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Good day, Judie,

Thank you for providing this feedback ahead of the Joint Hearing to select the Preferred Land Use Alternative for the 2025 Comprehensive Plan Update.

I am forwarding to additional members of Staff. Your comments will also be brought to the attention of the Planning Commission ahead of the Hearing and be added to the Index of Record.

Best,



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Dear Councilors,

Our local farmers' markets have never been so popular. Why? Because we know that food grown locally is better for us due to less time in storage and it reduces the negative impacts of long-haul transportation from farm to table.

As you consider a Preferred Alternative for the Comprehensive Plan, please ensure that we protect our remaining agricultural lands and deny requests to convert any of them. It has already been determined that there is adequate opportunity inside current UGBs for housing, population and employment for the 20-year horizon.

Your Agricultural Advisory Commission agrees that land with long-term significance for agricultural production or is classified as Prime Farmland should be protected. Additionally, I believe that we should assume that land currently enrolled in the Farm and Ag Current Use Program either is or could be used for agricultural purposes and the designation should not change.

I live in the area called Proebstel, in Councilmember Little's district. There are large parcels that are currently used as pasture or hay fields. Even when ag lands are not in current production they have high value when it comes to helping offset the negative effects of climate change. Rangelands and croplands work to sequester (transfer carbon dioxide from the atmosphere into the soil) carbon in the soil where it can remain for decades.

We need a variety of land uses and we need to retain the agricultural designation on all lands currently zoned as such.

Regards,

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