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7	King County is the ONLY county in the state that requires 5 acres of land to drill an exempt water well on their property. Why is that? This should change to match what most other counties require, which is to meet Dept of Ecology's setbacks. King county does NOT require 5 acres for an irrigation well though, which is the exact same well construction, only the name changes. The people of king county should be able to exercise their right to water on their property, while meeting DOE's setback requirements.	C. Gregory	Water	Written	1/12/2024
8	<p>I feel frustrated by the suggested P-Suffix Regulation amendments. These suggested amendments, would make it so only 1-off houses could be built, not neighborhoods. This means only someone with a lot of money could afford to develop a lot or a builder who in order to make a profit, would need to build a premium house then sell it for an incredibly high price.</p> <p>The reasons restricting all affordable neighborhoods in Fall City frustrates me:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.King county has a homelessness crisis. From my reading, the number 1 cause of homelessness in the United States is high housing costs (which King County has). This is because people are unable to save the money needed to weather unemployment, from a layoff or mental health crisis. In the Snoqualmie Valley subarea plan, taking better care of those suffering from addiction or a mental health crisis was mentioned to be a priority. Building more housing helps bring down the price of housing which helps those suffering, be able to continue to afford their house payments and use a lesser percentage of their income on housing. 2.King County has a problem with there not being enough housing in general and there not being enough affordable housing. From what I've read, the number 1 cause of not enough affordable housing being built, is restrictive zoning laws like the P-Suffix Regulation amendments. The United States has a problem with older, typically white, upper-middle income individuals saying "I don't want housing being built here, that should be the town next to me's problem." This makes me angry because to fix the lack of housing issue, housing needs to be built somewhere, it can't just always be the next person's problem. It also makes me angry because older affluent people are advocating for policies that raise their property value at the expense of families and younger generations not being able to afford a home. 3.This year when I went to vote, I read about both candidates for the Snoqualmie Vally School Board. In their campaigns, an issue mentioned was that Fall City Elementary needs to be rebuilt to ensure a safe and quality education for students. However, it was stated that the millions of dollars needed to achieve this would be more difficult to get, due to declining enrollments at the school. Fall City Elementary is the school in the catchment area for my house. I want children in the future and I will want them to go to a school that's safe and has the resources to provide a great education. When I purchased my home, people close to me, tried to dissuade me from buying in Fall City because of the elementary/middle school available. I'd love for the schools to have a better reputation in the years ahead. An increase in housing would increase enrollments and money for the schools to improve. 4.I feel confused by vaguely worded concepts in the Fall City Subdivision Moratorium like increase lot size to preserve "rural 	Samantha Fernald	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Written	1/16/2024

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9	<p>Please accept the following comments on the proposed Subarea Plan. My family has been a property owner in the Index Creek Road community for more than 80 years. Additionally, I have a specific background related to historic and cultural resources including an M.A. in Museum Studies, service as a board member and president of the Washington Museum Association, and service on the Landmarks Commission of Astoria, Oregon.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •One of the Guiding Principles of the Plan reads, "Preserve cultural and historic resources and landmarks." Sadly, I do not find this principle well represented in the Plan. At the very least, historic resources and landmarks, especially those with national significance, should be described and an appropriate level of care and conservation included. The County needs to invest in the preservation of these irreplaceable resources. •Page 24: The information about the Baring area needs to include its timber and mining history and its nationally-recognized Baring Bridge. •Page 50: The text indicates that the size, scale and aesthetic of existing development should be maintained. This idea should include the need to preserve and restore historic resources like the Baring Bridge. •Page 77: This section is titled, "King County Plans and Programs Relevant to Parks, Open Space and Cultural Resources". The following text does not include any mention of historic preservation plans or policies. The treatment of cultural resources is missing with the exception of only a phrase on page 78, "... the preservation of historic landmarks is of interest..." This subject needs to be addressed further including the County's commitment to invest in these treasures. •Page 79: Transportation activities should be consistent with the service level and protect rural character. The Baring Bridge, when kept in proper repair and with appropriate investment, is necessary to protect the rural character of the Index Creek Road community. •Page 81: Certainly a conflict arises between blanket statements regarding the need for bridge replacement and the need to preserve historic resources like the Baring Bridge. The Council should address this conflict and give significant and overriding weight to the preservation of this resource of national significance. •Page 84: Enhanced maintenance of the Baring Bridge will help preserve this unique resource and should be addressed. •Page 185: The preservation of historic landmarks and cultural resources is excluded from this section as they are apparently covered by the more general Comprehensive Plan. This is likely true for many of the topics addressed in the Subarea Plan. Historic Resources and landmarks in the Subarea should be specifically addressed in the Subarea Plan to enhance their preservation. 	Patricia Warren	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Written	1/16/2024

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10	<p>My Name is Spencer Lau, and I am a resident of King County District 8 and the Finance Manager at the White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA). I am respectfully submitting this testimony in support for Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-0440 relating to the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan update.</p> <p>As a member of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update's Equity Workgroup, I spent extensive time with community members, County staff, and in community educating and advertising the updated plan and encouraging community input and participation. This document is the collaboration of countless hours labored by County staff, the input of residents in all corners of King County, and the invaluable insights and direction given by community members on the Equity Workgroup. Overall, this document highlights the tireless advocacy of community members to ensure that government works for the people.</p> <p>Workgroup members were able to dive into housing policy as a priority area, and given the ability to comment on the equity analysis done by staff. It was clear that housing policy was a priority from all members of the Equity Workgroup and considerable time was spent on this topic. Priorities for the County to study mandatory Inclusionary Housing and/or Community Preference to help the need for affordable housing and ensuring displacement of cultural communities does not occur, and the study of feasibility to incentivize property managers/owners to rent to lower income families with an MFTE style program are huge steps forward for unincorporated communities, and need to be supported by this Committee.</p> <p>These additional areas touched upon by the Equity Workgroup and highlighted by the County's document are also crucial:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incorporate an anti-displacement framework into the 2024 Comprehensive Plan for all unincorporated areas to prevent and mitigate cultural loss and displacement; • Protect existing cultural resources and BIPOC institutions and support community led efforts to develop and retain existing small businesses and resilient communities; • Take intentional steps to repair harms to BIPOC households around racially exclusive and discriminatory land and property practices; and • Advocate for more funding and/or revenue for affordable housing construction. <p>As the Finance Manager at WCCDA, I have the privilege to work with community members, leaders, and business owners in White Center. I cannot stress enough how important it will be to find a balance between the needs of preparing for the future and taking time to acknowledge the vibrancy already in place. The people who have established themselves and made unincorporated King County</p>	Spencer Lau	ESJ	Written	11/16/2024
11	<p>My name is Steven Lewis . I am a retired disabled veteran. A member of the NAACP. I recently worked on the King County Comprehensive Plan in 2023. I was proud to be a part of this work. The community involvement aspect was an enormous part of its success. Stressing the urgency of developers to adhere to low income housing. Low income housing in reference to the free and reduced lunch program should be the definition. This was one of the important matters presented to the Comp plan work group. Low income housing is one of many issues facing the community. Developers being held to this standard would make a major difference. I would hope that the council would consider to reestablish this work group moving forward for years to come.</p>	Steven Lewis	Housing	Written	11/16/2024
12	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10290?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=486e1e46addfc3b2148e0ff3ca015b16</p>	Peter Rimpos	Process	Verbal	11/17/2024
13	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10290?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=486e1e46addfc3b2148e0ff3ca015b16</p>	Mike Birdsall	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Verbal	11/17/2024
14	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10290?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=486e1e46addfc3b2148e0ff3ca015b16</p>	Tim O'Brien	Map Amendment	Verbal	11/17/2024
15	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10290?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=486e1e46addfc3b2148e0ff3ca015b16</p>	Angela Donaldson	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Verbal	11/17/2024

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16	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10290?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=486e1e46addfc3b2148e0ff3ca015b16	Karen Meador	Subarea Planning	Verbal	11/17/2024
17	<p>My name is Mike Birdsall. I am a member of the Joint Rural Area Team of ten organizations, and I serve as its Transportation Technical Consultant. I have decades of experience helping cities and counties to prepare transportation plans under the Growth Management Act. I am here to discuss the SVNE Subarea Plan on behalf of the Joint Team.</p> <p>Other Joint Team members participated with county staff in developing the land use and environmental portions of the Subarea Plan. Those elements are well done, due in part to extensive engagement of members of the Public. Findings of the Subarea Plan strongly support and echo Joint Team concerns for protection of the Rural Area, Agricultural lands, and Forest lands with a priority on sustaining a healthy rural ecosystem and lifestyle, and no increase in urban lands, or urban-serving businesses.</p> <p>That said, we are disappointed in Chapter 8 (Transportation) for its lack of useful information. Although transportation conditions in the SVNE Subarea are going from bad to worse, the Public Review Draft released last June was just six pages of boilerplate with no substantive information. I objected to that last summer, but this current version remains unchanged. There is still no substantive identification of tangible transportation issues let alone discussion thereof. My comments submitted last summer gave extensive direction for the type of additional substantive information needed. I don't know why no changes were made to improve the current version. The current Vashon Subarea Plan has a much more detailed Transportation Chapter, while covering a smaller, less complex area. The difference is striking.</p> <p>My extensive comments last summer remain valid. They were submitted then as an independent observer, but the Joint Team is in full agreement. Therefore, the Joint Team will be re-submitting those same comments in its detailed Written Comments. We hope to see substantial expansion of this chapter before it is adopted later this year.</p>	Mike Birdsall	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Written	11/17/2024

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18	<p>Overview, Schedule, Process [Peter Rimbos—Joint Team Coordinator; GMVUAC]</p> <p>Good morning. My name is Peter Rimbos. I am the Coordinator for a Joint Team of ten Rural Area organizations and three Rural Technical Consultants. We endeavor to review, consult, develop, and offer solutions on issues of interest to people who live in a wide expanse of King County's unincorporated Rural Area. Each of our organizations considers its work on the KCCP one of its most important duties and responsibilities. Indeed, our Joint Team has been through multiple successive Major Updates with some of our member organization's work on same going back nearly 20 years and others further back to the pre-Growth Management Act days, when there were no formal KCCPs.</p> <p>For this Update we began engaging with KCCP Manager, Chris Jensen, in early 2022. We have reviewed materials and submitted detailed comments throughout the process. We have reviewed the Executive's December 7 "Recommended Plan" and have drafted a set of detailed comments—150 pp and counting, which should be ready to submit to you by February 7. We plan to fully participate in all of your Briefings.</p> <p>Given the importance of this 10-year Update and the complexity of its many Chapters, Appendices, Reports, etc., we strongly urge the Committee to re-consider its schedule as follows:</p> <p>(1) Meet every week. Do not combine several major topics into one meeting. For example:</p> <p>(a) The February 7 meeting includes: Chapter 1: Regional Planning; Chapter 2: Urban; and Growth Targets & UGA Appendix. To give such important topics justice, two separate meetings are warranted.</p> <p>(b) The April 3 meeting includes: Chapter 7: Parks, Open Space, & Cultural Resources; Chapter 8: Transportation; Transportation Appendix; and TNR Appendix. This is even tighter. In fact, the three Transportation topics alone warrant two separate meetings.</p> <p>(2) Move up "Development Regulations" from its May 1 meeting to a much earlier meeting and devote the entire meeting to this topic. KC Code is simply too important to the entire process and all of us.</p>	Peter Rimbos	Process	Written	11/17/2024
19	<p>My name is Karen Meador. I am a member of the Green Valley/Lake Holm Association, one of the many organizations that comprise the Joint Rural Area Team. We also are one of three organizations that fall under the Southeast King County Community Service Area (CSA). We are concerned that completion and approval of some of the CSA Subarea Plans are now pushed out as far as the middle of the next decade. A number of the Joint Team organizations serve under three CSAs—Bear Creek/Sammamish; Southeast King County; and Four Creeks/Tiger Mountain. Under the current schedule, they will not have their Subarea Plans approved until 2031, 2032, and 2036, respectively.</p> <p>We respectfully recommend the DLS Permitting Division retain sufficient Planners to conduct subarea planning simultaneously for two CSAs, thus condensing the current schedule (we believe there only are two Planners and they may have other duties.) There are a number of cultural and heritage venues within each of the CSAs, as well as limited natural resource lands. The GV/LHA and Enumclaw Plateau Community Association, both within the SE King County CSA, are each home to a King County-designated Heritage Corridor, as well as a King County-designated Agricultural Production District. Such venues are found in a number of the King County CSA's. As a writer and historian, I have researched and written about a number of them, and believe condensing the Subarea Planning Schedule would assure many of us an opportunity to assist in preserving the rural character, heritage venues, scenic qualities, and other distinct features that make King County's CSAs unique legacies for future generations to appreciate and enjoy.</p>	Karen Meador	Subarea Planning	Written	11/17/2024

