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Mesa County Commissioners 750 Main Street Grand Junction, Colorado 81501

Honorable Commissioners:

HAND DELIVERED

The Council believes that the most important issue confronting our community today is preserving our quality of life while enjoying a robust economy. Growth management is central to that goal.

We have attempted unsuccessfully for almost half a year to negotiate our differences regarding the 1980 Sewer Agreement. Throughout these negotiations the County has offered no concrete solutions to our differences except the creation of a County-wide Super Utility Authority.

The Council strongly opposes a Super Authority as nothing more than another layer of government. Granting utility power to yet another bureaucracy will merely make it much more difficult for our entities to manage growth.

The City and County are both embarking upon major planning efforts that will influence growth for many years to come. The Council is committed to devoting maximum time and energy to assuring this planning process succeeds. We feel the negotiations have been unproductive and see no reason to continue them at this time.

City and County staff are meeting at your request to discuss the Commission's July 6th letter about the proposed amendment to the sewer regulations. We are confident the County's objections to the amendment can be satisfactorily resolved.

Thank you for your participation in these discussions.

Sincerely,

R. T. Mantlo

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Mayor

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