

January 15, 2024

Council Members:

I stand with the agricultural groups, community associations, and other stakeholders who have stated clearly and firmly opposition to ZTA 23-09.

The ZTA demonstrates a troubling lack of understanding of the Reserve, the economic complexity of keeping farms viable and, importantly, supporting new diverse farm operations. Want to know how to support the Reserve and its farms? Ask the farmers what their challenges are and listen. Then consider what you might do to help.

This should NOT BE ABOUT MORE TAX DOLLARS for the county!!! You should work to protect our ag community and all we've worked so long to protect against this type of intrusion. I think you would be much more concerned about passing these proposals that cause devastating, detrimental and unintended consequences IF YOU LIVED HERE!

Meanwhile, agriculture is talking to you. They are telling you this ZTA will hinder not help. Please work to withdraw this ZTA.

Please...DO THE RIGHT THING FOR OUR PRECIOUS RESERVE! Do what your constituents want and deserve.

Thank you.

Linda and Dick Abbott

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