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Re: Direction Regarding 2030 General Plan Land Use Element Expansion Area B – River Area

Dear Mayor Linn and Members of the Lompoc City Council:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on Expansion Area B – River Area. The Grower-Shipper Association represents farmers in Lompoc and works to promote the wellbeing of the produce industry in Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo Counties. **We urge you to protect the future of farming and farm land in Lompoc by electing Alternative 1 - Move Urban Limit Line to City Limit in proposed Expansion Area B – River Area.**

The Santa Ynez River is the perfect natural boundary and buffer between urban development in Lompoc and agricultural farmland east of Lompoc. The current location of the Urban Limit Line crosses that boundary and has very serious potential long-term consequences. Buffers help to prevent predictable land use conflicts and facilitate orderly development. **Alternative 1 protects the use of the Santa Ynez River as a perfect natural buffer between urban and agricultural land uses, which is undermined by Alternatives 2 through 5.**

This issue is much larger than just the River Area: **Alternatives 2 through 5 jeopardize the future of some 1,500 acres of predominantly Prime Farmland east of Lompoc**, as shown on the map on the following page. There is tremendous public support and long-term economic incentive to protect farmland in Lompoc. The economic and food security of our communities depend on this land for production and we encourage you to protect it by moving the Urban Limit Line to the current City Limit, as shown in Alternative 1.

The Association has substantial concerns about the proposed expansion's individual and cumulative impacts on agriculture and its related economic benefits in Lompoc. **We urge you to consider these concerns and provide direction to move forward with Alternative 1 – Move Urban Limit Line to City Limit in proposed Expansion Area B – River Area.** Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Claire Wineman
President

Prime Farmland East of Lompoc: Alternatives 2 through 5 jeopardize the future of some 1,500 acres of predominantly Prime Farmland. The Association strongly supports Alternative 1 – Move Urban Limit Line to City Limit in Expansion Area B – River Area.

