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**Subject:** Please deny Motion 26-204 at next GLS meeting  
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Development on agricultural land will create noise, light glare, and stormwater runoff from pollution-generating impervious parking lots and roofs. There is no municipal sanitary sewage service outside of the Urban Growth Area (UGA), which will further exacerbate pollution. If there is no municipal water service, drinking water wells will draw down and deplete groundwater, which is essential for maintaining stream flow. Religious facilities should be restricted to inside the UGA, where municipal services such as water, sewage, mass transit, and emergency services are available. Religious facilities will forever take our agricultural lands out of production."

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Dear Councilmembers, I am writing again to encourage you not to waste the Planning Commission's time by sending Motion 26-204 to them for review. In addition to my previous comments, this is illegal per PDS. Check out how closely this compares to King County's loss against Friends of Sammamish Valley.

**"Bottom line:** The Sammamish Valley ruling is a **legal precedent** that agricultural land changes must be fully reviewed under GMA and SEPA to avoid invalidation. If Snohomish County's Motion 26-204 is structured similarly to the challenged ordinance, it would face the same compliance requirements — and if it fails to meet them, it could be blocked or reversed. The “eroding agricultural lands” label in Motion 26-204 suggests a similar intent to the Sammamish Valley case, but the legal effect would depend on whether it meets the statutory standards for environmental review and agricultural land protection."

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On Tue, May 19, 2026 at 4:09 PM Linda Gray <[lgn899a@gmail.com](mailto:lgn899a@gmail.com)> wrote:

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