



Office of the Mayor

October 13, 2020

Dear Hideout Mayor and Council,

I understand that the Town of Hideout has needs and desires for additional commercial services, a new town hall, and a community gathering center. I also understand that Hideout values and would like to encourage more land preservation, trails and connectivity. Park City supports those goals and can very much relate to you regarding the challenges and traffic that come with growth.

That said, Park City remains deeply concerned and frustrated with Hideout's current rush to annexation and fear it could have severe impacts to the entire region. Forcing this annexation through in the face of overwhelming public and legislative opposition will only isolate Hideout further and have a chilling impact on regional relationships.

If you are willing to pursue a more collaborative path, you would have grateful and constructive partners willing to help address your needs. We reiterate our offer to engage in a collaborative process to plan for regional services. Collectively addressing the future of this strategic interchange is a generationally significant priority for our residents and we are willing and ready to move past the posturing of the last few months, roll up our sleeves, and get to work on finding regional solutions to the issues at hand.

So there can be no misunderstanding our commitment, we are willing to cover the costs for an independent third party or professional facilitator to fairly undertake such an effort, and would move quickly to set up these meetings ahead of the 2021 Utah Legislature General Session.

But we must know first that Hideout will stand down its immediate efforts to annex using the now-repealed loophole. If Hideout agrees to this approach, we acknowledge that you are not precluded from considering future annexations through normal annexation procedures.

We hope you will consider this as an alternative to your current course.

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy B.", followed by a long horizontal flourish.

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