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Dear LAFCO Commissioners,

As the nation's oldest and largest civil rights organization whose mission is to ensure the social, political, economic, and educational equality of rights of ALL people by removing barriers such as racial hatred and discrimination and to ensure the health and well-being of all persons by envisioning a **JUST** society in which ALL individuals have EQUAL rights without regards to race, religion, gender, and/or any kind of discrimination.

We understand from a Notice released on November 29th that your Commission has a planned Commission meeting on December 8th to review and make a decision on the City of Lompoc's application to expand 137 acres of prime farmland adjacent to Bailey Avenue. Along with this notice, your agency released over 2000 pages of relevant information, that we, the public, need to review and understand, in order to give comments.

Obviously, we cannot review this large number of information by your Commission meeting. On behalf of our members, Officers and Executive Committee, we are **URGING** you to postpone a decision until your February 2, 2023 commission meeting in order to provide us with a meaningful opportunity to participate in the process.

Should your Commission opt to proceed with the hearing, we **STRONGLY URGE** you to **DENY the City's proposal** and prevent the conversion of important agricultural land.

Sincerely Yours

Lawanda Lyons-Pruitt

The mission of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is to ensure the political, educational, social and economic equality of rights of all persons and to eliminate racial hatred and racial discrimination.