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Hello,

I am aware that the issue of expanding the urban boundaries to build more housing to support future city growth is to be discussed at today's council meeting. I would like to add my voice that expanding the city outward (eg Elfrida area or otherwise) would limit the greenspace and the need to conserve all the land available for farming and food land that is so essential for our well-being and health! This will be increasingly essential for our future. Once urban expansion and sprawl removes this valuable resource, it is not ever recovered.

Why cannot developers build "up" within our urban areas to provide affordable apartments, condos to relieve the housing crunch? Preserve our limited greenspace for farming and recreational purposes and the health and well-being of all.

Thank you for your consideration,

Gerry Benson