



**Subject: Opposition to Sphere of Influence Amendment for 157 Acres of Agricultural Land in American Canyon**

Dear Commissioners,

Greenbelt Alliance, Save the Bay and 190 local residents are writing to urge the Napa County Local Agency Formation Commission to **oppose any amendment to expand the City of American Canyon’s sphere of influence** to include the 157-acre Green Island property currently zoned as Agricultural in unincorporated Napa County.

In 2022, voters in both American Canyon and Napa County **rejected Measure J**, clearly affirming their desire to preserve this land as open space and agricultural land. An amendment to the sphere of influence would directly contradict the will of the electorate and undermine longstanding efforts to protect agricultural and ecological resources in Napa County.

We understand that the vote today is not about developing or not developing this land, but the intentions are clear. If the sphere of influence is adjusted there is a much greater likelihood that this land will be developed and the wetlands lost.

**The Urgency of Climate Reality**

The region is already experiencing the devastating impacts of climate change—from wildfires and prolonged drought to sea level rise and intensified flooding. Wetlands serve as one of our most effective natural climate defenses: they **store carbon, mitigate flooding, and support biodiversity**.

Over 80% of the Bay Area’s historic wetlands have been lost. This parcel lies within a critical remnant of the region’s wetland ecosystem, supporting migrating waterfowl along the Pacific Flyway and providing habitat for fish species such as the endangered green sturgeon. Preserving this land is vital to sustaining the ecological and climate resilience of the Napa River watershed.

**Why This Proposal Should Not Move Forward**

- **Preserving Wetlands and Agricultural Land:** This parcel forms an important ecological and physical buffer between urban development and the sensitive shoreline. The land reduces the impacts of flooding, storm surges, and sea level rise—functions that become more essential each year as climate impacts worsen.
- **Lack of Public Review and Environmental Analysis:** This request for a sphere of influence amendment has proceeded without a corresponding development proposal or detailed environmental review. LAFCO’s own policies emphasize orderly growth, the protection of agricultural and open space lands, and careful consideration of environmental impacts—all of which are at risk if this amendment is approved prematurely.

**The Long-Term Consequences of Annexation**

Should this parcel be added to American Canyon’s sphere of influence, it will set in motion a chain of decisions that could ultimately lead to development on this site. Years from now, after ownership has changed hands and wetlands have been filled, the public will bear the burden:



- **Increased flooding risks** for local homes and businesses
- **Loss of wildlife and ecological function**
- **Irreversible changes to the landscape**, made without the public’s informed consent  
When future residents ask who allowed this to happen, the answer will point back to actions taken today.

**We Respectfully Request that LAFCO:**

- **Deny the proposed amendment** to the sphere of influence for this 157-acre parcel
- **Uphold the voter mandate from 2022**, which clearly opposed development on this land
- **Require a full environmental review and meaningful public process** before considering any future proposals related to this parcel

The future of Napa County’s agricultural and ecological heritage depends on responsible land-use decisions. I respectfully urge the Commission to act in alignment with its mission—to encourage sustainable land use, protect open space and agricultural lands, and guard against premature and unplanned urban sprawl.

Sincerely,

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