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Supreme Court of Iowa Rules in Favor of the City of Pleasant Hill

PLEASANT HILL, Iowa – December 11, 2015 – Today, the Supreme Court of Iowa filed a decision dismissing an appeal by the Concerned Citizens of Southeast Polk School District and Jessman Smith in a case regarding the voluntary annexation of land by the City of Pleasant Hill.

“This decision is the end of a very long process, repeatedly affirming the City of Pleasant Hill and the City Development Board of the State of Iowa acted properly in processing voluntary annexation requests,” said Pleasant Hill Mayor Sara Kurovski.

The case involved four owners who requested 100 percent voluntary annexation of property for incorporation into the City of Pleasant Hill. The City Development Board of the State of Iowa reviewed and approved the voluntary annexation in 2013. The Board’s decision went through a series of appeals including District Court and the Court of Appeals where the annexation process and approval was found to be lawful and appropriate. The decision announced today by the Supreme Court of Iowa denied consideration of the latest appeal thus ending the litigation process and allowing the previous rulings in favor of the City Development Board and the City of Pleasant Hill to stand.

“The Supreme Court’s denial of further appeal regarding the City’s 100 percent voluntary annexation gives finality to a very standard practice exercised by Iowa Cities on a regular basis,” said Pleasant Hill City Manager Don Sandor. “The City is pleased with the decision and closing this lawsuit will allow City leaders to focus on other business enhancing the long term growth and quality of life in our community.”

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