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My name is Alix Despard, following is my written comment to be submitted to the Board of Supervisors for the September 22nd public hearing on the Williamson Act.

The Williamson Act protects Yolo County's precious farmland from development. Farmers can hardly make ends meet with the current taxes and expenses associated with growing and harvesting crops. If property taxes are increased property owners and small farmers will have to sell their land or run their business at a loss which is not a viable proposition. Farming is the bedrock of Yolo County; farmers and landowners can't afford to lose this agricultural preserve status. Instead, California should focus on reviewing land in the Williamson Act that's not being farmed for crops or grazing land for cattle.

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