

Open Letter to Supervisor Jim Wattenburger

Dear Jim:

On August 21, you gave your support to amendments to the county General Plan that would drastically change the Ukiah Valley.

We respectfully request that you **reverse** this action.

The General Plan amendments you designated as your “preferred alternative” on August 21 would allow massive urban sprawl on the north side of Ukiah, including:

- Rezoning the **Masonite plant site** out of industrial to meet the desire of a corporate developer to build a huge big-box shopping mall.
- Rezoning the vineyards north of Lovers Lane to allow a Bay Area developer to build up to **1200 housing units**.
- Other changes that in total would allow a **56% increase** in the valley’s population.

The County’s own study concluded that there is already enough land zoned for residential and commercial growth for at least 25 years. We favor a growth plan that will encourage in-fill within the Ukiah city limits. This will lessen disruptive impacts and preserves our small-town way of life. By keeping Masonite as industrial zoning, we can bring back good-paying manufacturing jobs.

But the **outside developers** have different plans. They want **no limits** on the way they can reshape our community to satisfy their corporate objectives. We are concerned that this revision of the General Plan will lead to more **abandoned store fronts** in Ukiah’s existing shopping districts...**traffic gridlock** like the Bay Area...exhaustion of the sewer capacity and a moratorium on new hookups.... worsened water shortages...and a loss of everything we value in the Ukiah Valley as a place to live.

Jim, we call upon you to **honor the commitment** you made in your 2004 election campaign. We remember your campaign brochure which stated: “*Jim Wattenburger will fight to keep our growth and development to a minimum.*” That **pledge** counts now more than ever.

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