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Awareness is the First Step of Preparedness

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Re: House Bill 3414 Amendment

House Committee on Rules:

The answer to the housing shortage is not **“Expand the Destruction of Our Natural Surroundings (UGB’s)” which results in “Replacing the Natural Lands with Asphalt and Buildings”** We have to keep in mind, **Buildings and Asphalt** remain in place for many, many lifetimes!

Each negative effect below can be greatly expounded on but there must be a great concern for each:

- The effect on Climate Change Less Green Spaces Will Bring. (More Greenhouse Gases)
- The strain and destruction development brings on our natural resources of water, clean air, land, natural open spaces, historic resources.
- Costs of living expenses new infrastructure brings in taxes & public services may cause more to be homeless or make home ownership less affordable.
- The threat of having to many people in an area brings to a timely evacuation from natural disasters.
- Quality of life of the existing surrounding neighborhood residents is destroyed.

The Negative Effects Have Many More Topics, (Increased Crime, Burden to School Systems, Electric Grids, Landfills etc, etc.) Compared to the Few if Any Positive Effects. Expanding the UGB’s does Nothing to Help the Cause of “Helping the Housing Shortage”. It may in fact worsen it.

Developers do not Consider the Negative Effects on Others when Planning. Their main and only goal is to Make Money!

Truth is no Less True Because One Fails to Believe it

Knowledge & Wisdom, what’s the difference?

Knowledge is knowing a stove gets hot.....

Wisdom is knowing not to touch it.....

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