

♀ *Hillside Cemetery* ♀

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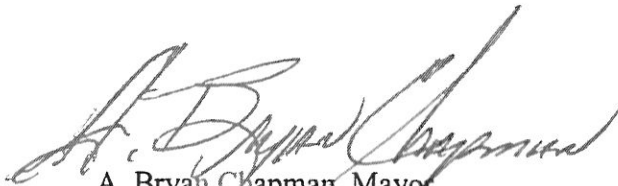
**Testimony to Senate Ways & Means Committee
SB 247 Hillside Cemetery District
January 19, 2018
A. Bryan Chapman, City of Sedgwick Mayor/Cemetery District President**

Chairman McGinn and Members of the Committee,

We appreciate this opportunity to present testimony in support of SB 247, de-annexing the city of Valley Center from Hillside Cemetery District over a period of 5 years (2018-2022), giving the district the opportunity to adjust the loss of tax money.

It is understandable that the City of Valley Center would like to utilize the taxes for their own city and cemetery. The tax money that was collected for Hillside Cemetery has been used for the upkeep and expansion of the cemetery. Residents that pay taxes toward the Hillside Cemetery District are able to purchase cemetery spaces at the cost of \$100 each. Hillside Cemetery is the resting place for descendants of pioneers who are the founding fathers of the City of Sedgwick and Valley Center. There is a lot of history that is being preserved for many families. We will continue to maintain and care for these memorials for many years to come.

We support SB 247 as presented with the de-annexation over a period of 5 years. Please encourage the Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.



A. Bryan Chapman, Mayor
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