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I am requesting a NO vote on HB 4118 and its amendment 1.

This bill seems to be an attempt to bypass the safety net that our land use laws have provided for maintaining adequate farm land and wilderness areas which are fundamental to our local economy and climate control. The slow erosion of farm land through housing developments usually disguised as low income housing or workforce housing reduces significant factions of our local economy that is based on agriculture. In addition such land when converted to housing developments with its paved streets and automobile traffic contributes to the effects of global warming for an ever increasing area. In addition the general public is supposed have the right to vote on annexations to the city. However, this bill seems to me to bypass this right.