



**Tri City Citizens Alliance**

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Dear Mayor Pothier,

The Tri City Citizens Alliance would like to acknowledge and thank Myrtle Creek's Mayor and City Council for its recent change of position with regard to the issue of annexation of the people of Tri City. We welcome your firm commitment not to annex any property in the Tri City rural area against the will of the property owners.

We believe and assert that the only legitimate way in which Myrtle Creek could possibly expand out into the Tri City rural area is by gaining the consent of the community, as expressed through a vote by the whole of the community. This position is in-line with recent statements made by the Douglas County Commissioners, and in particular the letter from them dated July 15<sup>th</sup> 2009, which read in part, ". . . , you will thoughtfully take into consideration the perspective of those who signed the petition and are extremely wary of non-citizen initiated annexation".

For the sake of cooperation and good neighborly decorum, we are asking that you move your "Entering Myrtle Creek" sign, that now stands near the big red barn on Hwy 99, back to where it belongs near the Ray's Food Market. As one Commissioner put it, and practically everyone in Tri City views it, " That's just a poke in the nose".

The sign erroneously conveys the impression that you are entering Myrtle Creek, when in fact your are simply passing through a very small, less than one block, piece of property, that, as we understand it only serves to connect the city to the airport. It completely misrepresents the community to which the people who live between the sign and the real boundaries of Myrtle Creek, live in. This is offensive to some of these people, and represents a significant irritant between our two communities. We sincerely hope that you take our request to move the sign with the utmost seriousness and deliberation. For the Alliance of Tri City Citizens this is a sticking point in our continued mutual respect and cooperation with one another.

We would like to take this opportunity to invite you to our monthly general meetings, held on the second Tuesday of every month, at 7:00 PM. Our next meeting will be held at the VFW hall.

Additionally, we would also like to inform you that we are sponsoring the first ever Tri City Spirit Day to be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> of September at the M&M Market parking lot. The purpose of the Spirit Day is to foster a greater sense of community, and to tackle various public clean-up projects. There will also be opportunities to address the volunteers present at a follow-on barbecue. We invite you to fill out a registration form for the event, which you can download at our website [www.tricityca.org](http://www.tricityca.org) . This would be a great opportunity to express your positions with regard to annexation, cooperation, and collaborative projects and issues between our two great communities.

Sincerely,

Dan Wiggins

Tri City Citizens Alliance Chairman