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As Warehouses Multiply, Some Cities Say: Enough

Several municipalities in California's Inland Empire have halted new projects to study their impact on pollution and congestion, but labor and business groups have warned that moratoriums could cost the region tax revenue and jobs.

From the front yard of her ranch-style home, Pam Lemos peered out on the vast valley of her childhood.

She can still picture the way it looked back in the 1980s — citrus groves blanketing hillsides, dairy farms stretching for acres and horses grazing under a bright blue sky. These days, when she looks toward the horizon, she mainly sees the metal roofs of hulking warehouses.

"Now it's all industrial," said Ms. Lemos, 55, who has lived in Colton, 60 miles east of Los Angeles, her entire life. "We are working to change that and starting with these warehouses."

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