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I urge the Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO) to **deny** the City of Lompoc request to expand its Sphere of Influence (SOI) which may ultimately result in over 140 acres of prime farmland adjacent to Bailey Avenue being made available for development. There is adequate land to develop housing within the City's borders without threatening prime farmland.

If this important farmland is turned over to development, there will be **no** turning back and the special qualities that make Lompoc and its agricultural sector so beautiful and unique will be at risk.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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