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**Wendy Downs, Sandy City Recorder**  
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Sandy, UT 84070  
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*Re: Formal Protest of Annexation Petition –*

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Dear Ms. Downs:

Pursuant to Utah Code §10-2-801 et seq., I hereby submit this formal written protest of the proposed annexation into Sandy City.

***Statement of Protest***

I formally object to and protest the annexation of the above-described property into Sandy City. This protest is submitted with the intent that it be counted toward any applicable annexation protest thresholds under Utah Code §10-2-801 et seq., including by land area, assessed value, and/or number of property owners, as applicable; and included in the official record of the annexation proceedings.

***Property Ownership Information***

I am the record owner of the following real property proposed for annexation:

- Owner Name (as shown on title):

The Justene Blankenship Family Living Trust 11/10/23

- Property Address:

9538 S. Deer Run Place, Sandy, UT 84092

- Parcel Number(s):

28-11-103-018

- Approximate Acreage (if known):

.87 acres

- Additional Owners (if any)

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***Basis for Protest***

I respectfully submit the following concerns regarding the proposed annexation:

**Lack of demonstrated service benefit:** My property is currently served by existing providers (including, as applicable, county and/or special district services), and the City has not demonstrated that annexation will result in a material improvement in the level, quality, or efficiency of services.

**Increased financial burden without proportional benefit:** Annexation would subject my property to additional municipal taxes, fees, and potential assessments, without a clear showing of commensurate benefit or value.

**Duplication or disruption of existing services:** Existing service arrangements (including but not limited to water, sewer, fire protection, and other municipal-type services) are functioning adequately. Annexation may result in duplication, inefficiencies, or uncertainty regarding service provision.

**Insufficient clarity regarding service transition:** The City has not provided sufficient detail regarding how and when services would transition, what entities would provide them, and whether current service levels will be maintained or improved.

**Process and notice concerns:** The annexation process has raised concerns regarding the adequacy of notice, the opportunity for meaningful public participation, and the ability of affected property owners to evaluate impacts prior to key decisions.

**Land use and regulatory impacts:** Annexation would subject the property to a new zoning and regulatory framework, which may not align with existing uses, expectations, or long-term plans for the property.

**Community and governance considerations:** The proposed annexation may alter the character of the area and reduce local control or representation as compared to existing governance structures.

**Precedential concerns:** Approval of this annexation under the current circumstances may establish a precedent for future annexations without sufficient demonstration of benefit or community support.

**Additional property-specific concerns (if any):**

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**Request**

I respectfully request that:

1. This protest be counted for all purposes under Utah Code §10-2-801 et seq.;
2. Sandy City excludes my property from the proposed annexation area; and
3. That the Sandy City Council deny or modify the annexation petition based on the level of protest and the concerns raised.

**Please confirm receipt of this protest.**

Sincerely,

Owner(s) Signature: Justeene Blankenship, Trustee

Printed Name(s) Justeene Blankenship

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