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Citizen Democracy Prevails in Boulder, Again

Against the odds, the clock, and the pandemic, a dedicated 100% volunteer petition team of citizens from across Boulder took to the streets and gathered far more than the required signatures for a Referendum to repeal Ordinance 8483 Annexing CU South. This annexation was dubiously approved by the Council on September 21 as an “emergency” before citizens were given opportunity to vote on Ballot Measure 302. **Today, Thursday October 21st at 2:30 p.m. we are submitting more than 6,000 signatures at the Municipal Building insisting on an up or down vote on the CU South annexation in 2022.**

This is the second time we have submitted petitions in 2021. Earlier this summer, the same team led by Save CU South, gathered more than 4,500 signatures to put the Ballot Measure 302 - LET BOULDER VOTERS DECIDE ON ANNEXATION OF CU SOUTH, on this November’s ballot. Passing this initiative will give our citizens a significant voice regarding Boulder’s biggest, most impactful addition of land to the city since the annexation of North Boulder in the early 1960s.

The City Council completely disregarded the citizens’ democratic right to a vote on a citizen-initiated measure by approving the annexation of CU South just six weeks before the November election, and then having the acting-City Attorney publicly call Ballot Measure 302 “moot”, since the Council already acted and approved the annexation. The only redress available to us citizens who put Ballot Measure 302 on the ballot was to petition, yet again, for a Referendum to repeal the approval of the annexation of CU South within the short 30-day period allowed by the city charter for a successful referendum petition. With the signatures submitted today, **Ballot Measure 302 is not moot and if approved and the referendum passes in 2022, 302 will establish terms for a future annexation agreement and vote on CU South.**

We had more than 60 volunteers collecting signatures at their homes, at public gathering places such as grocery stores, parks, and shopping areas, and by going door to door. We found that people were more than willing to sign the referendum petition, many because they are so upset with the action of the Council to derail a legitimate democratic process by denying citizens a real vote on the 302 - LET BOULDER VOTERS DECIDE ON ANNEXATION OF CU SOUTH ballot measure. The fact that we have collected more than 6,000 signatures in less than 30 days for this Referendum demonstrates the people’s strong desire to vote on CU South.

We are hopeful that our next City Council will appreciate that more than 11,000 signatures have been collected in 2021 asking for a vote on CU South. Boulder citizens want to vote on issues that are of great community concern and actual face-to-face engagement with the community is necessary.

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