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I'm appalled at the lengths North Plains will go to subvert the "citizens" vote on the city's 850-acre land grab. If they want so much land, then let them go up the hill north where the terrain is NOT suitable for farming.

What is the mayor/cohorts afraid of? To let the citizens have a say on how best to manage 850 acres of primarily farm land? Do they already have "back room deals" in the works for entities with BIG money and BIG ideas on how to plow under the land, the BEST IN THE WORLD for cultivation?

The largest contributor to Climate Change is building structures, over developing land, urbanizing, and for what? An industry that may not be here in a few years? For a single generation of wealth?

Let's talk about the huge water and electricity demands that industries such as Amazon, Microsoft, others will require? Look to eastern Oregon and see the horrible situation they are now in because they catered to "data farms" and such?

This happens all too often where uber-rich entities decide to "take the land from the farmers" by brute force. It's an age-old blueprint to circumvent the best use of land by buying all the property surrounding large swaths of farmland and render it in smaller chunks, less efficient until it is no longer sustainable as farm land.

It's a "squeeze" play. It's sick and wrong.

Farms will be here long after chips peak and move. Ask yourself "Why doesn't Intel stay in California and retain all those jobs there?" What has happened to Mountain View since Intel opened its doors there in 1968?

Where will Intel (or Amazon, Microsoft, etc.) go after they tap out all our natural resources? Idaho? Montana? South Dakota?

Who's still here growing clean, organic food for our community, our children, for the next 100 years? Farmers!

Let the sweet land be used as the precious and scarce resource that it is best suited for. Farmers have been here for nearly 200 years and will be here another 200 years if you don't take the land for less beneficial uses, such as building structures.

Our "tax dollars" are here at work trying to jump the citizens claim to the farm land. Makes me wonder WHO OWNS the city of North Plains? Where do the elected officials get their money? Who are they really working for? Who are they really working with, the manipulative prospectors of Hillsboro? What is their mission, the end game?

I'm 72, have lived in Hillsboro for 37 years and am descended from Charles and Letitia McKay, the earliest settlers who arrived here in 1841 as part of the Sinclair Expedition. Charlie founded Glencoe, a thriving little town on McKay creek (also named by Charlie). Even then, no one wanted "prospectors" here. Their intentions were only to "get rich," and not to settle the Oregon Territory and build a robust community. It's happening again. Please help stop this subversion and vote NO on HB-4026.

HB-4026 clearly circumvents the will of the people, we the people. It caters to outside, wealthy interests, dove tails right into Hillsboro's lofty ambitions to become "Anaheim North" and that's NOT what the people who live here want. We are sick and fed up with the politicians shoving their hidden agendas and ulterior motives down our throats.

Mayor Callaway in Hillsboro is determined to have his name over a stadium.

The Hillsboro politicians think they can "talk the Hops into existence," the Pygmalion effect. It's "Others fulfilling prophecy." They want to take over, demolish our age-old land marks and structures such as at the Washington County Fairgrounds, and take credit for the commercial enterprises they plan to bring here. They're shysters.

And, they're in cahoots with North Plains to grab all 1,700 acres Kotek pointed to in SB-4 from the 3 miles north of Hillsboro right through the 850 acres North Plains is trying to abscond with.

Please help stop this subversion and vote NO on HB-4026. It's a slick, manipulative and sneaky way for the North Plains politicians to grab land without justification.