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Dear Councilors,

My appeal revolves primarily around the question of de-designation of the Lagler/Ackerland properties as Agricultural Resource lands. I believe the SEPA study that was conducted attempts to answer the question Can the lands be legally de-designated, and can that de-designation be successfully defended in court?

I believe the more important question is whether the SEPA study adequately informs the policy decision of deciding whether or not to de-designate these lands? In order to answer these questions the study should weigh the importance of the products and services these lands provide to society against the potential products and services the lands would provide under other uses. This equation should consider the value and societal importance of the food products in question, as well the relative benefits and detriments that the lands provide under the uses being considered.

The soil classifications the State designates for evaluating these lands attempt to inform the kinds and value of the agricultural products these lands are capable of producing Land that can only support pasture is not ranked as highly as land that can support the full range of marketable crops. These lands belong to the latter

Of nearly equal importance is that these lands form the heart of an agricultural district that contains many more acres that are actively being farmed producing valuable and important food crops, and the removal of the docket site will adversely impact the viability of these lands, and diminish the ancillary services that they provide

The SEPA study only concerns itself with whether these lands are farmed, not with the quality and importance of the products produced, or the societal services they provide.

I do not attempt to answer these questions myself, but ask that in order to inform your decision, they should be answered

Respectfully Submitted,

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