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As a resident of the UGB, I cannot vote in city elections. I have no voice in selecting the leadership that ultimately holds the threat of annexation over my head. Cities should annex properties prior to development. In that way, the required infrastructure costs would lie with the developer and be passed onto the homeowner at the time of purchase. This would result in a much reduced cost to the homeowner compared to those of the individual homeowner having to retrofit their home to meet the required connections to the new city services, if and when they finally are installed. It is not mandatory for services to be provided prior to annexation, therefore annexed properties will be taxed post annexation as if services existed. There are portions of my city that do not have adequate storm drainage, but home owners pay the city for that service. There are non-continuous portions within the existing city without sidewalks, yet homeowners are taxed as if they existed. These issues are never addressed by cities and annexation of properties within the UGB is generally discussed between city management and property owners in a , "We will approve your land use permit, if you agree to annex to the city" approach. This amounts to property owners and potential developers being black mailed by cities to get access roadway improvements or for cities progress with "Island Annexation". Property owners in the UGB are powerless to maintain their independence from city influence because of these innocuous laws. I urge you to seriously consider rejecting HB 2108 and instead, support HB 2577.

Sincerely,

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