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From: Ted Rhodes <rhodes.ted@gmail.com> Sent: Saturday, December 3, 2022 8:22 AM

To: natasha@sblafco.org

Subject: RE: LAFCO hearing on Lompoc's attempt to expand SOI

Dear members of the Local Agency Formation Commission,

I am writing in regard to the City of Lompoc's current attempt to expand its Sphere of Influence to include 137 acres of prime farmland adjacent to Bailey Avenue. I urge you to postpone this decision until your February 2, 2023 meeting in order to provide members of the public such as myself an adequate opportunity to participate in the process. If this isn't possible and you do

proceed with the hearing, please deny the City of Lompoc's proposal and prevent the conversion of these critical agricultural lands.

The Lompoc valley has been a special part of my life since my childhood, and, like the Carpinteria Valley where I presently live, its agricultural character with its farm fields and ranches is one of its strongest, irreplaceable assets and what makes Lompoc really Lompoc.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter, and please deny the City of Lompoc's request to expand its Sphere of Influence into its surrounding farmland.

Sincerely,

Ted Rhodes

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