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When is the legislature and Senator Sollman going to give up on doing an end run around the UGB? Those of us in Hillsboro have seen this time and again. This is the 6th attempt to bring rural reserves into Hillsboro's UGB - despite rural reserves being protected from urbanization until at least 2065!! There was widespread opposition to this the last time, less than three years ago. Senator Sollman is reported to have taken part in closed door meetings with Metro. We are not opposed to progress and jobs, but the farmland of Hillsboro is not the only place in the Metro area with open space.

We have a strong agricultural community in Hillsboro - farms, dairies, wineries, CSAs, pumpkin patches, tree farms, U Pick blueberries and apples. Senator Sollman claims to represent all of those people and the farmworkers who depend on open land for their jobs. I hope someone in the legislature stops and thinks "What if this were happening to my constituency?"