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20	<p>My name is Tim O'Brien. I am the Chair of the Enumclaw Plateau Community Association, one of the many organizations that comprise the Joint Rural Area Team. Personally, I have a background in heavy equipment and construction. We suggest adding the following Map Amendment: [NOTE: HIGHLIGHTED ITEMS BELOW NEED NOT BE STATED IN ORAL TESTIMONY, ONLY IN OUR WRITTEN COMMENTS.]</p> <p>Map Amendment XX: Countywide – P-Suffix Zoning / Development Conditions</p> <p>1. Remove P-Suffix zoning (EN-P01, FC-P02, SV-P37, SV-P037, SV-P11, SV-P12, SV-P13, SV-P15, SV-P17, SV-P18, SV-P19, SV-P20, SV-P21, SV-P25, SV-P26, SV-P28, TR-P09, TR-P21, TR-P22) for commercial, industrial or mining activities in the Rural Area of unincorporated King County, if the condition is not currently met and remains out of compliance for one year, then zoning reverts back to underlying/original (non-commercial) zoning. Further, if the ownership changes, the uses would revert to underlying zoning.</p> <p>2. Repeal P-Suffix Development Conditions EN-P01, ES-P04, FC-P02, GR-P04, GR-P03, GR-P02, GR-P01, SV-P37, SV-P037, SV-P11, SV-P12, SV-P13, SV-P15, SV-P17, SV-P18, SV-P19, SV-P20, SVP21, SV-P25, SV-P26, SV-P28, TR-P09, TR-P21, TR-P22 from Zoning Atlas.</p> <p>Effect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most of these P-Suffix development conditions are many years out of date and not transparent to the Public. This would allow parcels that do not meet the commercial development conditions to revert back to underlying zoning for more clarity and transparency in zoning, provide more land for additional housing units, reduce impact of and cost to regulate commercial business in the Rural Area and restore Rural Character and help improve tourism and more sustainable economic development in the Rural Area. 	Tim O'Brien	Map Amendment	Written	11/17/2024

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21	<p>My name is Tony To and I am a happily and productively retired resident of District 2 in King County. Most of you know me from my working years as the Director of HomeSight, a regional non-profit developer and statewide mortgage lender serving first time homebuyers. I have also served on numerous policy and planning bodies in Seattle, King County, the State and nationally. Most relevantly, I served on the King County Regional Affordable Housing Task Force, the PSRC Economic Development District Board, Co-Chaired the Metro Equity Cabinet, and am finishing my participation in the King County Comp Plan Update Equity Work Group.</p> <p>You will hear from some of us this morning and others are sending statements which are included in the staff briefing packet. The 15-member Equity Work Group started our work about a year ago. You have two documents that summarize our work with King County staff and leadership. The first is a two-pager titled "Compilation of the 2024 Comp Plan Equity Work Group Priorities". The second is a seven-pager "Compilation of Equity Work Group Comments on Housing Proposals". These comments were recorded during topical discussions throughout the past year of convenings. Please take time to review these documents as you begin your deliberations.</p> <p>I am here to strongly support the draft Update and to acknowledge the leadership and support of the County Executive in his continuing effort to incorporate race and social equity directly into the iterative work of this and hopefully future Comp Plan updates.</p> <p>I've been around long enough to remember when the word "race" let alone the real impacts of racial and other forms of marginalization were entirely absent from Comp Plans. They still are, mostly. This draft represents a first in that regard. The terms "Minorities" and "low income" were relegated to the HUD mandated Consolidated Plans to</p>	Tony To	ESJ	Written	11/17/2024
22	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10293?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=476e915ac23ddea4458768eb6fd66af4</p>	Mark Swartz	Master Planned Resort	Verbal	1/18/2024
23	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10293?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=476e915ac23ddea4458768eb6fd66af4</p>	Diana Gallagher	Process	Verbal	1/18/2024
24	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10293?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=476e915ac23ddea4458768eb6fd66af4</p>	Peter Lamanna	Subarea Planning, Stormwater	Verbal	1/18/2024
25	<p>Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10293?view_id=4&redirect=true&h=476e915ac23ddea4458768eb6fd66af4</p>	Sam Campbell	SVNEKC Subarea Plan	Verbal	1/18/2024

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26	<p>My name is Peter Rimbos. I am the Coordinator for the Joint Team which consists of Enumclaw Plateau Community Association, Friends of Sammamish Valley, Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council, Green River Coalition, Green Valley/Lake Holm Association, Hollywood Hill Association, Soos Creek Area Response, Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Area Council, and Vashon-Maury Island Community Council. We also have three Rural Technical Consultants: Ken Konigsmark—Growth Management Focal; Mike Birdsall—Transportation Focal; and Terry Lavender— Environment/Open Space Focal.</p> <p>With respect to the Draft EIS, we support much of what is described in the Extensive Change Alternative considered, such as: “Require cities to pay impact fees and implement traffic demand management strategies for large developments that impact unincorporated areas;” however, we do have several concerns:</p> <p>(1) Greater land conversions in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands and urban development in the Rural Area.</p> <p>(2) “... greater urban development within unincorporated rural areas. Tourism, resort, and economic development-oriented buildings ... allowed to a greater degree in the Rural Area, on Natural Resource Lands, and within agricultural zones...”</p> <p>(3) “Allow additional clearing of trees and vegetation in unincorporated King County, without a permit, for habitable structures and utilities.”</p> <p>(4) “Make substantive updates to the 4:1 program requirements, such as allowing for: a reduced open space ratio...noncontiguous open space...nonresidential projects...and projects not likely to be timely annexed.”</p> <p>(5) “Modify and expand the TDR program, such as ... allowing urban open spaces that were previously acquired using conservation futures tax funding ... to become TDR sending sites, removing specific goals for reduction of development potential outside the Urban Area, ... and allowing for payment into the TDR bank when TDRs are not available.”</p> <p>(6) “Make substantive updates to the existing land use designations and zoning classifications ... such as ... incentivizing agritourism....”</p> <p>(7) “Expand SEPA exemptions to the maximum allowed by WAC 197-11-800.”</p> <p>(8) Several suggested “land use designation and zoning classification changes.”</p>	Peter Rimbos	SEPA	Written	1/18/2024
27	Not in favor of reversal of current policy to prohibit MPR's - proposal 329-A	Mark Swartz	Master Planned Resort	Written	1/18/2024

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28	<p>Please accept Comments herein on the subject 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) Major Update (Update)—Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) from the Joint Team of King County Unincorporated Rural Area organizations (*).</p> <p>We have participated in the Update since the beginning of 2022 working with KCCP Manager, Chris Jensen. We provided detailed Comments on Scoping, Conceptual Proposals, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping, and the Public Review Draft. We now are completing our in-depth review of the Executive’s “Recommended Plan” (ERP).</p> <p>Our Joint Team endeavors to review, consult, develop, and offer solutions on issues of interest to people who live in a wide expanse of King County’s unincorporated Rural Area. Each of our organizations considers its work on the KCCP one of its most important duties and responsibilities. Indeed, our Joint Team has been through multiple successive KCCP Major Updates (including the 2020 KCCP Mid-Point Update) with some of our member organization’s work on same going back nearly 20 years to the 2004 KCCP Major Update and others further back to the pre-Growth Management Act (GMA) days, when there were no formal KCCPs.</p> <p>Please note that one of our Joint Team organizations, the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council (V-MCC), due to limitations in its By-Laws, is unable to complete its DEIS review at this early stage and, hence, is not included in the approval “signatures” below.</p> <p>Please contact us should any questions arise during the review of our Comments herein. Thank you.</p> <p>(*) Joint Team: Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA), Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV), Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC), Green River Coalition (GRC), Green Valley/Lake Holm Association (GV/LHA), Hollywood Hill Association (HHA), Soos Creek Area Response (SCAR), Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Area Council (UBCUAC), and Vashon-Maury Island Community Council (V-MCC).</p> <p>Coordinated by: Peter Rimbos primbos@comcast.net Regional Coordinator, KCCP Updates, GMVUAC Joint Rural Area Team 1 January 30, 2024 2024 KCCP Major Update</p>	Peter Rimbos	Rural Area Impacts	Written	1/20/2024

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29	<p>We appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement ("DEIS") for King County's 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update. We represent FivePoint Capital Management, developer of a mixed-use, 137-unit residential project located near 16th Avenue SW and SW 107th Street in the White Center neighborhood of unincorporated King County. We request that the DEIS study implementation of the Multi-Family-Tax Exemption ("MFTE") in the North Highline/White Center neighborhood. MFTE could occur with any of the three alternatives identified in the DEIS (including No Action). MFTE implementation does not require a Comprehensive Plan amendment, but given the County's focus on incentivizing affordable housing production in the 2024 Update, it is appropriate to study and pursue MFTE as part of this process. It is a critical tool to increase the County's affordable housing stock.</p> <p>FivePoint elected to develop a project in White Center because it is a designated Qualified Opportunity Zone. This mixed-use project replaces an existing funeral home and car storage use with a vibrant mix of commerce, retail, employment opportunities and affordable housing- it is exactly the type of project the County's land use policies envision for this neighborhood. When FivePoint initiated this project, MFTE was not available in White Center due to restrictions in state statute. The lack of MFTE created concerns about the project's economic viability, which remain today. In 2021, with FivePoint's support, the state legislature adopted E2SSB 5297, which expanded the MFTE program to a greater number of cities and counties throughout Washington to include the North Highline/White Center neighborhood. As of 2022, 55 communities in Washington have active MFTE programs. The exemptions issued in 2021 resulted in 7,759 new housing units, including 1,058 rent-restricted units for low-income households.</p> <p>Inexplicably, King County has not taken action to implement MFTE anywhere- despite repeated requests from FivePoint over the past two years. King County's failure to implement MFTE is even more inexplicable in light of the specific "Proposal Objectives" identified in the DEIS. Fourteen objectives are outlined, and the first six relate directly to affordable housing production:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reducing housing and business displacement and advancing equity for those who are Black, Indigenous, People of Color, immigrants, and/ or refugees, especially those who also earn less than 80 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI) 	Courtney Flora	Multifamily Tax Exemption	Written	1/30/2024
30	<p>you as a Council have no understanding as to the cost of housing. Subsidizing housing does not lower the cost of housing. The extensive regulations permits inspections and government overreach have caused the cost of housing to be unacceptable. You need to look in a mirror and have an honest appraisal of what your actions actually do. In general they increase the cost of housing. Taking money away from taxpayers to pay other peoples housing cost does not reduce the cost of housing. It never will. Need to reverse some of your mandatory guidance to cities. And listen to real people that understand economics.</p>	Jerry Norman	Housing	Written	1/31/2024
31	<p>primbos@comcast.net</p>	Maxwell Nelson - WSDOT	SEPA	Written	2/1/2024

