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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development

Measure: SB1537

Please amend SB1537 and remove the unnecessary provision to allow cities to unilaterally expand their Urban Growth Boundaries. There are thousand of acres inside existing UGB's that can be used for building necessary housing. For over 50 years our land use planning program has protected our fertile and productive farm and ranch lands, while encouraging smart and compact growth inside our cities. Plus, there is a process, based on need, that allows expansion of UGB's. This provision of SB1537 is not needed and sets a dangerous precedent. Please amend the Bill and remove it.

Thank you,

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