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No on the Dash 17 amendment. The UGBs are not the reason for the housing shortage. The New York Times had a long article recently (a week ago last Sunday) about how one city in Europe is being visited by city planners in the U S because of how it has pretty much avoided the king of housing shortages we have here, via a different kind of publicly subsidized housing. It also details the real reason for current affordable housing shortages (there are several, none of which is really the need for planning which creates more sprawl). Instead, the article mentions several other more effective ways. Most involve incentivizing builders to build within the city, where lower income people can afford to live without cars and without spending a lot on gas and commuting. The Dash 17 amendment will just create more sprawl, encourage builders to build what low income people can't afford, and will not effectively solve the affordable housing crisis. Other steps are needed. Read the New York Times article; great ideas and information.