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Steve Mitchell  
Planning Manager  
City of Modesto

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Re: Urban Limit Line proposal

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Mr. Mitchell,

I am writing in response to receiving Mayor Brandvold's recent letter requesting property owner feedback on our inclusion / exclusion preferences with respect to the proposed Urban Limit Line.

This letter cited mistrust between Wood Colony and the City of Modesto and that the City Council wants our opinion. It stops short of asking me what I think about establishing a ULL, assuring me that this is in my best interest to protect against unwanted annexation, and only asks in the survey whether I want to be inside or outside the ULL.

This has the feel of trying to pacify the bulk of the Wood Colony property owners with the idea of additional protection, while paving the way to annex a smaller section of Wood Colony serving the interests of a few developers.

In addition to a "NO" vote on the survey (remain outside any proposed ULL), I want to more strongly oppose the establishment of a ULL in the first place. Annexing any of Wood Colony would already require voter approval, so it seems that the establishment of a ULL only serves as a vehicle to divide and conquer, and not to provide an added layer of protection.

I respectfully request that additional weight and consideration be given to the opinions of those landowners that live and have long histories in the Wood Colony area and would like that to continue.  
Regards,



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