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Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1586

Hillsboro Supersiting of Industrial Land (SB 1586): This bill is a bald-faced land grab of nearly 1,800 acres of prime agricultural land being pushed by developers intent on cashing in on an expansion of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB). This is the sixth attempt by developers to expand the boundary and is being done outside the established expansion process, and has moved forward without any of the required public involvement. For perspective, in 2014 Hillsboro received over 1,000 acres of industrial land, which was supposed to be an ample 50-year supply, but the city burned through it in less than a decade with data center development and other commercial, recreation, and retail land uses. Additionally, the bill extends tax breaks for these same corporate interests—companies that can easily afford to pay their fair share.