

Submitter: Cynthia Kimball
On Behalf Of: myself
Committee: Senate Committee On Housing and Development
Measure: SB1537

Dear Senators,

Please invest inside our UGB's and save our farmland for food.

Please amend SB 1537 to remove the UGB expansion provision. We need more housing for low income families. This bill will create unaffordable homes that will be snatched up by wealthy investors who will turn around and rent them to the very people we need to house. Please invest in more affordable forms of multi-housing such as apartments, townhouses and condominiums with attractive community green space. Give tax incentives to developers to revitalize our cities and turn empty department stores and vacant lots into modern multi-story housing with retail below. Statistics show that younger millennials don't want the burden of a home and are flocking to urban centers. Older people such as myself, want to be within walking distance of work, entertainment and other amenities.

This bill does have many strong features including incentives for climate-smart housing and infrastructure funding. Please revitalize our cities, provide alternative transportation and keep farmland for food.

Thank you for your service.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Kimball