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## Leaders want to draw line on growth

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EL DORADO COUNTY - A group of current and former elected officials here seeks to amend the county charter to tie future residential development to Highway 50 improvements.

Supervisor Charlie Paine, former Supervisors Bill Center and Sam Bradley, and Placerville Mayor Kathi Lishman are promoting the amendment to control growth that would be allowed under the general plan the Board of Supervisors is expected to adopt in July.

Center said the group also will seek a referendum on the general plan following its adoption.

The proposed amendment would prohibit the Board of Supervisors from adopting a general plan that would allow traffic congestion on Highway 50 west of Placerville to reach what traffic engineers term "level of service F," or a state of stop-and-go, during peak commute periods.

To prevent such congestion, the measure would prohibit approval of additional single-family residential lot splits or subdivisions of three or more parcels until Highway 50 is expanded to eight lanes between Cameron Park Drive and the Sacramento County line.

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