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Opposition to County Commissioners NO vote of Annexation Request

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The River Counties Association of REALTORS (RCAR) adamantly opposes the decision of the County Commissioners on Monday evening, August 16, 2021, wherein the request for annexation of non-contiguous land, even after a passionate statement from Commissioner Charlotte Peak, was denied.

The land in question is 1050 feet from City of Cleveland property, and therefore not contiguous, requiring approval from the County Commission. However, Bradley County Road Department has agreed to allow the City of Cleveland to build and maintain the transportation impact area, so the Commissioners would have a clear path to approval.

RCAR 2021 President, Tammy Johnson stated “These annexations are vital to private property owners, and should be granted so the owners can have access to sewer services. As REALTORS, it is imperative that we stand for private property rights, which include the right for highest and best use. This decision hurts residents and private property owners, and the River Counties Association of REALTORS stands opposed to that decision and urges reconsideration immediately.”

County land parcels often have problems in percolation, needed for septic, meaning if there’s no natural gravity flow there’s no flow at all. This then requires the need of City services from Cleveland Utilities, which can only be granted if the property is annexed into the City of Cleveland.

On six prior occasions the commissioners have approved such annexation, begging the question as to why this request was denied.

“Urban growth is paramount to the success of our communities. This parcel is for 94 homes and we are desperate for housing. REALTORS live and work in these communities and we understand the infrastructure needs for private property owners. We are asking our members to contact the commissioners and urge an immediate reversal,” said Lisa Martin, CEO of the River Counties Association of REALTORS.