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I just became aware of the Dash 17 Amendment that would subvert the UGB protections afforded communities throughout the State. Here in the West King City area, the UGB was expanded along with expansions in West Tigard and South Beaverton along Roy Rogers Road. Sherwood is also looking to expand the UGB. King City and Tigard expansions alone will add 11,000 new homes in a small geographic area and not sure how many Beaverton is adding. The future of this small area will be characterized by GRIDLOCK and environmental concerns are being ignored as a collector road is being planned across a nature preserve by threat of condemnation. This is what's happening WITH planning and supposed analysis of housing needs in the Metro area. I can't imagine what would happen with unchecked expansion.

Oregon had a net loss in population last year yet the governor wants 140,000 new housing units yesterday. This push for affordable housing doesn't reduce the cost of labor, building materials, services, or infrastructure. The cost will be negative effects on the natural environment, climate costs due to poor infrastructure planning and lack of efficiency and cost to quality of life.

Stop this rush and don't be lulled into a sense that you're doing what is right for your fellow human because this is the WRONG approach.