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We are working within the system, let's make the system work!

Twenty-nine years ago, I moved into North Plains, married and started my family. I wanted to give back to my new community and get involved. I applied to be a member on the Planning Commission in 1995 and became the chairperson by 2001 to present. This is my second UGB expansion process for the City of North Plains. The last expansion we worked with those opposing the expansion from the beginning of the process. We have spent over 5 years in this current planning process and have followed all the State guidelines. I have attended a lot of meeting during this time, and all have open to the public. Now, at the 11th hour, outside influences want to stop the entire process with a referendum in an attempt to erase all our hard work. It seems unfair that all our planning and efforts to comply with State requirements should be stalled by those who have had no participation in or have any working knowledge of the process. Those opposing suggest that it is too much, but the fact is that any growth is too much for them. Their tactics only delay the planning process and increases the already huge financial burden on the City. Please support the State planning process.

Thank you for your support,