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1. Public involvement and transparency in local decision making is a good thing, but Goal 1 currently encouraging significant NIMBYism and public opposition to needed housing development, especially middle housing and affordable housing.
2. If the Department is going to update Goal 1, that should include restrictions on public engagement in the quasi-judicial application process to stop gamesmanship and unwarranted opposition to needed housing development.
3. The advisory group should be expanded to include representatives from industries that most frequently experience NIMBYism, including home building, industrial development, agritourism, and renewable energy development.
4. We will not achieve our housing goals if we do not curtail NIMBYism and opposition to different types of housing and affordable housing.