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33	<p>I encourage funding and developing a delivery date for two items already in the budget:</p> <p>Budget ID: SNVC.016 - Raise 124th and flood resiliency Budget ID: SNVC.028 - Public Transit Connecting Carnation to Redmond Park and Ride</p> <p>In addition, I would like to see the following three items added to the Comprehensive Plan as a high priority:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Raise Tolt Hill Road similar to 124 to improve flood resiliency. There have been a couple of times when Carnation was completely cut off from surrounding communities. Raising the road means it can stay open during flooding, which improves mobility and public safety so that police, fire, and medical emergency personnel can access Carnation. 2. Add a roundabout to Highway 203 and Tolt Hill Road. Remlinger Farms has held some major events that cause heavy traffic, making it difficult to turn left from Tolt Hill Road into Carnation. There is also a new housing development being built near this intersection that will also increase traffic. 3. Widen 202 from Fall City to Sahalee Way to four lanes. As more housing developments are added to the rural areas to support the Growth Management Act, we need improvements to the road infrastructure to support the increase in population. <p>Thank you.</p>	Cliff Hanks	SVNEKC Subarea Plan; Roads	Written	2/1/2024
34	<p>Questions from Karen Campion, a longtime resident in South King County:</p> <p>How can you allow Industrial Businesses to use the same RESIDENTIAL dirt road (now with permanent gigantic potholes) where my RESIDENTIAL house is located?</p> <p>Do you know how difficult it is for me to fill in the permanent gigantic potholes? What about using pulled weeds as filler for the permanent gigantic potholes?</p> <p>Do you realize how difficult it is to drive a car over the ditch that is forming between Military Road (not Street) and 35th Avenue South (south of 374th Street)?</p> <p>How are you going to address cars turning left and right into yard fences?</p> <p>How can you address the increase of car traffic on (non-stop) Military Road?</p>	Karen Campion	Roads	Written	2/1/2024

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35	<p>Please accept Comments herein on the subject 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) Major Update (Update)—Executive’s Recommended Plan (ERP) from the Joint Team of King County Unincorporated Rural Area organizations (*).</p> <p>We have participated in the Update since the beginning of 2022 working with KCCP Manager, Chris Jensen. We provided detailed Comments on Scoping, Conceptual Proposals, Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) Scoping, and the Public Review Draft. We have now conducted an in-depth review of the ERP—all Chapters, Appendices, and Supporting Documents. Our Comments encompass KCCP Text, KCCP Policy changes, and changes to King County Code. We found that the Executive’s Office used many of our comments to improve the Update—we thank them. However, we still find several areas where changes should be considered to minimize unintended negative consequences to the Rural Area. We encourage you to please consider our Comments herein as the you proceed in your review and approval process of the Update.</p> <p>For some Chapters, Appendices, and Supporting Documents we have included Overall Comments to provide a broad perspective on the subject matter, followed by our Specific Comments on Text, Policies, Code, Maps, etc. Our Comments primarily deal with items where we offer recommended changes and provide supporting rationale. In general, we have not provided comments on those items we consider good and, thus, approve.</p> <p>[Full text is 161 pages and is available in Public Comment PDF]</p>	Peter Rimbos	Miscellaneous	Written	2/6/2024
36	<p>As we know, there is a shortage of affordable housing in our region. There needs to be a multi-prong approach to tackle this issue. I'd like the Council to consider two topics to help provide some (albeit small) relief.</p> <p>1) Subdivision rules - I live on a 1.75 acre parcel and would like to consider subdividing into smaller parcels for homes. In our area the lots are 5 acres (though ours was grandfathered in some decades ago). While I know there will be a need for environmental studies and neighborhood input, I'd like to at least see a simple process in place to submit a request. Perhaps this could be incorporated into the ADU policies.</p> <p>2) We built a detached garage some time ago and planned for an apartment to be built on the top floor (we live close to Issaquah schools and hope this would provide access to a teacher). The permitting process is confusing, rigid and expensive. If we can streamline the process for permitting and construction of these add-ons, this could allow more homeowners to participate. As it is, many neighbors have just given up. I'm sure the current permitting processes are labor heavy, so providing some improved processes/automation would certainly help with that.</p> <p>I am just starting to review the comprehensive plan, so these topics may be covered. I am unable to attend the meeting in my local area, so wanted to provide my input.</p> <p>P.S. Huge kudos to the team assembling that plan! Having worked on documents like that in a past life (but smaller scale), I fully appreciate the effort and attention to detail.</p>	Alison Jeske	Housing	Written	2/6/2024

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37	<p>I would like to provide feedback regarding the increasing number of short term rentals in Fall City and ask that short term rentals be evaluated for impact to available housing and be considered as a part of the discussions/updates to the Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>This is an important topic because in my small neighborhood of 43rd street (on the east side of Preston-Fall City Road only), we have around 18 houses in our neighborhood and 2 are short term rentals through AirBnB or VRBO. These 2 houses are typical FC residences which are smaller from a footprint size and sold in the last ~3 years between \$480 - 580k, which to me, is more affordable housing than many options on the market right now.</p> <p>Considering the focus on housing availability and affordability, I would ask that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Short term rentals are factored into evaluations of our housing availability issues Expanded effort to understand how many short term rentals are in King County Policy that mimics other county's who have already implemented limits on short term rentals (like Chelan County). 	Lacy Linney	Short-term Rentals	Written	2/6/2024
38	Verbal comment available at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10310?meta_id=660882	Ken Konigsmark	Enforcement/Implementation	Verbal	2/6/2024
39	Verbal comment available at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10310?meta_id=660882	Peter Rimbos	Growth Targets	Verbal	2/6/2024

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40	<p>My name is Ken Konigsmark, a rural Preston resident. I'm on the Joint Rural Area Team and have served on several County committees related to rural issues, conservation, growth management, and the critical areas ordinance.</p> <p>My over 30 years experience in these issues reveals that despite good plans, good policies, well-intentioned Execs and Councilmembers, and well-designed County Guiding Principles, I and large numbers of rural residents remain frustrated because often your own codes, policies, and principles are poorly followed or ignored.</p> <p>The words are great, we love and support them, but it's the actions or inaction that follow that truly matter. These words ring hollow unless King County truly upholds and enforces them. For example, we fully support all six King County Guiding Principles listed in Chapter 1 REGIONAL PLANNING. However, we too often see the County making decisions directly affecting the Rural Area that seem to defy and circumvent at least three of those principles.</p> <p>Preserving and Maintaining Open Space and Natural Resource Lands Directing Development Toward Existing Communities Achieving Environmental Sustainability</p> <p>Examples of such actions (or non-actions) that defeat these principles and policies and infuriate rural residents include, but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cedar River Asphalt Facility (Determination of Non-Significance; no Environmental Impact Statement [EIS]) • Cedar Hills Regional Landfill (piecemeal expansion) • Code Enforcement (poor to none): Violators routinely win and citizens who seek to uphold County codes and policies are forced to spend enormous sums trying to protect their own property, the rural area, and the environment, often AGAINST King County! • Illegal Clearcutting • Illegal Event Centers allowed to continue • Illegal "Recycling" Centers that violate multiple codes • Pacific Raceways (piecemeal expansion without an EIS) • Permits routinely granted for development that violates zoning laws and the principles underlying them 	Ken Konigsmark	Enforcement/Implementation	Written	2/6/2024

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41	<p>My name is Peter Rimpos. I am the Coordinator for the Joint Team. I will speak on Growth Targets.</p> <p>Unfortunately Growth Targets cannot be enforced to keep irresponsible cities, such as Black Diamond, from grossly overgrowing directly impacting County roads and rural residents and vastly underpaying for road maintenance based on their proportional usage.</p> <p>The numbers in Figure 5: King County Jurisdiction Growth Targets ... were adopted in the 2021 CPPs and we offered detailed written comments at the time. Black Diamond, a designated "City in the Rural Area," has been allocated a 2044 Housing Target of 2,900, which its already approved Master-Planned Developments will grossly exceed. It also has major non-MPD permit applications under consideration.</p> <p>To make matters worse, Black Diamond has been allocated a 2044 Job Target of only 690—an anomaly compared to the Housing/Job Target ratios for every other city listed! Thus, the vast majority of its 20,000+ new residents will commute on County roads to their jobs in the major cities, as they avoid the increasingly congested SR-169. All other cities listed are handling their Targets in a professional and civil manner, leaving Black Diamond alone as an irresponsible city that is knowingly overloading County roads and imposing an unfair and inequitable financial burden on the Rural Area taxpayers.</p> <p>While the Urban Growth Capacity Report finds sufficient capacity available for total UGA projected growth, it does not state any concern or remedy for those cities that grossly exceed their projected growth and what "reasonable measures" they should take to correct such inconsistencies and the resulting burdens placed on their neighbors. Consequently, such inconsistencies will not be addressed by these cities in their respective 2024 Comprehensive Plans. We call for the Growth Management Planning Council to have such cities regularly report on how they are handling such inconsistencies and resulting burdens.</p> <p>The current Growth Target and Allocation system is badly flawed and, by ignoring those flaws, we perpetuate them ad infinitum.</p>	Peter Rimpos	Growth Targets	Written	2/6/2024
42	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Peter Rimpos	Mineral Resources	Verbal	2/8/2024
43	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Greg Wingard	Master Planned Resort	Verbal	2/8/2024
44	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Karen Meder	Environment and Natural Resources	Verbal	2/8/2024
45	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Joe Miles	Rural Area	Verbal	2/8/2024
46	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Tim O'Brien	Mineral Resources	Verbal	2/8/2024
47	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Mike Birdsall	Transportation	Verbal	2/8/2024
48	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Mark Reeves	ADU	Verbal	2/8/2024
49	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Jeff Miller	Crest Airpark	Verbal	2/8/2024
50	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10316?meta_id=661358	Rick	Traffic	Verbal	2/8/2024
51	I am writing in support of Proposed Ordinance No. 2023-440, "Sustainable Communities and Housing Projects Demonstration Project Area Zoning and Land Use Study". In particular, I support and encourage the further exploration and development of the Brooks Village parcels, to help ensure equitable rental and/or homeownership opportunities for Skyway residents at risk of displacement. Thanks for your consideration.	Brian Greggs	Affordable Housing	Written	2/13/2024

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52	This island is fragile. The main roads, because of the terrain that shape them, are already so busy. I feel for the people that live on them as they wait to enter the traffic. There are people screaming for affordable housing. But the truth is, this island will never be affordable! The ferry line will further upset W. Seattle. Come here and buy gas, or groceries or anything , and get a feel for the COL. I This can't be looked at one in a one dimensional aspect! At the age of 67 I've seen so many islands loved to death. Once over developed you can't undo it. SLOW GROWTH IS EVERYTHING!	JamminJay	Vashon-Maury Island	Written	2/13/2024
53	This is a very nit picky small comment, but on Figure 4.1-1 of the draft EIS, page 107 - In the North Highline/White Center area, Water District 45 no longer exists. That area was absorbed into Water District 20 a few years ago after residents voted to consolidate. Probably should update this map.	Amy Taylor	Water District	Written	2/13/2024
54	Can you tell me who and what dept I can speak with about onslaught of signs on our hwy here on Vashon. It is unbelievable. I have lost of issues with it.	Jo Ann	Signs	Written	2/17/2024
55	Good afternoon, I wanted to provide feedback regarding this project which was approved for repair and completed late 2020. Shake Mill Right Bank Levee Repair, North Fork Snoqualmie River, River Mile .3. https://your.kingcounty.gov/dnrp/library/water-and-land/flooding/snoqualmie/shake-mill-right-bank-30-percent-planset-2020.pdf As you are probably aware the first winter rains in early 2021 washed out the replacement repair leaving the bank to continue to erode for the past 3 years. We need to get this repaired properly and included in either the KC Comprehensive Plans or the sub-plans for prioritization and budgeting. I have included a picture of the eroded bank below. I can also provide a video of the area if you have a folder or dropbox to copy over.	Elizabeth Chiapala	Levee Repair	Written	2/20/2024

