

RE: Testimony **IN SUPPORT of LR 289**, An Act to Revise the Growth Management Law

Senator Curry, Representative Gere, and Members of the Committee on Housing and Economic Development;

My name is Lawrence (Sam) Brown, and I serve on several committees in **Casco**:

- Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee
- Open Space Committee
- Safe Streets Committee

Please accept this testimony **IN SUPPORT of LR 289**, An Act to Revise the Growth Management Law.

I believe this bill is the product of more than 4 years of work by many people from a broad range of professions and backgrounds who have worked to incorporate additional feedback provided by planners, the administration, and MMA.

LR 289 encourages communities to use publicly available data, emphasizes local goals and public participation, and retains a robust stakeholder group that will inform the rule making before it begins.

I advocate for a process that is accessible to any community of any size, without needing to spend thousands of dollars to do it.

LR 289 puts guardrails on the state over-mandating.

LR 289 is not one-size-fits all. It's flexible and removes onerous mandates from small towns.

LR 289 will help communities engage in more meaningful conversation around housing and how to update local regulations to align with those objectives.

I urge you to adopt this Act.

Sincerely,

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