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Testimony to the Planning and Sustainability Commission on the Floodplain Resilience Plan, Proposed Draft

The PSC should adopt the entire Floodplain Resilience Plan which will protect our communities against the impacts of climate change and extreme weather events. It is irresponsible and entirely inconsistent with the City's Climate Action Plan and Climate Emergency Work Plan to not adequately protect floodplains. We have had major flooding as recently as last spring. The plan does not stop all floodplain development, but it does increase protections for floodplains and requires real mitigation from developers. This puts the costs where they belong: on developers rather than the community. The City must adopt the whole plan, including Title 24 Amendments, requiring developers to create new equal amounts of floodplain nearby when they fill floodplains. And the City can not postpone addressing some industrial lands along the river! These lands include some of our most important floodplains. As soon as this plan is adopted, it must expedite developing floodplain protections on all industrial lands!

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