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56	<p>My name is Terry Lavender. I am a member of the Joint Rural Area Team and serve as an Environmental Technical Consultant. I have been involved in Basin Planning, Land Conservation, and Comprehensive Plan reviews for many years. I am specifically commenting on Chapter 5 of the Executive Recommended 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>We are pleased to see the Climate Action Plan permeates every aspect of this chapter. Almost all Climate Actions are “shall” making the intent strong. The language throughout is updated to match current practices and the Climate Action Plan. New to the Climate Plan is Climate Equity and equity language is added throughout and strengthened with “shall.”</p> <p>There are strong statements for a multi-species approach and biodiversity. It is stated that Biodiversity refers to species, habitats and their interactions across all landscapes. There is an emphasis on preserving and restoring ecosystem processes. All of this adds up to our best opportunity to really achieve these goals.</p> <p>I applaud the focus on mapping, collaboration and monitoring.</p> <p>At one of the first King County meetings I went to back in 1988, the public was there to ask about Beavers. I applaud the statement that King County supports coexistence of beaver and people, but I do wonder what implementation will look like.</p> <p>There is much to love about the proposed Chapter 5. However, while we find strong policies in the Executive’s “Recommended Plan,” they depend on how they are implemented, if and how periodic monitoring is funded and staffed, and that enforcement happens when needed. Our experience has been that each of these are problems currently and historically. Structural changes and funding issues will need to be solved before the County can truly honor and accomplish the good policies herein.</p>	Terry Lavender	Environment and Natural Resources	Written	2/20/2024
55	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10334?meta_id=662577	Cliff Cawthon	Affordable Housing	Verbal	2/21/2024
56	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10334?meta_id=662577	Josh McBride	Snoqualmie Pass	Verbal	2/21/2024
57	Zoning Classification Amendment Request via Docket Form	Michael Kary	Zoning Classification Amendment	Written	2/21/2024

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58	<p>Dear Council Members, February 22, 2024</p> <p>Following is my personal opinion on minimum lot sizes in Fall City.</p> <p>In short, I don't agree with imposing minimum lot sizes in Fall City. This may seem counter-intuitive, but my reason is that I'm strongly in favor of preserving the rural character of this town.</p> <p>If you pass through Fall City you'll see predominantly small houses on small lots interspersed with the occasional vacant lot. These were typically built long ago when Fall City was remote and lots were cheap. Land is now (very) expensive and builders are putting up the largest houses they can, no matter what the lot size. Requiring people to divide their land into fewer, larger lots will force them to build even larger houses and sell them for even higher prices to help offset the reduced number of units.</p> <p>My neighbors and I own two of the last large parcels within Fall City. Neither of us like the "maximum house, minimum lot" model currently pursued in town. Though we have no plans to sell or move we've discussed what we'll do with our properties when we do.</p> <p>We envision several groups of small, empty-nester/starter home houses separated by open space and what little forest remains, orchards, gardens; a place of (relatively) affordable smaller homes of "rural Character" where we'd continue to live.</p> <p>This vision could only be achieved under current zoning; small lots, small houses, even LOSS systems (that function) under open space. Common areas shared by more tightly spaced neighbors. Fewer roads. It absolutely cannot happen if we're required to have 10,800 or 12,500 square foot lots; the outcome can only be large, expensive homes sprawled suburb-style over the landscape.</p> <p>If it were possible, I'd make this simple rule: Maximum house size is driven by lot size. If a landowner wants to create smaller lots, then smaller houses must be built; if they want to build big houses they have to create big lots for them. Either way, it's their choice. No-one will build small, affordable houses on large lots (at least not to sell).</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration,</p> <p>Sincerely,</p>	Charlie Kellogg	Rural Area lot sizes	Written	2/22/2024
59	<p>Hi there</p> <p>I am studying the 2024 Comprehensive Plan to understand what impact, especially around density, will be coming for a property with RA-5 zoning in Woodinville. I also did a parcel number search in the "Land use and Zoning Map Amendments" and did not see any changes impacting my parcel.</p> <p>Could you help me understand if there is any potential code changes that would allow higher density for RA-5 zone, e.g. affordable housing. If I need to speak with someone else on this matter, I would appreciate a referral as well. Thanks!</p>	Ming Fung	Impact on specific property	Written	2/26/2024

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60	<p>RE: NEW STG/REMLINGER MUSIC CONCERT VENUE</p> <p>Dear King County Councilmembers,</p> <p>My name is Jules Hughes and I live and work in Carnation in District 3.</p> <p>There is a new summer concert venue coming to Carnation on May 24th, that is in direct conflict with the King County Code and Climate Action Goals. The site is in a Conservancy Shoreline, FEMA floodplain and floodway of the Tolt River. It is on a dead-end road off of rural 2-lane 203 and will cause immeasurable access and egress issues, up to 34 times a year.</p> <p>The Snoqualmie Valley is a sensitive eco-system of farmlands, wildlife habitat, human and natural forces and cannot handle the stresses that would occur as a result of this venue.</p> <p>From reporting in the Seattle Times, it is a new Carnation "amphitheater," which at a capacity of 6,000, exceeds the capacity of Marymoor by 1000 and St. Michele by 2000.</p> <p>This proposal by STG and Remlinger Farms, is considered a non-conforming use by King County, however this does not represent past use and is a change of use. This would not be allowed within Issaquah or Sammamish, so why is it being allowed here? And in a much more ecologically sensitive area, risking the health of critical Tolt and Snoqualmie watersheds?</p> <p>Remlinger did not receive proper permits for the STG concert last June and it appears they are planning to continue this unpermitted use, as tickets have already been sold for concerts. This project will have an enormous impact on surrounding neighbors, including traffic, noise, polluted stormwater runoff, compromised police, fire, and ambulance access. At minimum, a temporary or conditional use permit that includes full environmental and public review as required by law, should be required so that impacts can be identified and addressed.</p> <p>We want to preserve the natural beauty and environmental health of the Snoqualmie Valley and not have it overrun by voracious out of town corporate interests that could put all preservation efforts in jeopardy.</p> <p>Please do all you can to ensure King County does not let this venue proceed, as proposed, without robust oversight, mitigation, and legally required public process.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Ms. Jules Hughes</p>	Jules Hughes	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	2/27/2024

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61	<p>My name is Steve Foster – I’ve lived within earshot of Remlinger Farm since 1959. My property is 2350 linear feet from the stage that was utilized last June for the unpermitted concert at Remlinger. That concert was the first of its size and acoustic volume ever. The amplified sound was much louder than any other events at Remlinger. This was a rock concert that lasted for three days. During the show, I could hear the lyrics inside my home with the doors and windows closed. So this is not existing vested use, it is a change of use and should have to through conditional use permit process.</p> <p>The noise ordinance requires sound exceeding the property line to be under 52 decibels, which is comparable to moderate rainfall. An outdoor rock concert has noise level of at least 110 decibels – over 85 decibels can cause permanent hearing loss. There is no way this venue can meet the noise ordinance with use of an amplifier. This June concert projected sound, exceeding this noise ordinance many miles up the valley.</p> <p>Secondly, Remlinger has begun clearing and grading without any permits for new work on Parcel 212507-9021. There is an active enforcement action on Parcel 222507-9012 that includes construction of a permanent stage without a permit in the shoreline conservancy zone, which conflicts with the Department of Ecology. What is King County doing about this?</p> <p>It has been DLS’s process to not allow new permits until enforcement cases have been resolved. Why is this not happening in this case?</p> <p>Thank you for your time and consideration, Steve Foster Carnation, WA</p>	Steve Foster	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	2/27/2024

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62	<p>My name is Simone Oliver and I've been a Carnation resident since 1994. I have a environmental consulting firm that works regularly in unincorporated King County. I'm very familiar with codes pertaining to land use.</p> <p>The STG/Remlinger vested use is not legal. It is a gross expansion of the existing use that has never included public concerts of this magnitude. Everything they've hosted since the early 90's has been much smaller private corporate picnics and private music concerts. The non-conforming code section KCC 21A.32.065 does not allow for expansion of existing non-conforming use by over 10%, which this clearly exceeds the vested use in both number of attendees and change of use.</p> <p>In the rationale provided by Remlinger to document their vested use, the average attendees were provided on an annual basis, not an event basis. It is unclear how many attendees were present per event, which is necessary to accurately document past use.</p> <p>Regardless, from the data they provided, 3866 is the average high number of attendees in one event and 25 is the average amount of events per year. The vesting granted by King County represents 6000 people per event for up to 34 times per year. This reflects an increase of 55% in number of attendees and 36% increase in frequency of events over the vague data provided by Remlinger. This does not comply with the non-conformance code section KCC 21A.32.065.A.2 that limits maximum expansion to 10% and Jim Chan's decision 'that the use may continue, provided that:...any modification or expansion of the use complies with nonconformance standards in KCC 21A.32'. Based on this alone, the vesting certificate should be revoked per code section KCC 21A.50.040.2 'The approval was based on inadequate or inaccurate information.'</p> <p>This venue has never been an 'open-air theater' as the vesting interpretation states granting them full, unappealable green light to play by a different set of rules, or no rules in this case. I had hoped that making back-room deals was a thing of the past, but apparently that's not the case. The county needs to do the right thing and revoke this vesting certificate and require STG/Remlinger to go through the standard TUP/CUP process as required by law. This process allows for public review and input, SEPA, multi-agency review and mitigation for impacts.</p> <p>This venue is not allowed under the state shoreline act as administered by DOE. The whole site is located within the floodway and floodplain of the Tolt River.</p> <p>Thank you. Simone Oliver</p>	Simone Oliver	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	2/27/2024
63	<p>Taxes: I am a senior citizen with 3 properties in King County. The excessive taxing of property owners in King County, hard workers, that saved and invested to purchase property, you are holding responsible for supporting homelessness and drug abuse. We should NOT be the ones held accountable for caring for these individuals, particularly handing out gift cards that only help the drug dealers to take them in exchange for drugs, pennies on the dollar. I support working the root of the problem and helping those that want to get out of their predicament, not throwing band aids to those who want a handout. As a senior citizen, we can't afford a 12% property tax increase! I just declared Republican, the first time in 40 years.</p> <p>Land use: Our family farm on a river received notification that you changed our property line, no public hearing, no notification prior to the change, and no compensation for taking part of our land. How can you do this? Is this legal? We paid for the property line we had when the land was purchased and were not compensated for the change. I am ok with changing it as long as it does not impact the value of my land and if it does, we should be adequately compensated. YOU STOLE OUR PROPERTY.</p> <p>Again, voting republican! I also am going to work with the land owners where we own property right on the border of 2 counties to move out of King County. You are thieves. How do you answer these concerns?</p> <p>Thanks! Connie</p>	Connie Olberg	Taxes; Property line change	Written	2/28/2024
64	<p>Kingcounty proposed density rezoning map - If its already out Please send info</p>	William H.	Density	Written	2/28/2024

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65	Will any properties lose density zoning??	William H.	Density	Written	2/28/2024
66	<p>Hi King County Comprehensive Plan team,</p> <p>I was directed to send WDFW code-related comments to the Comprehensive Plan emails included here. Please direct these comments elsewhere if this has changed. I have also included previous Critical Area Ordinance draft comments in the chance they did not reach the official record when originally sent.</p> <p>Thank you for receiving and reviewing WDFW's comments in relation to these important regulatory updates. We strive to provide Best Available Science resources and guidance to all jurisdictions currently planning under the current Periodic Update review period. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any comments or questions.</p> <p>All the best,</p> <p>Morgan Krueger (she/her) Regional Land Use Planner, Habitat Division Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife Region 4</p>	Morgan Krueger	Habitats	Written	2/29/2024
67	<p>Hi:</p> <p>Thanks to all who did the studies that informed these excellent ideas and practical plans.</p> <p>Demian</p>	Dr. Demian	Thank you	Written	3/1/2024
68	<p>Hey king county officials. Close the landfill. Get your. Act together and quit polluting south east king county . Also make cedar. Grove composting unable to pollute too. Air stinks And is disgusting. Make us vimit some days. We can't enjoy our property. And we have lived here. 40 years. And yes I call puget sound sir quality line. And file a complaint. But you know they don't have the manpower to enforce . Sue. Neuner. Sent from my iPhone</p>	Sue Neuner	Landfill	Written	3/1/2024

