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Subject: [EXTERNAL] IAL laws

I just received a letter from a law firm informing me of the IAL laws and the concerns related to them for owners of the parcels affected by these laws.

First off, I want my parcel taken off the list for the following reasons:

1. Farming is an unpredictable venture. We are subject to the whims of Mother Nature, the market and neighbors.
2. We are aging and plan to slow down or stop production and/or harvesting.
3. How do we meet sales requirements when our farm is soooo small and again subject to so many variables.
4. It seems we have zoning laws already, and ag dedication opportunities(which we have).

Perhaps those should be enforced instead of creating more laws that would require many layers of bureaucracy and cost to the taxpayers.

5. If people are grandfathered and omitted from the IAL laws I'm okay with that, but to make new laws after people have purchased their properties and have invested in other uses seems unjust. These governmental decisions are what cause people to have to sell their lands and move.

Some questions:

1. If our land is currently ag dedicated, how does it change?
2. is this only for the part of our property that's ag or the whole lot?
3. Who sat on the panel to write these laws? Couldn't be the small farmers, they know better.
4. Will everything be finalized before owners of impacted lands can petition?
5. What are the dates for IALs to be complete and lands put into this category?
6. What happens to lands on the market that fit the criteria for IAL but are being sold for development?
7. How did other people get their land off the list without lawyering up?

I have tried contacting my councilwoman but she has not returned my calls or emails.

Here's my info.:

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