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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: SB1051

I write in opposition of this bill. HB 1051 contradicts recently passed HB 2001 and allows individual private landowners to drive a land use action while bypassing local jurisdictions' designation processes, without showing need, which is a main focus of HB 2001.

We do need more housing. It can be accommodated within existing UGB's, providing easier access to schools, shopping jobs, transit and parks--an ultimately, creating more solid and efficient urban structures for urban services and future livability. SB 1505 does none of that; rather, it allows premature expansion past current urban growth boundaries. The real need is to designate more housing within existing UGB's first! That is what each city's comprehensive plan has been developed for. In almost every case, needed infrastructure must be expanded from a city's public service sector, and should be designed to provide orderly and efficient delivery of urban services.

Let's not allow allow individual requests to override planning programs and UGB developments currently adopted by our local jurisdictions.