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Holly Springs Residents Oppose Annexation

By [Katina Rankin](#)

Threats to boycott businesses in Cary broke out at a heated debate on annexation. Monday, town council members adopted a resolution of intent to draw within its limits nearly 2400 acres of land that border Cary and Holly Springs. Some residents are calling this surprise an unwanted move.

Clad in red and holding "stop Cary" signs, residents of the town of Holly Springs and Wake County packed Cary's town hall. They're here in protest of Cary trying to annex them into their city.

Folks like Barbara Garlock. "Some people like me moved out of Cary and like where I live. I like the freedom," Garlock said. "It's also cheaper to live there than it is to live in Cary."

It's a debate that's been going on for more than a decade. Here's why the two towns are at odds. Between Holly Springs and Cary is a strip of land that is considered Wake County. Cary claims Holly Springs keeps edging closer and closer to that area trying to call it theirs, when the Town of Cary has spent \$64 million to beautify the area. "Waste water treatment plant, parks, and water and it got to the point where the town council felt they had no other choice but draw that line in the sand and to use state law to do it. And that line in the sand is called annexation," said Susan Moran with the Town of Cary.

But residents say they're caught in the middle and they didn't ask Cary to do anything. They're happy in Holly Springs. "We came out here for one acre plots and very low density developments to get away from high density developments and to get away from the town of Cary's rules and regulations and the stuff shirt attitude that Cary has."

This is not a done deal yet, after a few more public hearings and the council members hearing from the public, then that's when they'll have to get back together and take a vote on this annexation.

Another public hearing on the matter is scheduled for next month. It will also be held at the Cary town council chambers on Academy Street. The meeting runs from 6:30 until 8-o'clock at night on Tuesday, December 2nd.

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