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I oppose this measure because it removes the requirement for transparency in land use planning from those citizens most impacted. In our government citizens have a constitutional right to voice and information to matters that impact their property, quality of life environment. As it is, the UGB is easily manipulated by those with money to broker deals with those in elected positions. The UGB was developed to protect land use from rapid expansion and inappropriate zoning. Instead, it has become a means to move citizens off their property, cover fertile ground with pavement and concrete and enable indiscriminate air pollution. We, the people, love our community and home and have a constitutional right to information and voice to promote smart and socially beneficial growth.