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As a large scale master plan developer in the region for the past 34 years (notably Orenco Station and Villebois) and an active participant in the last two UGB expansion efforts in North Plains I am impressed with the City's diligence in following the State-required process for their current UGB expansion request. Starting in 2017, the City has commissioned numerous studies to determine the need for both residential and employment land. In addition, the City has held numerous public workshops and meetings to accept comments and recommendations all of which culminated in the City Council adopting the current UGB expansion ordinance in September of 2023. Currently, a last minute group has filed a petition for a referendum on the ordinance. This referendum flies in the face of State land use law which was passed in 2016 to eliminate voter-approved annexation. This is simply an end run on that legislation and needs to be clarified and fixed by the legislature or we will see these referendums popping up statewide and rendering the UGB/land use system ineffective to say the least.

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