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69	<p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>Rural Traffic/Transportation - Rural Artery Roads Improvement Policy</p> <p>Rural Artery roads are roads between urban cities passing through rural, the one particularly in my neighborhood is the one of 140th PI NE in rural Woodinville, which connecting Woodinville city with Redmond, Kirkland, and others. It is vital to the rural local basic life activities and development. The traffic has been getting crowded year over year, mostly not from rural local, but from developments in the cities.</p> <p>There has been an skewed wrong policy on rural transportation; not allowing rural artery road improvement to discourage rural development. The developments over the past years were almost all from the cities.</p> <p>The rural development has been already strictly controlled and limited by KC Land Use codes. The road improvement, especially the artery road improvement should be entirely based on traffic frequency monitoring facts.</p> <p>This is a principle Equity issue. Please kindly pay your attention on this issue.</p> <p>Sincerely, Woodinville Rural citizen Venlin J. Chan</p>	Venlin J. Chan	Roads	Written	3/3/2024
70	<p>Dear Councilmembers,</p> <p>Rural Economic Development - Rural Tourist District</p> <p>Following just released King County Executive Recommended revision and current existing Comprehensive Plan on rural economic development, suggest to establish a Rural Tourist District on the east side of 140th Place NE of Woodinville from Woodinville City south boarder down to the joint with 148th Ave NE.</p> <p>According to existing stated policy, the rural economic development shall follow the direction of local special conditions and resources. The stretch of east side of 140th Place NE neighborhood has the special open view of the valley which attracts people work and dwell in cities.</p> <p>Sincerely, Woodinville Rural Citizen Venlin J. Chan</p>	Venlin J. Chan	Rural Area	Written	3/3/2024
71	Comp Plan Policy or Text Amendment Request; Development Regulation Amendment Request via Docket Form	Venlin J. Chan	Roads	Written	3/4/2024

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72	<p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>I would like to provide a comment for tomorrow's upcoming meeting on housing: It is great to see that making adequate provisions for the housing needs of all economic backgrounds is being emphasized. One area I would like to point out in King County is Westlake. Everytime I am in that area there is a noticeable amount of homeless individuals roaming the streets. However, this situation has not seemed to improve significantly in the past couple of years. Please consider looking into this area more closely to see how the housing gap there can be addressed.</p> <p>Thanks, -- Hanson Dai Real Estate & Business Administration Teaching Assistant & Research Assistant Student Ambassador, Runstad Center for Real Estate Studies</p>	Hanson Dai	Housing	Written	3/5/2024
73	<p>RE: Written public comment submission for 2024 Comprehensive Plan Local Services and Land Use Committee Briefing (March 6th & 7th)</p> <p>Dear King County Department of Local Services and Land Use Committee Members:</p> <p>I'm writing on behalf of the King County Housing Authority team to share the attached letter and zoning modification request regarding the Vue Terrace Model Mobile Home Park (a proposed Manufactured Housing Community) in Skyway.</p> <p>KCHA owns and/or will have site control of over 3-acres of property in Skyway, WA. The property is bordered by existing adjacent mobile home parks on the east and west boundaries of the property. The property is difficult to develop as there are fill soils, sloping to the south and drainage issues that will not allow for high density multistory development and high impervious surface.</p> <p>The King County Housing Authority in cooperation with King County is committed to finding and creating affordable housing opportunities for low income residents in Skyway, especially those that provide for large families (including multigenerational living arrangements) and equity building opportunities. The attached letter outlines a modification request that will not only help this affordable housing model mobile (manufactured) home park come to fruition but provide for consistency of housing type across 3 distinct but adjacent parcels of land. This project has also received broad public support in having secured \$5.8 million in public funding from the State and King County and will benefit from the contribution of the publically owned land KCHA is making available for this model mobile (manufactured housing) home park.</p> <p>This as an important project for the Skyway community and the partners involved and we look forward to working with you to move it forward. Thank you for your consideration.</p> <p>Best, Tim Walter</p> <hr/> <p>Tim Walter Sr. Director of Development & Asset Management www.kcha.org King County Housing Authority We transform lives through housing</p>	Tim Walter	Housing	Written	3/5/2024

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74	Dear Chair Perry and LSLU Councilmembers, In preparation for tomorrow's LSLU study session on housing policies for the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, attached please find MBAKS' comment letter dated March 5, 2024, and Attachment A. MBAKS recognizes the Plan is important for protecting the incredible Puget Sound environment, while planning for and updating options and opportunities residents have regarding where they live, work, and play. We want to ensure policymakers remember that new and revised elements within a comprehensive plan often come along with unintended direct, or indirect, added costs to provide housing. MBAKS also believes the document should reflect that the County regards the promotion of adequate and attainable housing as a top priority. MBAKS stands ready to work with the County and other stakeholders to further that goal. We appreciate your thoughtful consideration. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at vshakotko@mbaks.com or 425.435.8990. Respectfully, Veronica Veronica Shakotko Senior King County Manager Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties	Veronica Shakotko	Housing	Written	3/5/2024
75	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10351	Alex Tsimerman	Unclear	Verbal	3/6/2024
76	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10351	Randy Bannecker	Housing	Verbal	3/6/2024
77	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10351	Clifford Cawthon	Housing	Verbal	3/6/2024
78	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10351	Greg Blunt	Housing	Verbal	3/6/2024
79	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Angela Donaldson	Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024
80	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Charlie Kellogg	Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024
81	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Cindy Parks	Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024
82	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	David Beecher	Critical Areas	Verbal	3/7/2024
83	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Wayne Berthold	Litter; Roads	Verbal	3/7/2024
84	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Allen Minwaer	Raging River Quarry, Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024
85	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Linda Cuffley	Climate and Environment	Verbal	3/7/2024
86	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Debbie Payton	Climate and Environment	Verbal	3/7/2024
87	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Terry Lavender	Roads; Climate; Environment	Verbal	3/7/2024
88	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Wayne Gullstad	Critical Areas	Verbal	3/7/2024
89	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Cory Huskenson	Agriculture	Verbal	3/7/2024
90	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Mike Birdsall	Traffic	Verbal	3/7/2024
91	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Lynn Watts	Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024

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93	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Robert Larsen	ADUs	Verbal	3/7/2024
94	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Carrie Lee Gagnon	Fall City	Verbal	3/7/2024
95	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Jules Hughes	Remlinger Music Venue	Verbal	3/7/2024
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97	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Chris Allen	Economic Development	Verbal	3/7/2024
98	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Diana Piccolo	Growth	Verbal	3/7/2024
99	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10360?meta_id=664841	Werner Angelson	Schools	Verbal	3/7/2024
100	<p>Good evening. I am Cindy Parks and I've lived in Fall city for 40 years.</p> <p>I support Angela Donaldson's comments regarding density, lots size and setback. The current language in the proposed subarea plan and the recommendations the subarea stewards are proposing aligns with the community's desire to allow development but have that development be consistent with Fall City character.</p> <p>As the Council members know, Fall City has limited public resources. This requires us to have a strong community commitment to volunteering and connection with each other. We strongly value organizations like Fall City Community Association, Fall City Historical Society and Fall City Sustainable Growth to bridge those resource gaps.</p> <p>I have printed out a few photos I will share with you showing average homes in Fall City, an ariel of Fall City with the new built development, examples of cars on shoulder and in street of the new development and a photo of additional developments coming to Fall City - with up to 24 homes each.</p> <p>We want to see sustainable building practices in Fall City. We advocate for current and future generations by protecting drinking water and the health of the environment, ensuring adopted policies and community plans are honored, and advocating for our unique rural identity.</p> <p>Thank you for your careful consideration of the updating of the Comprehensive Plan that will guide us for years.</p> <p>-Cindy Parks</p>	Cindy Parks	Fall City	Written	3/8/2024
101	<p>Hi,</p> <p>1) Is there a draft of the proposed Plan Update that can be reviewed by the public? 2) Is there a map showing proposed changes in land use and zoning resulting from this Plan update?</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>-- /Fred Fred Schapelhouman</p>	Fred Schapelhouman	General	Written	3/7/2024

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102	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to provide public comments on the proposed Comprehensive Plan and associated SubArea Plans electronically. I was not able to attend an in person meeting.</p> <p>I encourage the proposed Snoqualmie Valley/Northeast King County Subarea Plan to be changed to reflect the desires of the Fall City Community as submitted by the Sub area stewards who thoroughly researched, surveyed, and documented their findings. These changes would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Increasing the designation of minimum building setbacks to: Street - 30ft; Interior - 10ft; and Back - 20ft. •Use a Net Density of 4 dwelling units/acre. This aligns with the Fall City Residential Analysis study completed by consultants for King County and assures a building to lot ratio that blends in with the existing character of the Fall City community. •Designation of a minimum lot size of 10,000 sq. ft. <p>These changes should help to limit clustering, keep houses in scale with lot size, and allow for new developments that more closely match neighboring homes.</p> <p>Teresa Kluver 32803 SE 44th Street; Fall City 425-443-1115</p>	Teresa Kluver	Fall City	Written	3/7/2024
103	Hard copy pdf - see comment packet	David Beecher	Best Available Science	Written	3/7/2024
104	Hard copy pdf - see comment packet	Angela Donaldson	Density	Written	3/7/2024
105	Comment Form - Paving of road around Lake Margaret in Duvall	Deborah Lawrence	Roads	Written	3/7/2024
106	Comment Form - Supportive of comments provided by Angela Donaldson	Lacy Linney	Fall City	Written	3/7/2024
107	I support the protection of sensitive areas but there is no enforcement or review of these areas so the rules and regulations go unheeded. There are violations everywhere but no monitoring or enforcement so the rules are useless.	Debby Peterman	Critical Areas	Written	3/7/2024

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108	<p>My name is Rachael Hogan, I live in an apartment in Kenmore. I wanted to reach out and share my support for rezoning in King County to include more dense, urban housing. Rezoning to allow for a walkable city and more affordable housing is a dream come true! Lower land cost, cheaper building cost per unit, a walkable city that promotes local businesses, centered around public transportation to reduce the necessity of cars, leaving green space to preserve nature and fight climate change and more. We cannot allow single family houses to occupy most residential zoning, it's shortsighted and doesn't serve the true needs of our growing communities. Rezoning to allow duplex, condos, and apartments is the change we need. Increasing our housing supply around desirable areas with dense, urban housing should be our top priority!</p> <p>This change is needed across America, as single family zoning laws are unsustainable. We are seeing the consequences of these zoning laws play out as people desperately compete for housing. America has been underbuilding homes for years, and single family zoning laws prevent us from building affordable housing that so many Americans need. Some estimates show we are missing four million homes across America, and the need for housing is driving home prices and rents to unsustainable levels. Kenmore is not alone in our archaic zoning laws, but I am so proud that King County is taking steps to build better cities and be a leader for zoning reform in our country.</p> <p>I spent over a year trying to buy my first home in 2021, but the lack of housing supply has left people to compete in insane bidding wars just to find a place to live. The 1980 townhomes I was bidding on got offers of 20% - 25% over the listing price! The housing shortage in this area is hugely damaging to our population, especially to those who have not had the opportunity to buy a home before these surging home prices. Rezoning is not a quick solution, but it is a long term solution, with financial and environment sustainability at its heart. I know this won't help me buy a home today, but the need to provide for future home owners and residents is a bigger priority. We need sustainable solutions, and rezoning is a great start.</p> <p>New zoning will bring change, such as needed infrastructure. It saddens me to see some residents balk at this proposal. So many are thinking of short term problems. Rezoning is not a short sighted goal, it is a fundamental shift to our cities. This is an amazing opportunity to shape King County for the better.</p> <p>As a public school teacher, my dream of owning my own home feels impossible at times. I want to be able to live in the community I serve, and rezoning is a huge step in making that happen for myself, and many others. Thank you for bringing this proposal to our county, I am so excited to see cities change their zoning laws and change for the better!</p>	Rachel Hogan	Density	Written	3/10/2024
109	Please find attached letter regarding potential changes in the law regarding ADUs and TDRs. Thank you	Jennie Cowan	ADUs	Written	3/12/2024

