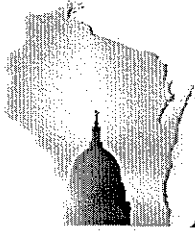


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PETITION FILE NO 12496

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Subject: STARKWEATHER SQUARE LLC ET AL ANNEXATION.

Section 66.0217 (6), Wis. Stats., provides that the annexation of lands to cities and villages within a county having a population of 50,000 or more shall be reviewed by the Department of Administration in order to determine if the proposed annexation is in the public interest or against the public interest. The proposed annexation from the Town of Blooming Grove to the City of Madison (see attached description) must be reviewed pursuant to the statute. This is a re-filing of an annexation reviewed by the Department this past fall (#12430), except that the legal description and scale map have been altered to include a strip of land extending off the southeast corner of the territory (see enclosed scale map).

To assist us in making this determination, we urge that you promptly supply the data requested on the enclosed questionnaire (where possible) and return the questionnaire to the department.

The purpose of this questionnaire is to assist the department in determining "Whether the governmental services, including zoning, to be supplied to the territory could clearly be better supplied by the town...." The statute further stipulates that the department shall study the "shape of the proposed annexation and the homogeneity of the territory with the annexing municipality." In addition, we would appreciate receiving from you any comments or information bearing on governmental services or shape and homogeneity that would indicate whether the annexation is in or against the public interest.

Our reply must be prepared within a very limited statutory deadline. Please return the questionnaire no later than January 13, 2005 so that the information can be reviewed prior to the department's statutory deadline of January 18, 2005. Direct any questions and comments to Erich Schmidtke at (608) 264-6102 or George Hall at (608) 266-0683. Thank you for your cooperation.

For additional information on annexation or other land use issues, visit our web site at www.doa.wi.gov and type 'annexation' in the search box.

Sincerely,

Erich Schmidtke

Enclosures