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FYI. Thanks.



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Hello Oliver and Jose,

One comment on the maps that are circulating. I want to point out that there are parcels NOT zoned ag that are prime farmland and actually have working farms. It is important the council understands this and sees- "hey, when you expand the UGB, you are impinging on some existing, operating farms." (For example, look at what Red Truck Farm is surrounded by now.) People look at the maps and the default is "Well, there's nothing there, the land is "barren" or "unused" so we aren't really hurting anyone.

But by NOT being zoned Ag, some of us farmers are continually threatened.... for instance both Full Plate Farm and April Joy Farm are zoned R-5-- and have longstanding,

commercial agricultural operations.

The maps clearly show what the council has to gain by expanding the UGB. But with the exception of the prime farmland and land of state significance maps that require someone to read between the lines, they don't show in my mind is what we have to lose.

Respectfully,
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