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110	<p>Submitted by Wayne Gullstad, gullstad@comcast.net</p> <p>The following is a more comprehensive version of my public comment at the March 7, 2024 meeting in Duvall to review the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. My comments focus specifically on the County's claim that it used Best Available Science for the proposed new recommendations for widths of vegetated buffers along water courses.</p> <p>The County's basis for proposed new waterside vegetated buffer widths is sound in its intent, is likely supportable (in an ecological context) by Best Available Science, yet is justified using a flawed and manipulated principal. Site Potential Tree Height, the basis for the County's new recommendations, though widely used, was not derived through science. It will yield suboptimal results. It will have difficulty standing up to challenges of the Best Available Science basis.</p> <p>The County's updates to the Comprehensive Plan were to be derived using Best Available Science ("BAS"). Site Potential Tree Height ("SPTH") is neither "Best" nor "Science". The principal was created in 1993 as a "use your best judgement" approach to providing quick guidance for a starting point in an effort to restore the spotted owl. Its originators stated as much saying it was only intended as an interim solution until proper analyses could be done. A lot of proper analyses have occurred in the past 30 years. A lot of solid science.</p> <p>The County argues that SPTH is widely used, widely supported, and generally coincides with effective buffer widths. If so, who cares? Well, setting aside the most fundamental problem--that it's not science based--by basing their buffer recommendations on SPTH, the County faces these potential problems:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Applying SPTH results in abrupt, large, and unexplainable jumps in projected buffer widths; 2. SPTH does not necessarily generate recommended buffer widths that provide optimum ecological function; and 3. by hitching their recommendation directly to SPTH, the County leaves itself boxed into that specific number. <p>Let's take a closer look at that last point. Regulatory buffer widths have evolved over time. This is likely driven by a number of things: new and better science; a better societal understanding of the value of buffers; and increased urgency as species continue to struggle. We may well decide that wider buffers are necessary in the future. What do we do if we've anchored our recommendation to a number? For example, we decide now that, based on SPTH, the buffer needs to be 200 feet wide. Six years later, how do you argue for 250 foot buffers? Is it still based on SPTH but 1.25 times better science?</p> <p>The County's own science team might be making the best case for the lack of efficacy of SPTH. They ran smack into the first two</p>	Wayne Gullstad	Best Available Science	Written	3/16/2024

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111	<p>Dear King County Council:</p> <p>I wish to voice my concern regarding the Carnation Farm and Remlinger Farm concert venues.</p> <p>I am against this for several reasons, first this is a "rural community" with winding farm roads that cannot withstand car traffic of up to 4,000 people or 10,000 collectively. The roads are two lane roads and are in poor condition already - have you driven the Snoqualmie Valley Road recently? It is full of dips and uneven pavement. In the spring and summer months, these roads are filled with bicyclist, motorcycles and farm equipment. The roads cannot handle this type of capacity, and will affect the wellbeing and livelihood of those who reside here. All of the extra vehicles on the road will endanger the bicyclists and farmers greatly. There are no sidewalks or shoulders for these bicyclists or farmers to move over to, and for out-of-towners how are in a hurry to get to their concert venue, this will cause frustration and dangerous driving situations, such as passing and speeding.</p> <p>This is a relatively safe and clean community and I fear bringing in concerts would promote theft, littering and additional disturbances (revving of car engines, drunken disturbances, drunk driving, etc.). The community that I live in is right up above and behind the Carnation Farm. We purchased our home for the tranquility of "country living." The thought of concert music permeating the air during our days or evenings is not something we are in support of.</p> <p>How will the Carnation town police/fire department handle this volume of people? How is the extra traffic going to be handled? Where are people going to park?? The town's resources are limited and how is the town to handle a large emergency if one were to occur?</p> <p>One last thing to keep in mind is the large herd of Elk that come down into the valley frequently. These elk cross the roads right at the Carnation Farm, you can see their pathways into the woods, and they may either (1) be driven away from this area due to the music and traffic and/or (2) cause a horrible accident. People who come and visit this area with no knowledge of the happenings of the elk herd will not be</p>	Michael and Dena Beeney	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	3/19/2024

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112	<p>Dear King County Local Services and Land Use Committee:</p> <p>As a longtime resident of Carnation, I am opposed to the scope of the proposed concert series at both large farms that essentially bracket the town of Carnation (Remlinger and Carnation Farms).</p> <p>First, Remlinger seems to have rammed the permit process through somehow, without thoughtful or public process. How is this possible? They do not have a history of having the proposed number of people at the proposed number of events. At all. The scope of their proposal is far above what has happened historically.</p> <p>Both the number of people at each event and the number of events is concerning on many levels. I'm concerned about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> --negative impact to sensitive ecological environment along the Tolt River and Snoqualmie River --negative impact of seriously high decibel levels during concerts (as what already happens during Remlinger's corporate events with music, and the huge concert they had last summer) on wildlife and on our quality of life. I'm .6 miles from the Tolt and could hear the concert last summer. Way too loud. --impact of that number of people and cars on our town. Illegal camping all over town at last year's Remlinger concert. --our town already has issues with the traffic on 203 during the summer for smaller events. That many cars, people, etc. will jam the roads, and prevent emergency vehicles from getting through. Accidents and DUI's are a concern, without camping facilities provided by the venues. --location of concerts in floodplain areas --impact on water quality, increased pollution, increased use --use of our town as a playground for people coming from all over to hear national acts. Our community never agreed to this. We were never given a chance to have concerns heard. --This feels like more of the same: rich corporations (STG) deciding how to make a buck without consulting the local community. --Remlinger Farm has a history of illegal land practices and does not seem concerned about 	Jenn Dean	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	3/19/2024
113	<p>Attached is my written public comment for the meeting being held on March 20: LSLU Committee – Briefing 5 - Chapter 3: Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands Thank you! Kristen</p>	Kristen	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	3/19/2024

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114	<p>Theresa Mosqueda and KC Council members, We are following up after our video conference of a couple of weeks ago. Thank you again for the time. Do you have any questions for us, are there any next steps coming up? You mentioned that there is a series of meetings with the KC Exec planning staff, Chris Jensen right? If you can please share your thoughts now that you are up to speed. Below is some more food for thought. Also, we will be putting our public comments in during a meeting or two, thank you for sending the schedule. I also want to provide you with some information in regard to policy, and what is at stake, going forward with the change of zoning code for RA-5 to accomplish a spot zoning. The stakes are high, and the issues are pretty significant from a legal standpoint. But, also, from a policy standpoint; how much power does The KC Exec have in the 10-year plan to override laws, previous rulings, constituents, etc? This grant of spot zoning is a mighty hand wave at all kinds of things. There are also some very practical considerations of fairness and what is right and wrong at play as well and should the public be able to count on the stated reasoning for why decisions are being made are true and not done for political maneuvering or with conflicted interests. But what we are trying to do is stop an effort that we believe should be done a different way. As we shared with Erin, we are coming from the perspective of: Not in My Backyard This Way, NIMBYTW! And Teresa, we are again asking for your support in stopping this current effort and as a follow on to this, bringing together a planning and zoning process that will be a win-win for all not just one property owner at the expense of others' and our community's future options. ***** What is at stake by allowing the zoning code change for the old Grange: •The precedent that Dow Constantine has King-like power when it comes to land use laws and rules in the KC Execs 10 year comp plan update •That RA-5 zoning in KC now includes Food Stores (never before conditional use) •That a KC property "bad actor" property and tax scofflaw (getting an underserved tax break) property acquires special treatment and consideration from King County, the properties neighbor and past co-bad actor •That in the KC Execs 10-year comp plan, the reasoning for a zoning code change does not need to be true and be provided to the public for comment with no serious resolve to the statement •That a property that is literally on an Oso map overlay steep slope will be granted a spot zoning exception •That a property that is zoned RA-5 is being pulled out of the housing stock potential at a time when housing is needed and is supposed</p>	Rick Shrum and Ginger Ferguson	Vashon Grange	Written	3/19/2024
115	<p>Dear King County Clerk (or whoever is organizing this meeting), Please see attached Public Comment from our organization. Thank you for distributing to the Committee members and appropriate staff. Have a great day, Sincerely, Jules Hughes Carnation Community Alliance</p>	Jules Hughes	Remlinger Music Venue	Written	3/20/2024

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116	<p>To whom it may concern, king county council and commissioners, With respect to LSLU Committee agenda– Briefing 5 - Chapter 3: Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands Opportunity for Public Comment – Remote and In-Person, please include this comment in the meeting documents.</p> <p>It was very recently brought to my attention that a temporary use permit has been submitted for a concert venue designation at Carnation Farms in rural Carnation, WA. This surprises me as I am a client of a Carnation business that abuts this property, and I spend more than 20 hours a week at this property.</p> <p>I am concerned that neighbors were not allowed sufficient voice in use of neighboring land for a purpose that will have significant impact on the environment and their livelihoods.</p> <p>I would like to add my voice to the many voices that strongly oppose the incongruent use of rural lands for urban purpose here. Beyond the obvious environmental impacts, the stark safety concerns, and the loss of rapidly diminishing rural character is the hypocrisy in creating an Arts venue more than 40 min drive outside of Seattle. The venues in Seattle urban areas are already struggling to keep doors open post pandemic Just listen to KEXP for half a radio show and you will hear repeated call outs to support existing local music venues all around Seattle.</p> <p>These events seem not to support a successful business plan unless you drastically increase scale. And increased scale is absurd with single lane roads and no other services to support it. Given that there are already area parks, the zoo and many urban private businesses devoted to these types of events it makes no sense to commit this rural and agricultural area to such a use.</p> <p>In addition the development of such a site in Carnation would have big costs and very little benefit to the community. The proposed increase in visitors, vehicles, and noise pollution will disrupt wetlands and water tables, drive away wildlife, and destroy the culture of rural King County. Farm animals will be stressed. Wildlife viewing and hunting will be diminished. Flooding risk will increase. Planting cycles will be shifted.</p>	Deborah Hopkins	Carnation Farm Music Venue	Written	3/20/2024
117	<p>Hello, Thank you for the opportunity to provide public testimony to the LSLU committee this morning on the Comp Plan Update. Please find attached a slightly more detailed written version of my striker amendment request for Event Centers.</p> <p>Thank you, Serena Glover ED, Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV) 425-985-2992 GoFoSV.org FOSV is also a member of Joint Rural Area Team</p>	Serena Glover	Event Centers	Written	3/20/2024
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124	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Mike Bergtahl	Rural Areas	Verbal	3/20/2024
125	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Ken Konigsmark	Rural Areas	Verbal	3/20/2024
126	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Serena Glover	Event Centers	Verbal	3/20/2024
127	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Michael Tanksley	Home Occupations	Verbal	3/20/2024
128	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Karen Meder	Rural Areas	Verbal	3/20/2024
129	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Timothy O'Brien	Mining	Verbal	3/20/2024
130	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Susan Boundy-Sanders	Agriculture	Verbal	3/20/2024
131	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10379?meta_id=666105	Don Huling	Rural Areas	Verbal	3/20/2024
132	Good afternoon, Enclosed are copies of the exhibits and comments made at the March 7th, 2024 LSLU Public Meeting on the proposed comp plan and NEKC Subarea Plan. Additionally, I've included a copy of the November 2022 recommendations made by the Fall City Subarea Steward Committee, submitted to the Executive on the proposed NEKC Subarea Plan, Comp Plan, scoping, map amendments and accompanying code. Lastly, Can you please direct me to the proposed amendment Fall City's Business Special District Overlay in the upcoming plan update? Here is a link to the current ordinance: https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/depts/localservices/permits/property-research-maps/property-specific-development-conditions/SDO/SO-260.aspx Specifically, on behalf of the Fall City Community, I need to ensure the three recommendations are included in the LSLU review process. The most substantive item is Automotive Repair & Service business shall be included under the allowable use under general services. This is an essential business to our rural town.	Angela Donaldson	Fall City	Written	3/19/2024
133	Dear Council Members and Staff: Enclosed please find Futurewise's comments on the Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440 – 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan update Chapter 3 Rural Areas and Natural Resource Lands. Thank you for considering our comments. If you require anything else, please contact me. Tim Trohimovich, AICP (he/him) Director of Planning & Law Futurewise	Tim Trohimovich	Rural Areas	Written	3/19/2024
134	Good afternoon, Per guidance from Councilmember Perry's office, please note my feedback on the documents related to the Comprehensive Planning initiative. If needed, I am happy to provide additional information or feedback on how difficult it is to navigate the different documents. My suggestion is to incorporate a "simplification initiative" within the planning process to make these documents digestible to any resident who needs to understand the guidelines. Please do let me know if you have any questions would like more feedback on how to implement simplification work. Thanks in advance, Elizabeth	Elizabeth Chiapala	Simplification	Written	3/21/2024

