

Submitter: Fran Recht
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HB3414

Dear Committee members:

I am opposed to the -17 amendment to HB 3414.

I am on the City Council of my city and I understand the great need to have much more affordable housing for our workforce as well as for lower income people (Goal 10).

However, it is really important to me that we get this right; that we uphold our UGB rules and regulations (Goal 14) in our comprehensive plan and zoning ordinances. We should not over-ride Goal 14 and allow and encourage cities to expand outside of the UGB without going through the existing process to rezone land-- which I think is a necessary one to allow proper consideration of what should be a "weighty" decision.

We have land available to build on within the UGB in general and especially if we are more efficient in how we use the existing land base to offer more diversity in housing types. UGB expansion would require infrastructure expansion. We do not have enough money in our City to keep our existing infrastructure repaired, maintained and upgraded now; certainly having to extend and maintain more infrastructure outside our UGB for what would be expensive homes on large lots would not serve our needs. Please reject the -17 amendment.

Thank you.