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Opposition to HB 4075

Why hasn't the City of Hillsboro told residents anything about this?

Honorable Members of the House Committee on Agricultural and Natural Resources:

I am a resident of the City of Hillsboro. My husband, daughter and I live just to the west of NW Jackson School Road, near the 1,700 acres that the City wants to convert from rural reserves to urban reserves. My husband and I drive on Jackson School Road north to US-26 every day for our job commutes. It is a busy road. If Hillsboro is granted urban reserves, I can't imagine the traffic we will be dealing with - whether it is residential homes or industrial sanctuary.

The proponents of the bill tout the area as ideal for a "Complete Community" of homes. The South Hillsboro development is 1,400 acres and has plans to house 20,000 residents. If the northwest Hillsboro 1,700 acres is residential, we could have an additional 25,000 residents on Jackson School Road fighting for road space during the commuting hours. In addition, adding that many homes to this area will dilute the equity in our newly-purchased home.

If the area becomes industrial, we could be recipients of the same toxic emissions that other residents who live near Intel and other tech companies receive. That is not what we want for our infant daughter. We would also be faced with competing with traffic from commuters working in that area and truck traffic servicing the companies in the industrial area.

City of Hillsboro has not advised us nor involved us in their plans to urbanize this area. We have read nothing from the city newsletter, the Hillsboro 2035 Plan, the Jackson School Road widening open houses, the local newspaper nor the mayor's recent State of the City speech. A project of this magnitude will greatly affect all the area residents in many ways. **Why has the City of Hillsboro kept this a secret from its citizens?**

Regards,

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