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135	<p>Hello, I am an owner of 5 acres zoned as RA-5 with private well in unincorporated King County. The majority of my neighbors have shared well & smaller parcels. Can I request that my parcel be included in this new King County Comprehensive Plan to be rezoned as R-1. This will allow for both growth & preservation of the area. My well will be split amongst the 5 properties. Please advise. Thank you. Brian Poggioli, parcel 0622079093</p>	Brian Poggioli	Zoning	Written	3/22/2024
136	<p>Councilmember Reagan Dunn- Pursuant to our discussion in February, regarding the Comprehensive Plan and future Park Levies (see attached), I propose the following new Comprehensive Plan Policy for Chapter 7 Parks: The King County Parks Levy Oversight Board, comprised of citizen representatives from all Council Districts, shall review and provide comments on all future Park Levy proposals prior to adoption, with a detailed focus on equity and social justice, to ensure priority funding is directed to underserved communities. Please contact me if you have any questions. Joe Miles (425) 523-5275</p>	Joe Miles	Parks	Written	3/25/2024

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137	<p>Applicants have had significant challenges with King County Department of Local Services (DLS) for over 15 years. Under existing code, DLS has refused to allow applicants to use a section of the current code that reduces mitigation ratios (if certain performance conditions are met) rather than apply “permittee-responsible mitigation ratios” to users of mitigation banks (banks). Bank’s meet all of the requirements for reducing mitigation ratios under the current King County code, but staff have refused this option to applicants saying recently to a government applicant that “banks aren’t best available science”. Under the new updated code proposal, the ratio reduction section has been completely eliminated and no bank specific language has been included. This is contrary to what King County staff had said that they would do under this update.</p> <p>For some reason it seems that DLS staff have an adversarial and ideological opposition to mitigation banks or don’t understand them. DLS staff have refused meetings and code interpretations and refused any kind of common-sense approach to the reality that banks are apples and oranges different to permittee responsible mitigation, and, far superior for achieving no net loss, temporal loss, and reducing risk and failure, compared to typical permittee responsible mitigation projects. While King County has seen a high increase in failure in permittee-responsible mitigation projects they have not added any kind of clarification or direction for applicants to be able to use a mitigation bank, consistent with the intent of how banks operate, the rigor of the State and Federal mitigation bank program, guidance from Ecology on compensatory mitigation, alternative mitigation, or even best available science (BAS) updates. It appears that King County is arbitrarily picking BAS elements to increase typical mitigation ratios, made inaccurate or inappropriate equivalences between off-site mitigation and on-site mitigation reasons for failure, and completely left out the benefits of mitigation banking and code</p>	Mark Rettmann	Critical Areas	Written	3/26/2024
138	<p>Hi Erin, Please see our attached comments on the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Update. Thank you, Nancy Rapin Lead Fisheries Habitat Scientist Muckleshoot Tribe Fisheries Division</p>	Nancy Rapin	Fisheries	Written	3/28/2024
139	<p>Hello, how long do we have before the public comments opportunities will close and the council votes? Thank you.</p>	Julie Seitz	Process	Written	3/28/2024

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140	<p>Please see below for additional comments on the comp plan.</p> <p>Mark</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Offsite wetland buffer mitigation ratio is being raised from 1:1 to 2:1. No emphasis on the value of type, quality, location of impacted buffer and/or buffer mitigation actions. One reference to being able to use a mitigation bank for buffer mitigation but only within the “sub-basin” not the watershed or service area. Mitigation bank use should be based upon watershed and the bank service area, whichever is larger. 2. Riparian buffer mitigation ratio is being raised from 2:1 to all higher ratios now based on stream type. It should remain the same. 3. Some of the standard ratios in the mitigation table (what are concurrent, permittee responsible mitigation ratios) have been increased for certain wetlands. However, no mention about the difference of mitigation banks and permittee responsible mitigation ratios, thus they would still be applying these ratios to mitigation banks and advance mitigation when these alternatives offer more ecological advantages. 4. Wetland ratio reduction criteria has been completely taken out. Previously, because a mitigation bank meets all of these criteria by definition many have advocated that this code should be applied to banks. However, it appears it has been removed completely. 5. No new language on alternative mitigation options (advance mitigation and mitigation banks based on best available science from Ecology, Corps, EPA etc.) 6. No language on preference or priority of mitigation actions (reestablishment, creation, preservation, enhancement) to combat no net-loss, or higher monitoring standards etc for PRM. Instead, the proposal increases ratios for general “mitigation” which is not best available science. 7. No acknowledgement or support for the benefits of alternative mitigation (advance, banks, etc.) to prevent no net-loss. This must be incorporated into the code, not removed or ignored. 	Mark Rettmann	Critical Areas	Written	3/29/2024
141	<p>Dear King County Council,</p> <p>The Washington State Department of Transportation (WSDOT) appreciates the opportunity to review and comment on the current draft of proposed revisions to King County’s Critical Area Ordinance (CAO). WSDOT offers the following comments and recommendations on the current draft of proposed CAO revisions—comment letter is attached to this email.</p> <p>Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the current draft of the proposed revisions to King County’s Critical Area Ordinance (CAO).</p> <p>Terry Terry Drochak - (He/Him) Environmental Compliance Solutions Branch Manager Washington State Department of Transportation</p>	Terry Drochak	Critical Areas	Written	3/29/2024

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142	<p>People, On March 21, at the general meeting of the Vashon-Maury Community Council, the Vashon Town Plan Committee made the following motion, to be voted on at the next general meeting on April 18th: "The Vashon Town Plan Committee recommends that the current Executive proposal, which gives density bonuses in Vashon Town exclusively to affordable housing be changed as below: NEW SECTION. SECTION 23. There is hereby added to the chapter established in section 21 of this ordinance a new section to read as follows: B. New or substantially improved residential or mixed-use developments shall provide affordable dwelling units, and may exceed the base density allowed in the zoning classification, in accordance with the standards listed below The Committee further recommends that the height restriction be changed from 35 feet to three stories." King County and the Vashon community have made it clear that affordable housing in the Town of Vashon is a priority, but the current Executive proposal would limit density bonuses in Town to 100% affordable housing developments, and would limit the height of development to 35 feet. Building 100% affordable housing developments in the Town of Vashon would not be feasible for private developers, and it would prevent the integration of affordable housing units with market rate housing. These goals would be better achieved by modifying the Executive proposal to incorporate the same density bonuses proposed in other Rural Towns in King County, without the use of TDRs, and with two modifications. First, we would allow density bonuses for developments with 9 or fewer units, because the Town of Vashon comprises a small area where smaller developments should be encouraged. Second, the greatest present housing need on Vashon is for the people who work on the Island, such as teachers, clerks and other workers whose incomes fall within the</p>	David Vogel	Density	Written	3/30/2024

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143	<p>Dear Councilwoman Mosqueda -</p> <p>First, congratulations on winning the election to represent Vashon on the King County Council.</p> <p>I am writing on behalf of a large – and growing – group of Vashon residents comprised of mental health professionals, community activists, retirees, parents, and others, who are extremely concerned with the lack of public process and transparency surrounding the Thunderbird Drug Treatment Center, which is being proposed by the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB). After reading the information below, we hope to meet with you to discuss this matter in more detail.</p> <p>Before I go into the reasons why this island cannot support the type of rehabilitation center being proposed, I want to stress that this community has shown itself to be incredibly supportive in terms of welcoming and sustaining social services for those who need help. A few examples, include:</p> <p>Vashon’s Interfaith Council works to feed and shelter homeless individuals on the island;</p> <p>The Vashon Health Care District is working to increase the availability of medical services that are woefully lacking here;</p> <p>Vashon Household is doing a terrific job of building low-income housing to help those who can’t afford to live here;</p> <p>Vashon Youth and Family Services is working hard to reduce the serious substance abuse prevalent on Vashon, as it is in so many rural communities; and</p> <p>Last but not least, the Dove Project works tirelessly to address the surprisingly large number of domestic violence cases here on the island.</p> <p>These remarkable social service programs, which receive widespread community support, were established to help islanders who face very real problems. But the Thunderbird Drug Treatment Center will irreparably harm the island, its residents, and the patients they are charged with caring for – as we simply do not have the infrastructure to accommodate it.</p> <p>The proposed location was spot zoned years ago when the community rallied for a facility for its elderly and disabled population, and opposed a similar proposed drug rehab at that time. In fact, community members contributed more than \$1.2 million dollars toward its construction back in 2001 (https://www.seattlepi.com/seattlenews/article/vashon-residents-raise-1-2-million-to-save-a-1067898.php). The one and only reason rezoning was allowed at that time was because of local community support for – specifically and only – the low impact use for long-term residential apartments for our elders and disabled who needed assisted</p>	Katy Ballard	Drug Treatment Siting	Written	4/1/2024

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144	<p>Hello,</p> <p>Please, I request the Council to adopt the guidance provided by the WA State Department of Ecology published back in 2022 - incorporating BAS, which exempts low functioning Category IV Wetland of going through a mitigation sequencing process and opting immediately for a compensatory fee or credit.</p> <p>Pursuant to WA State Department of Ecology (Department) Wetlands Guidance for Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Updates, published on October 2022, the Department proposed the adoption of an exemption process for certain low functioning Category IV wetlands. This would provide a better protection and certainty of improvement of more high functioning wetlands (categories I, II, and III) by preventing a net loss of wetland function.</p> <p>After revising the proposal for updating the King County CAO submitted on March 1, 2024, I could not find any reference about adopting the guidance supra referred, which is informed by BAS and aim to provide a more uniform approach to wetlands across WA State. This also would be a more equitable approach to landowners within King County. In the same regional area, depending on the municipality boundaries, 3 neighboring lots may have to go to 3 different process, producing very inequitable result for the landowners.</p> <p>Multiple municipalities and counties provide certain exceptions for Wetlands Category IV depending on its size varying from 1,000 sq ft to 5,000 sq ft. I believe, the size is not as relevant as the function. King County implemented the 2,500 sq ft mitigation sequence exception, but as stated by the Department, sq footage is not based on BAS.</p> <p>This approach would (1) avoid further growth beyond the already established urban growth area, (2) increase housing, and (3) decrease investment in public transportation and utilities to serve far distant residences that keep encroaching on high functioning pristine wetlands.</p> <p>Respectfully, Leila Gonzalez-Rigatto</p>	Leila Gonzalez-Rigatto	Critical Areas	Written	4/2/2024
145	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Karen Meador	Cultural Resources	Verbal	4/3/2024
146	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Susan Harvey	Transportation	Verbal	4/3/2024
147	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Peter Rimbo	Transportation	Verbal	4/3/2024
148	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Mike Birdsall	Transportation	Verbal	4/3/2024
149	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Julie Seitz	Map Amendment 7	Verbal	4/3/2024
150	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Chao Guo	Map Amendment 7	Verbal	4/3/2024
151	Verbal Comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10399?meta_id=668088	Tim O'Brien	Trails	Verbal	4/3/2024

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152	<p>Hello -</p> <p>I am told that King County has just proposed updates to their critical area code in the Comprehensive Plan for 2024. The changes include increasing all ratios for mitigation and making it more difficult to do offsite mitigation. This is contrary to guidance from most other agencies and is not practical. I am involved in a few projects for which onsite mitigation is being required. In some of these cases it is not practical and in our opinion is overkill based on the low quality of the onsite sensitive areas. In one case the County is requiring offsite mitigation through the King County Reserves Program at arbitrary and unreasonable ratios. We are trying to counter that with a reasonable offer through another mitigation bank that does not cover that area but in which case we requested an exception.</p> <p>We are not against keeping the planet green, but do want a realistic, reasonable, efficient approach on wetland mitigation which does not eliminate the motivation to create additional lots for housing.</p> <p>If you would like this in letter form, please let me know.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Tom Thomas J. DeDonato</p>	Thomas J. DeDonato	Critical Areas	Written	4/3/2024
153	<p>More input from one of my partners:</p> <p>"I think we need to discuss actual COSTS and not ratios. Ratios sound easy but the actual cost is astounding and they need to know what the numbers for mitigation actually are!"</p> <p>Tom Thomas J. DeDonato</p>	Thomas J. DeDonato	Critical Areas	Written	4/3/2024
154	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am reaching out to inquire about what listserv to register to track any updates to the CAO. I have signed up for the comp plan emails but wanted to see if there is an additional resource I should register for as well?</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jennifer Riedmayer Pronouns: she/her Multi-Agency Permit Program– HPA Permit Lead Environmental Services Office Washington State Department of Transportation</p>	Jennifer Riedmayer	Process	Written	4/3/2024
155	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Arman Yousoufian	ADUs	Verbal	4/4/2024
156	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Bonnie Helms	Tree Removal; Process; Resource Uses	Verbal	4/4/2024
157	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Morgan Brown	Housing	Verbal	4/4/2024
158	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Ben Carr	Affordable Housing	Verbal	4/4/2024
159	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Susan Waldroul	Code Enforcement	Verbal	4/4/2024
160	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Amy Drayes	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
161	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Christopher Bric	Affordable Housing	Verbal	4/4/2024
162	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Amy Dreyer	Affordable Housing	Verbal	4/4/2024

