

I am writing to support Keeping the Agricultural and Forestry Lands At Large Seats on the Planning Commission.

Those two seats represent much more than just "Industry Seats". The Ownership Interests of both Agriculture and Timber are significant to the continuation of our communities as we know them. Their voices should absolutely continue, added pressures of conflict need to have a clear understanding of the impacts and that can only be done with representatives that know what could happen if changes are made.

If other interests want to be added to the Commission, they should be considered if that is something the board thinks is necessary for the inclusion of important components of our community.

If obtaining a quorum is what the problem is; you don't do away with the position, you make sure the people in those positions understand and fulfill their commitment. Lowering the threshold does make for better governing. Increasing participation from knowledgeable stakeholders is what is needed.

I appreciate an opportunity to voice my opinion and hope you will continue to allow all voices to be heard.

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