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Hello commissioners,

My name is Todd Huck and I have lived in the naches area for over 55 years. We have farmed in the naches area since the 60s.

My concern with this expansion is that it is the "want" of a special interest group not a need for the town of naches. On December 13th I attended a naches city council meeting. The purpose of this meeting was for the city engineer and town administrator to present to the council the wants and needs. The city engineer presented to the council maps of the design and location. His pitch to the council was that " many areas in rural Yakima County have been developed into as low as 1/4 acres lots. He insinuated that the Diener property could possibly be subdivided into this lot size. He then told council that this type of development would best be served with city resources(which I agree). However, the truth is that this property could only be broken into 5acre lots at best as it is zoned rural agriculture. The fact that the city engineer and the city administrator never presented the true facts as to the current zoning of this property is particularly alarming. The city administrator also presented to the council that there is currently quite a large amount of land within city limits and their current urban growth boundaries. His opinion to the council was that the bulk of this land wouldn't probably be developed for 25-50 years!. As a land owner that has nearly 40 acres within the UGB or city limits I am quite surprised to hear this. In the last 20 years we have not been approached by even a single developer. The town of naches is not in any kind of emergency need for expanding our current boundaries. We need to keep as much viable agriculture land in the county for its agriculture use. Again, it's not hard to see that there's a "special interest " group that wants to do an emergency expansion for their own needs.

I hope you have time to read this before today's meeting. I urge you guys to unanimously reject the city of naches emergency urban growth expansion.

Thank you for your time,

Todd Huck

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