

ATTN: Planning and Development Committee

Re: S.B. 1024:

There is no worse perversion of local control and jurisdiction over one's community than to have a special interest group attempt to dictate, via state mandate, what that community should look like, and how it should be managed.

Centralizing zoning development removes the opportunity for local community members to control their own destiny, meet their local needs, and fulfill the townspeople's preferences in the community where they live.

The residents chose to live there because they were lured by what the community had to offer. No one should have the right to disrupt that enjoyment and local control, just because they have a desire to fulfill a non-local special interest agenda.

The community residents alone should dictate what their living environment encompasses, and they alone should determine, via public discourse and public hearings, the limits and viability of zoning and development, based strictly on perceived benefit to the entire community.

No state or special interest group should be allowed to interfere in "home rule" of local community development and affairs, most especially not those groups with agenda-driven "wish lists" and the intent to erode local control on land use decisions.

Please do not support S.B. 1024. Local residents in communities should manage local affairs, period.

Thank you.

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