

City of Mukilteo

Proposition 2

Ballot Title

Advisory Vote on South Mukilteo Annexation

The Mukilteo City Council is considering annexation of the area commonly referred to as the South Mukilteo Annexation Area. This annexation would add approximately 11,000 residents and approximately double the City's commercial acreage. What is your position on the proposed South Mukilteo Annexation?

Explanatory Statement

The City of Mukilteo is considering annexation of the area commonly referred to as the South Mukilteo Annexation Area. If annexed, this area would add approximately 11,000 residents and approximately double the City's commercial acreage. The City Council has placed Proposition No. 2 on the ballot in order to formally solicit Mukilteo voters' input on the potential annexation. Proposition No. 2 is a non-binding advisory proposition. The final decision on whether to proceed with annexation of the South Mukilteo Annexation Area will be made by the City Council.

Statement For

Statement by: Dan Gray, Jennifer Gregerson, Emily Vanderwielen

Annexation unites our community.

The city's boundaries today are arbitrary in places; going all the way to Highway 99 unites families that send their kids to Mukilteo schools, shop at Mukilteo business and consider themselves part of our community.

Annexation will save us all money.

Adding more businesses, especially retail locations, creates a **stronger and broader tax base** for city services. Adding more people creates **economies of scale** that help deliver city services to existing neighborhoods at lower cost.

Annexation allows us to control our future.

Nearly half of the commercial land along the Mukilteo Speedway is not in city limits today. That is why there are billboards and bikini baristas there. Annexation will allow Mukilteo **to make better, smarter decisions** about how our community will look in the future. As these areas develop, the revenues and taxes should come to Mukilteo, not the County.

Annexation protects our environment.

The county has allowed massive development in critical habitat areas, like steep slopes and adjacent to salmon-bearing streams. Adding these areas to the city means **better and more rigorous environmental protection**, just like the protection our neighborhoods enjoy today.

Mukilteo's 2009 **annexation plans were approved** by the State, Snohomish County, Lynnwood and unanimously by the Boundary Review Board.

Our neighbors in Wind and Tide, Picnic Point, and Serene Lake have asked to join the city: your vote allows our friends and neighbors to have a voice on their neighborhoods' future.

Vote Yes for a Better, Stronger Mukilteo; Vote Yes on Annexation.

Statement Against

Statement by: B. Jon Boyce, Steve Schmalz

Voting "NO" saves Mukilteo.

Annexation will bring reduced city services, higher taxes, and lower your property values. Do you like Mukilteo's small-town atmosphere? It's quality of life? These will be history. Visit SaveMukilteo.org for updated information, yard signs, and the Save Mukilteo event schedule.

- Door-to-door canvassing of you and your neighbors reveals 80% to 90% of Mukilteo residents strongly oppose annexation. Verify this? Just ask five neighbors.
- Bogus accountability: Over ONE MILLION dollars of your tax money is already wasted on three failed annexation efforts. It gets worse: Every request for a dollar-cost accounting of untracked city employee hours spent on annexation has been refused.
- Those wasted ONE MILLION dollars could have built miles of sidewalks, or improved 5th Street, or built a soccer field, or purchased park land for you and your family.
- There will be a higher demand for police and fire services in the trouble-prone annexed area.
- The costs of annexation are vastly understated. Take a drive for yourself in the proposed annexation area. Bringing all that up to Mukilteo standards will cost you millions.
- For the past three years the city has got the numbers on both income and expenditures wrong. And now these same folks want you to believe they've got the annexation costs right? Wanna buy a bridge? Be sure to vote "NO". Any "No Opinion" vote will be counted as a "yes" vote. Vote NO. The city you save will be your own. Visit SaveMukilteo.org now.

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Rebuttal of Statement Against

Mukilteo is prepared: plans approved by the State Boundary Review Board **ensure everyone receives excellent public services**. Don't accept fear tactics; Mukilteo would never endanger public safety. This is the best time to annex: the strip club on 99 was demolished: let our standards take effect! You will notice very few changes after annexation: our "Welcome to Mukilteo" sign will move a few blocks and **more residents will help share city service costs**. Vote Yes.

Rebuttal of Statement For

Super-Size Mukilteo? VOTE NO

- Annexation will divide us, decrease property values, and dilute City services.
- Annexation will increase your cost of living and the costs of doing business. There are too many empty storefronts already.
- Annexation will degrade our tax base. In larger cities, taxes are not lower; the services and quality of life are not better.
- Annexation passed the BRB despite a clear conflict-of-interest. This was appealed, and successfully overturned.