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Fwd: Public Input for Item 12.a., 7/6/21 City Council Meeting

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Hi Ari, Jimmy, Beatriz and Matt,

Attached is a comment and a chart I would like entered into the record as Public Input for tonight's City Council Meeting, Item 12.a.

Thank you.

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2 attachments

 **Sam Earnshaw comments 7-6-21.docx**
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 **Bay Area Urban Growth Boundaries.xlsx**
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Public Input to Item 12.a.
Watsonville City Council Meeting, July 6, 2021
Sam Earnshaw

The proposed Watsonville Urban Limit Line 2040 Extension Initiative is not restricting development or opposed to creating new housing.

Ours is not a forever boundary, but will allow the City to build in vacant and underutilized sites, before spreading out onto new lands, that will require costly installation of city services, as well as loss of farms jobs and food production. The initial and continuing costs of spreading out onto lands that have no existing city services are high, and will only get higher.

The city of Portland is an example where developers fought against an urban limit line, and then experienced a boom in construction within city limits.

Maximizing our growth on existing vacant and underutilized sites will be good for Watsonville and the Pajaro Valley, which have what few of these other cities have already paved over: deep fertile soils and valuable food and job-producing farmland in a moderate climate.

I submitted a list of 58 council and voter approved Urban Growth boundaries in cities and jurisdictions in Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Solano and Sonoma counties. Many of these are renewals, with expiration dates.

Housing is a regional and statewide issue, not just ours. Watsonville is not alone in having an urban limit line to help support growth and development within city limits.

In a community-wide survey conducted early this year, over 95% of respondents, your constituents, said the city should create additional jobs and housing near already existing infrastructure to help preserve natural and agricultural land. Our City Council supported the original Measure U in 2002. It would be good if this City Council would support the extension of its timeline.

Urban Growth Boundaries

Alameda

Jurisdiction	Jurisd	Status	Type	Approved	Date Enacted	Expiration Date
Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
Alameda County	County		Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	2000	
Alameda	City	Exempt				
Albany	City	Exempt				
Berkeley	City	Exempt				
Dublin	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2000	2030
East County Area						
Emeryville	City	Exempt				
Fremont	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Council approved	2011	
Hayward	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Council approved	1997	unknown
Livermore	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Partially voter, partial	2000 and 2002	unknown
Newark	City	Exempt				
Oakland	City	Exempt				
Piedmont	City	Exempt				
Pleasanton	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1996	unknown
San Leandro	City	Needs UGB				
Union City	City	Needs UGB				

Contra Costa

Jurisdiction	Jurisd	Status	Type	Approved	Date Enacted	Expiration Date
Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
Contra Costa County	County	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	1990	
Antioch	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line (developer-sponsored)	Voter approved	2005	2028
Brentwood	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line (developer-sponsored)	Voter approved	2008	
Clayton	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Concord	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Danville	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	1990	2026
El Cerrito	City	Exempt	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved		
Hercules	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Lafayette	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Martinez	City	Exempt	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved		
Moraga	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Oakley	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Orinda	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Pinole	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
Pittsburg	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line (developer-sponsored)	Voter approved	2005	
Pleasant Hill	City	Exempt	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved		

Richmond	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026
San Pablo	City	Exempt	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved		
San Ramon	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2002	2020
Walnut Creek	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2006	2026

Marin

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Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
Marin County	County	Has UGB	City Centered Corridor	Council approved	1973	
Belvedere	City	Exempt				
Corte Madera	City	Exempt				
Fairfax	City	Needs UGB				
Larkspur	City	Needs UGB				
Mill Valley	City	Exempt				
Novato	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1997	2017
Ross	City	Exempt				
San Anselmo	City	Needs UGB				
San Rafael	City	Needs UGB				
Sausalito	City	Exempt				
Tiburon	City	Needs UGB				

Napa

Jurisdiction	Jurisd	Status	Type	Approved	Date Enacted	Expiration Date
Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
Napa County	County		Agricultural and Watershed Zoning P	Voter approved	1990	2058
American Canyon	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Council approved	1994	2030
Calistoga	City	Needs UGB				
Napa	City	Has UGB	Rural Urban Limit	Voter approved	1973	doesn't expire
St. Helena	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	1993	2030
Yountville	City	Has UGB	City Limit	Council approved	1990	2020

San Francisco

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San Francisco	City	an Exempt				

San Mateo

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Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
San Mateo County	County	Has UGB	Rural Urban Boundary	Council approved	1986	
Atherton	City	Exempt				
Belmont	City	Exempt				

Brisbane	City	Needs UGB*
Burlingame	City	Exempt
Colma	City	Exempt
Daly City	City	Exempt
East Palo Alto	City	Exempt
Foster City	City	Exempt
Half Moon Bay	City	Needs UGB*
Hillsborough	City	Exempt
Menlo Park	City	Needs UGB*
Millbrae	City	Exempt
Pacifica	City	Needs UGB*
Portola Valley	City	Needs UGB*
Redwood City	City	Exempt
San Bruno	City	Needs UGB*
San Carlos	City	Needs UGB*
San Mateo	City	Needs UGB*
South San Francisco	City	Exempt
Woodside	City	Needs UGB*

Santa Clara

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Specific	Specific	Exempt; has UGB; need UGB		Voter approved; council	Date	Date
Santa Clara County	County	Has UGB	Urban Service Area	Council approved	1994	
Campbell	City	Exempt				
Cupertino	City	Has UGB	Urban Service Area	Council approved	1997	
Gilroy	City	Has UGB	20 Year Planning Boundary	Council approved	2002	2022
Los Altos	City	Exempt				
Los Altos Hills	City	Needs UGB				
Los Gatos	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Council approved	1997	
Milpitas	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1998	2018
Monte Sereno	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Council approved		
Morgan Hill	City	Has UGB		1996 Council approved	1996	2016
Mountain View	City	Exempt				
Palo Alto	City	Has UGB	City Limit	Council approved	1998	2025
San Jose	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Council approved	1996	2040
Santa Clara	City	Exempt				
Saratoga	City	Needs UGB				
Sunnyvale	City	Exempt				

Solano

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Solano County	County		Orderly Growth Initiative	Voter approved	1994	2010
Benicia	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1999	2023
Dixon	City	Needs UGB			1993 updating	
Fairfield	City	Has UGB	Urban Limit Line	Voter approved	2003	doesn't expire
Rio Vista	City	Needs UGB			2001	2021
Suisun City	City	Needs UGB			1992 updating	
Vacaville	City	Has UGB	Growth Boundary	Council approved	2008	2028
Vallejo	City	Needs UGB				

Sonoma

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Sonoma County Community	County		County General Plan Policy	Voter Approved	1996	2016
Petaluma-Novato Community Separator			County General Plan Policy	Voter Approve	1998	2018
Cloverdale	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	2010	2030
Cotati	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1998	2016
Healdsburg	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1996	2016
Petaluma	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1998	2018
Rohnert Park	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	2000	2020
Santa Rosa	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1996	2016
Sebastopol	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1996	2016
Sonoma	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	2000	2020
Windsor	City	Has UGB	Urban Growth Boundary	Voter approved	1998	2017

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