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Subject: Urban Sprawl

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Dear Arlene,

I am a voting citizen in ward 13 and I am concerned about the haste city council may be in to approve urban sprawl throughout Elfrida and I am asking you, the mayor and city councillors to pause the decision making/planning until in person consultations have occurred. Not all citizens are comfortable with webinars and zoom meetings and many citizens have no idea what is happening regarding these important decisions. In person town halls and information sessions are needed so ideas can be exchanged and knowledge gained. I fear the elected leaders of our communities are being irresponsible in making these important decisions during a pandemic.

Urban sprawl is costly, and our tax dollars are needed for our crumbling infrastructure, as this is where people live and work. Population density within our urban boundaries can be increased at a much lower cost than suburban infrastructure needs, such as emergency services, public transportation, schools, roads, utilities, etc.

Regarding climate change, though we all acknowledge as citizens that our world's climate is changing, I believe there is a disconnect that people, including citizens of our own communities, believe that the climate problems are happening elsewhere and not in our own backyard. As elected leaders you all have an obligation to ensure that integrity of our climate footprint is accurately measured, listen to the science.

I am asking all of you to not accept the motion to move forward with the GRIDS 2/MCR report without further stakeholder, in person consultation. People are focused on staying healthy and the vaccine roll out. We owe it to our citizens to engage in dialogue about our agricultural lands until Covid is over.

I am looking forward to your response.

Sincerely

Mike Weber
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