

☞ *Hillside Cemetery* ☞

125th and Hoover Road Sedgwick, Kansas 67135

**Testimony to Senate Ways & Means Committee
SB 155 Hillside Cemetery District
February 27, 2019
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 155, de-annexing the city of Valley Center from Hillside Cemetery District in 2020, giving the district the opportunity to prepare for the loss of revenue.

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 have been able to purchase cemetery spaces at a reduced 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 155 as presented with the de-annexation to occur in 2020. Please encourage the Committee to recommend it favorably for passage.



Bryan Chapman, Mayor

Hillside Cemetery District President