

Submitter: Katie Reding
On Behalf Of: 1- amendment to HB4026
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB4026

To whom it may concern,

I am deeply opposed to taking away a citizens right to vote on their city's growth. Our city council's behavior is a perfect example of why not to. They said they appropriately notified the public. They did not and had to re-notify once the public brought up the issue. They said they've worked closely with us to build this huge expansion. They have not. We are telling them we are unhappy with it and instead of taking a moment and evaluating their behaviors; they are fighting back and calling us liars. I had one councilman nearly foaming at the mouth and calling me an outsider as I sat quietly at a city council meeting trying to understand their reasoning for such an over reach of growth. I've lived here my entire life. I am anything but an outsider. We simply want to be included in making smart and conservative choices for our community so our children and their children have this beautiful area to grow in. Secondly the city council members who stand to gain from this huge expansion did not recuse themselves from making these decisions. Many stand to profit from selling these future homes and land. We, the citizens, should have every right and be able to take action when we think our members are not standing by their duties faithfully. If you take this away how will there be any checks and balances to corruption and greed?

Thirdly, the city council did not even inform other city committees of their intention to file this amendment. Again, acting under a shroud of secrecy.

Please keep our ability maintain a citizens right to be included in their community. To keep our council people accountable. To have a say in our very livelihood.

Thank you for your time and consideration.