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Hi all,

The City of Merced continues to annex large areas, such as the Baxter annexation comprising a little over 238 acres, in North Merced. We continue to see the Northward expansion of Merced through all of this sprawl development even though residents of existing communities, such as Unincorporated Areas of South Merced, have been pleading to the City and County for resources. There are visible inequalities between North and South Merced, which are exacerbated by ongoing sprawl development and the resources, staff time, and energy that it is demanding from the City. Residents have noticed the disparities between decisions made in South Merced and North Merced. With that in mind, I urge the Planning Commission and the City to refrain from signing off on the creation of new sprawl development in North Merced without first addressing the housing, water, sewer, stormwater drainage, pedestrian safety, public transportation, and other needs of existing communities.

I hope you all consider this.

Best,
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