard some people want. The deputies do a very good job. I should know....I moved to Old Fig because it is county and not city. I don't want sidewalks or anything else the city might want to push on us. I want to remain county.

**Mary Bates Case**

Thank You for mailing the "FDSA". I had no idea that Mayor Swearingin is actively trying for annexation of the County Islands or I would have never voted for her. Please keep me informed. Let me know what our options are to defeat this takeover once and for all.

**Forrest O Kipphut**

We love our "county island" and the quick services we get from the County Mounties and CHP. Response time is excellent and we would love to keep it that way. My husband is retired military and we feel safe in our little island, almost like living back on the base.

**Harvey and Mary Parsons**

I have been a resident of a county island for over 40 yrs. My feeling is that this is nothing but a property tax grab than anything else. We think that the level of service offered by the Sheriff's Office is far superior than the police department. Having a rural feeling neighborhood in the city is very important to us.

**Hal Cooksey**



**Contact the Fresno Deputy Sheriffs' Association to help stop the grab by the City of Fresno and end their attempt to annex county pockets within Metropolitan Fresno.**

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