



February 26, 2013

Mayor John Linn and Members of the Lompoc City Council  
100 Civic Center Plaza  
Lompoc, CA 93436

Re: General Plan Expansion Area B—River Area

Dear Mayor Linn and Members of the City Council,

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For more than a decade, Santa Barbara County Action Network (SB CAN) has worked to promote social and economic justice, to preserve our environmental and agricultural resources, and to create sustainable communities. We have reviewed the January 29, 2013 General Plan agenda item and the prior Planning Commission item related to this subject and we urge the City Council to adopt Alternative 1—No Further Development—for the River Area. The City Council should move the Urban Limit Line back to the City Limit Line, as suggested in Alternative 1, thus indicating no interest in further development in the River Area.

Much of the River Area is the river itself and the flood channel and, therefore, is not appropriate for urban uses. Some of the River Area is within the airport approach zones and, therefore is also not appropriate for urban uses.

On the other hand, the River Area does provide an excellent natural buffer between the productive agricultural lands to the east and the urbanized area to the west of the river. If the area is included as an expansion area, this could set the stage for an annexation request. The City of Lompoc itself, as the owner of a majority of the parcels in the River Area, could initiate an annexation request. Although this may not be the intent of the current City Council, a future council could initiate such a request. Annexation of the River Area could, in turn, set the stage for future annexation requests for the agricultural land to the east of the River Area. This also may not be the intent of the current City Council, but a future council might decide to try to expand the city to the east.

SB CAN urges your Council to protect the scenic and agricultural resources of the Lompoc Valley for future generations by adopting Alternative 1—No Further Development—for the River Area.

Thank you for your consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

Ken Hough  
Executive Director