

## RE: INfo Request

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Ms. O'Dowd, et.al:

Good afternoon. Your formal request for information under the Open Records Act has been forwarded to the Town Clerk, Ida Fierro, who is the official custodian of records for the Town. However, I have also received a communication from the Town Manager, Stephen Jerge, regarding your request which informs me that he has already provided you the information you seek. Perhaps there has been some mis-communication? Please let him/her know. Also, I am not certain, as I'm sure the Town Clerk will not be, if you represent and are the contact person for all the attached petitions/requests? Please clarify to her for the record.

Although I can not answer your requests formally, as I am not the custodian of records, perhaps I can informally address certain issues which might answer some of your questions and obviate the need for a formal response from the appropriate office.

With respect to annexations, the Town has no formal policy, and therefore can not provide a "document of intent" such as you request - it simply doesn't exist. However, as I stated at the Placitas Area planning meeting last Thursday, the Town traditionally has acted in a manner consistent with a view of itself as a relatively compact and cohesive community, avoiding annexing much at all - sometimes to its acknowledged detriment after the fact, as in the struggle with Rio Rancho back in the late 1980's to annex the area surrounding the intersection of NM528 & NM44 (now US550). For example, the Town has honored the independent sensibilities and characters of "the Bosque" and "El Llanito" areas of Sandoval County adjacent to the Town on the valley bottom, and never attempted to annex these areas without a petition. It has even rebuffed previous informal requests to annex relatively large portions of the Placitas area as inconsistent with its own identity and character. This traditional "attitude" of the Town has not changed under the two administrations I have worked with. The Town, however, has considered under numerous administrations small-scale annexations-by-petition on a case-by-case basis which were deemed to be in the best interests of the Town. Several of these previous annexations are directly adjacent to the I-25 Frontage Road.

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Dear Mr. Moe  
Please see attached.

Thanks Much,  
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