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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2400

Honorable Committee Members:

I urge a strong No Vote on HB 2400. This Bill is yet one more attempt to "pave over" valuable farmland which can never be recovered (at least not in our lifetimes.) There are already 7 existing categories which would allow for an additional house on farmland without destroying the basic concept that farmland should stay farmland. Opening up farmland (or forest land) to indiscriminate building and sale on a short term basis will not alleviate the housing crisis, nor will it protect farmland or forest land which is one of the stated goals of our Land-Use system. Low density housing on farmland or in forests, and outside the UGB is not the way to solve the "housing crisis". Higher density housing within the UGB would be more appropriate. This bill appears to be yet another attempt at land-speculation which ultimately and eventually create conflicts with ordinary farming and forestry practices, and does nothing to solve the housing needs, especially of low income people.

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