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## THE FACTS ARE THE FACTS!

The Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association stands behind the facts in our mailing you received last week about sex offenders who are out of compliance, meaning who the City has lost track of. We did not, and do not, apologize for sending you this mailing. We reported certain facts that residents in the unincorporated islands within Metropolitan Fresno have a right to know.

The fact is the Mayor campaigned on the premise of annexing these County pockets into the City. Since taking office in January 2009, her actions confirm that she is serious. Moreover, [in a meeting with Mayor Swarengin and Chief Dyer, when asked about his plans for replacing 50 - 60 deputies who are presently working to protect residents who live in these pockets, the Chief said he would NOT be adding any City police officers;](#) yet, the City would be receiving \$5 million per year from property taxes paid by the residents in these County pockets that is currently used to help provide public safety to you, your families, and every resident who resides in these County pockets.

Think about it...[40,000 new residents to protect, thousands of acres of new land to patrol, yet, no new police officers to do the job.](#) What will that do to service levels within the County pockets located in metropolitan Fresno? In the same vein, what priority will the City place on protecting these County pockets if the City takes over responsibility for police protection by contracting with the City, rather than annexing the County islands into the City?

Despite the claims by the Fresno Bee, if the City contracts to provide this service, they will be paid by the County, thus using the money that would otherwise pay for deputies to be assigned to other areas of the County. Or, if the City annexes these islands, as is the Mayor's stated intention, the City will receive the approximately \$5 million in property taxes the County currently receives from these pockets; [as a result, there will be no money to keep the 50-60 deputies as claimed in the newspaper.](#)

We are committed to keeping the residents who reside within the County pockets BOTH informed and safe.



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. Email: info@stopthegrab.org • www.stopthegrab.org

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To: Officers of Fresno Police Department

October 22, 2009

A mail piece was authored by the Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association and was sent to all County Island residents. I realize this mail piece has been received by many of the Officers within the Fresno Police Department. I want to make it very clear; the message is NOT an attack on any one of you. You all work for a very professional law enforcement agency. I want to apologize to all who may have been offended in any way by the information detailed in this piece.

I have spoken with FPOA President Jacky Parks several times regarding our stance on this issue. Jacky understand the FDSA's position when it comes to the possible lose of Deputy Sheriff's in Fresno County.

Your Mayor, Ashley Swearengin has made it clear to the FDSA, that during her term as Mayor of Fresno, she is going to actively try for annexation of the County Islands. If this were to occur, the Sheriff's Department and FDSA would stand to lose roughly sixty (60) Deputy Sheriff positions. Mayor Swearengin has proven she is serious about annexation in several ways. She has used the Fresno Bee and Fresno Chamber of Commerce as a mouth piece to try and influence county island residents. She has held community meetings with the residents of Mayfair, Sunnyside, and Fig Garden talking about annexation. The FDSA sees this as a serious threat to take over the County Islands. We will not stand idle on this issue.

Annexation of the islands is very concerning to our members, as well as the County Island residents. The membership of the Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association expects the leadership of the FDSA to protect the current jobs of each and every Deputy Sheriff.

I hope as working men and women in the brotherhood of law enforcement, you can understand the job we have to do for our members and for the citizens of Fresno County.

Sincerely,

Eric Schmidt  
President, Fresno Deputy Sheriff's Association