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Subject: LAFCO File No. 22-07 for Bailey Avenue Sphere of Influence Amendment (Feb 2, 2023) - REQUEST FOR DENIAL

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## RE: LAFCO File No. 22-07 for Bailey Avenue Sphere of Influence Amendment (Feb 2, 2023)

Dear Chair and Members of the Commission:

Endangered Habitats League (EHL) urges <u>denial</u> of this application. For your reference, EHL is a Southern California regional conservation group and advocate for a "smart growth" approach to housing.

This sphere of influence expansion would lead to the removal of important prime farmland. It would undermine local agricultural production. Instead, Lompoc should make use of the undeveloped, vacant land within its current boundaries, which is sufficient to accommodate its housing needs. Furthermore, the City must analyze potential impacts of future development on the 148 acres that could ultimately be converted due to this proposal.

Protecting important farmland from unnecessary development is a fundamental goal of LAFCO and essential to orderly growth. Please deny this application.

Sincerely, Dan Silver

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