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NOPE

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UNDERSTAND?

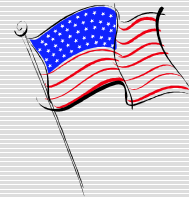
Twice the voters of North Plains have said “**NO**” to annexing more land into the city, but the developers keep coming back. This is what “**NO**” means:

- ⊗ **NO** means we value the small town feel of North Plains and believe the current growth rate is sufficient. From 2005 to 2007, it is expected that over 150 construction permits will be issued for residential lots *within the current city limits*.
- ⊗ **NO** means we value slow growth. If the annexations are approved, 389 more housing units will be built as quickly as possible. **North Plains will be “Under Construction” for the foreseeable future.**
- ⊗ **NO** means we value a quality of life that will be lost with increased traffic, noise, and congestion brought by hundreds of new residents.
- ⊗ **NO** means we value preserving productive farmland for food security in a global economy. The highest and best use of farmland is not for housing.
- ⊗ **NO** means we value a community whose rural roots and identity are worth preserving. With big new developments and cookie-cutter homes, North Plains will look like “Anywhere, USA.”
- ⊗ **NO** means we, not developers, should decide what is best for North Plains. After all, we’re the ones who live here!

VOTE YOUR VALUES

VOTE “NO”
on

Measures 34-122, 34-123 and 34-124



More reasons to vote NOPE

- ⊗ **These annexations are only for houses.** There's nothing that will generate a grocery store or other retail services. All the developers promise is one small park.
- ⊗ **Loss of PRIME farmland.** North Plains is a big part of Washington County's farm industry. Developing farmland decreases the "critical mass" of the local farm industry, and makes survival more difficult for businesses that support agriculture.
- ⊗ **The livability costs of annexation are many.** In addition to increased traffic are increases in pollution of all types, especially air, noise, and light. The incidence of crime will increase, if for no other reason than that there will be more homes and cars subject to burglary and theft.
- ⊗ **The faster we grow now, the faster we'll grow later.** Future growth rates are based on current and past rates. Grow fast now, grow even faster later.
- ⊗ **Annexation will not necessarily lead to an increase in property values.** Why *would* values increase? The land and housing supply will have increased and the small-town feel and scenic views will have decreased.
- ⊗ **...but your property taxes may well increase.** Residential development is the most expensive in terms of the cost of providing services such as fire and police. New schools will need to be built somewhere, and all property owners in the Hillsboro School District will pay for their construction.
- ⊗ **North Plains will be divided.** Residents of the eastern annexed area would be less likely to do business in town, especially once there's a new school. Shopping, banking, and dining in North Plains won't be as convenient for them as for other area residents.

What your neighbors are saying...



"I don't understand why people who chose to live in a small town would want to change it." – Sheila Hardwick, resident

"North Plains is already growing too fast without annexation. We need a slower pace of growth." – Cindy Harmes, resident

"We moved here to get away from mass population. We didn't want it to follow us." – Steve Powers, resident

Don't forget to vote!