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Mr. Mike Prater, Executive Officer  
Santa Barbara County Local Agency Formation Commission

Dear Mr. Prater and Members of the Commission:

In 1982 I was elected to the Lompoc City Council and served a four year term. The primary reason for my public service was to have a voice in the direction our City took in regards to land use planning, water issues, and the quality of life for all of the City's residents, which included public safety, the schools, the community amenities, and in particular, the unique feature of being surrounded by prime agricultural land which supports a vibrant farming industry.

When LAFCO was legislated, it was my understanding that its mission was to protect prime agricultural land and to prevent urban sprawl. Sadly, over the past four decades, that mission has been targeted by the City of Lompoc and various land owners, with the support of local businesses. With the efforts of citizens like myself, representatives of the farming community, and volunteers like yourselves, who have the will to maintain the tenets of sustainable land use planning, the Lompoc Valley remains unique among Central California locations.

The City of Lompoc and surrounding satellite communities have successfully grown to meet the needs of a healthy economy by infilling the vacant and less valuable lands within their current spheres. This option is still obviously available and I urge you to deny the expansion of Lompoc's sphere of influence at the cost of losing the best and most irreplaceable soil on the planet.

Sincerely,

John Bullock