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164	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Carol Ferch	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
165	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	David Vogel	Affordable Housing	Verbal	4/4/2024
166	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Jennifer Potter	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
167	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Henry Southerland	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
168	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Jesse Foster	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
169	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Bill Swartz	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
170	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Robert Larsen	ADUs	Verbal	4/4/2024
171	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Steven Norse	ADUs; Universal Design	Verbal	4/4/2024
172	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Zachary Pratt	Critical Areas	Verbal	4/4/2024
173	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Tammy Simms	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
174	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Barbara Wells	Vashon Grange	Verbal	4/4/2024
175	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10406?meta_id=668738	Rob Horsch	Water Resources	Verbal	4/4/2024
176	I can't wait for the old Grange Hall to become alive again as Heights Grocery! Small, locally owned businesses are the lifeblood of communities. This one in particular will provide critical commodities, a community gathering space for a neighborhood that has none, resilience in the face of emergencies (from icy winter storms to earthquakes), and island jobs. The location is accessible by foot from probably the biggest concentrated population on the island (5 miles from town center and the main grocery store), and there is plenty of parking as well. Jennifer Potter is a stalwart member of the community, dedicated to providing for the community and making it a good time for everyone involved. She has put years of effort and money into securing this building, taking care of it (an island landmark), making it accessible for use in whatever ways are allowed, and she will be a stellar business owner. Please do what it takes to make Heights Grocery a reality! Vashon will thank you for it... Michelle Bates Vashon Island 206-795-3054	Michelle Bates	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
177	To Whom it may concern: The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise unavailable to residents within 5 miles of the venue. There is no compelling reason to restrain the opening of this business unless the aim is to cripple the owners and the community that supports them. I urge you to allow the business to proceed immediately. Dr. Fran Brooks	Fran Brooks	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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178	<p>To Theresa Mosqueda and the King County Council,</p> <p>I am writing to urge the KCC to support and fully carry out the Re-zoning required to open a Heights Grocery Store in the historic Vashon Grange Hall. One thing I love about the owner's vision is that it honors and acknowledges the decades of historical and functional use of this building and space. It would be really sad if the building were either left, unused and abandoned, or demolished in favor of some concrete office park. The owner is not stopping at, or leaning on, the history piece, however.</p> <p>The proposed plan for a grocery store/coffee shop answers so many functional and practical needs. Basic groceries for people living on the Northend of the island, commuting home, who won't pass through town. For people close enough, it's an option to pick up some essentials without driving - burning car fuel, joining the fray of car/ferry traffic. And finally, it's community. The intimate size, the coffee shop, etc, without the challenging parking situation down at the dock, will provide a Northend hub. The hub will promote all kinds of positive communal support. People talking, people helping one another (kids picking up eggs/bread for elderly neighbors, on foot), networking to solve problems, etc. Studies of the people who live longest show they live in communities where interdependence, inter-reliance are a mainstay. This grocery store/coffee shop would promote this.</p> <p>Please consider!</p> <p>Respectfully, Ture Brusletten</p>	Ture Brusletten	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
179	<p>To Whom It May Concern,</p> <p>I am writing to let you know that, as a resident and community member of Vashon Island, I strongly support Jennifer Potter and her team in their proposal to renovate the old Grange Hall into a small grocery for our north end island neighbors. I believe this project is a fantastic way to restore that historic property, and provide a very much needed resource for the island, for the north end community in particular, as well as the many islanders that pass through that area on their way to and from the island.</p> <p>My understanding is that this project would require some changes to the zoning for the parcel. I sincerely hope that this rezoning is incorporated into the upcoming comprehensive plan changes, so that this project can move forward.</p> <p>Regards, Laura Laura Cherry (she/her) Dragon's Head Cider</p>	Laura Cherry	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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180	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I was born and raised right up the hill from the old Grange building. I cannot overstate how much a grocery store would benefit the neighborhood. It would be far more preferable to do my grocery shopping a short walk away in our beautiful neighborhood rather than driving ten minutes to Thriftway.</p> <p>In addition the Grange is an incredible, historic building that has lurked in the shadows for too long. It is long past time that this building be put into the service of our community. The Wild Mermaid provides an excellent case study in the value of revitalizing the few remaining historic buildings on Vashon. These buildings are not "preserved" in any meaningful sense by being left vacant.</p> <p>Please allow our neighborhood to become the vibrant community that it can and should be. There is no course of development more natural and healthy than this.</p> <p>Sasha Elenko, lifelong neighbor</p>	Sasha Elenko	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
181	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am writing to seek your approval of Heights grocery store at the Old Grange location on the north end of Vashon Island. I live nearby and would love to have a walkable grocery store by our house. It would be a resource for the community, and could draw more tourists to the area who could walk off the boats , and this would help save gas and pollution. This could also be a wonderful gathering spot for the community. Please consider this request and thank you for your time.</p> <p>Katy Ellis</p>	Katy Ellis	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
182	<p>Please allow this grocery store to move ahead! Having a small grocery store on the north end of Vashon would be a great addition to the community.</p> <p>Having this available would save the five mile drive to town to get last minute or forgotten items. It would be so great (for my body and the environment) to eliminate these drives in a car!</p> <p>Barney Gill</p>	Barney Gill	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
183	<p>Dear King County & Rep. Mosqueda,</p> <p>Please accept this note as my formal comment for tonight's meeting regarding the Vashon Comprehensive Plan:</p> <p>As a resident of the Island's North End, I, like my neighbors, spend considerable time, gas and fossil fuel emissions going to Vashon town for quick grocery runs, meetings, and social engagements. The Grange Hall is an historic location that has been repurposed and preserved as a meeting, rehearsal and even theatrical venue. As a grocery store and gathering place, it will serve the Island even better by reducing our currently outsized carbon footprint and amplifying our neighborhood cohesion. Please do all you can to make Heights Grocery a reality.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Susan McCabe, Principal Hannah, Ink</p>	Susan McCabe	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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184	Hello, King County! I write to you as a 3rd generation Vashon Islander urging you to support bringing community back to the old Grange Hall on the north end of Vashon. That great old building brought people together for decades. By allowing this historic place to become a grocery and coffee shop you will breathe new life into the building and the neighborhood. Please help remedy this food desert and revive this once lively gathering place for neighbors by approving this project! Sincerely, Tami Brockway Joyce	Tami Brockway Joyce	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
185	Hi there, PLEASE, PLEASE rezone the building on the North End of Vashon so Jennifer can finally open up the LONG awaited Heights Grocery. It would definitely be a positive use of the building and would help support the North End community. It would also serve as a great stop going to and leaving the ferry parking lot. All wins to an otherwise unused building Please make this happen - they have waited far too long!!! North Ender of Vashon, Danny Kopsak	Danny Kopsak	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
186	Dear committee members, I have lived on the north end of Vashon Island for nearly 30 years. Allowing the Heights Grocery to become a neighborhood grocery store would add immense value the north end neighbors and commuters that park nearby. Please consider approving Heights Grocery! Lisa Lenihan Vashon Island	Lisa Lenihan	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
187	I am writing in support of Vashon Island's Grange. As our island grows ever more populous, we need to have a small local grocery store at the north end. The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue. Thank you for your consideration. Jennifer Loomis Vashon Island resident	Jennifer Loomis	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
188	Please help us enhance our neighborhood experience on Vashon. The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue.... Thank you, Mary Marin	Mary Marin	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
189	Please help us enhance our neighborhood experience on Vashon. The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades. We need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue.... Sincerely, Linda Martinez	Linda Martinez	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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190	<p>Hello, I am writing to express my hopes and desire for the north end grocery store on Vashon to get the go ahead. My family live on the North end of Vashon with three small children and feel that a small store and meeting place would greatly benefit our lives. I'd love to be able to walk and get some milk and bread, meet my community and grab coffee without having to get us all in the car and drive to and from town. Without this essential community connection the North end can be very isolating. I'd love this to change and fully support Jennifer Potter's hard work and endeavor to make this happen! Please say yes and push for the rezoning Kind regards Libby McCullagh</p>	Libby McCullagh	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
191	<p>Hello, My name is Michael McQuillin I live at 10723 SW Cowan Road and owned and lived here for 23 years Vashon, WA I support the idea of a store at the old Grange Property at 10365 SW Cowan Road, Vashon, WA.</p>	Michael McQuillin	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
192	<p>I would like to show my 110% support in the Grange hall becoming a community grocery store. It is something that would be an asset and a beautiful addition to our community. That building has shared many benefits and memories in our community for many many years. It would be nice for it to be an interracial part of the community again. Specially in that area, it would service a large range of people. They have worked so hard to restore and make the building come alive again. Let's help it become a staple for the north end of Vashon Island for decades to come. Lisa Moe Co-founder and teacher at Vashon Explorers Preschool</p>	Lisa Moe	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
193	<p>To whom it may concern: As residents of the Vashon North End, we are writing to voice our support for, and passionate desire for, a local food store and community place as proposed by the Heights Grocery. Having a place close by to buy staples vs needing to drive into town for that one missing ingredient, or meet up with neighbors over coffee and cakes would make such a difference. After a long day of work schlepping out again to get groceries is exhausting but right now our only option. At the weekend being able to just wander down the hill for fresh bread or bacon, or that missing Parmesan for pasta would be amazing. The Grange has been a part of this community for a long time but lies empty much of the time. Giving it new life would give our community new life and new energy. Please consider rezoning as an urgent priority so we can make it a central part of our lives. Our community is supportive. Thank you, Cate OKane and Trey McBride</p>	Cate Okane and Trey McBride	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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194	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I am just writing to express my support for Heights Grocery on Vashon Island. I live on the Northend of Vashon, not far from the proposed location. I have been at this location for the last 20 years. I also grew up on Vashon, starting 1969 to 1990, along with much of my extended family.</p> <p>I believe Heights Grocery would be an excellent improvement to our local community, and I support whatever is needed to make it happen.</p> <p>Thank you!</p> <p>Carl Olsen</p>	Carl Olsen	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
195	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I am writing with my whole-hearted endorsement for the project colloquially known as Heights Grocery Store, which will occupy the former Grange Hall building once a special zoning overlay is approved.</p> <p>We northend residents of Vashon Island live in a dense, tight-knit food desert zone. We have to use a vehicle to drive miles away from our neighborhood for the most basic groceries or ingredients. We also yearn for a place to meet one another for a cup of coffee - or for a quick chat in the aisle. Also, preserving our old buildings is a must. If we can repurpose them for a more sustainable use, this should be a priority to maintain our unique island flavor. In addition, small family-owned businesses create more economic stability during an unstable era.</p> <p>Please support this amendment to the Code!</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Jennifer</p>	Jennifer Potter	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
196	<p>To whom it may concern:</p> <p>The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue.</p> <p>Please consider amending the zoning to accommodate this vital asset and piece of Vashon's history so it can serve the community once again!</p> <p>Thanks for your consideration!</p> <p>Heather</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	Heather Russell	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
197	<p>The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue. Please consider amending the zoning to accommodate this vital asset and piece of Vashon's history so it can serve the community once again!</p>	Melissa Schafer	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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198	<p>I am writing in opposition to this change. The change has been put in for one parcel owner and hidden from view in the way it has been done. Vashon did not notice. The rural KC councils did not notice. This was intended as the change is a case of illegal spot zoning at its worst. This change carries with it huge costs. To the proximal neighbors, and to the community. This totally out of context magic grant of retail uses into the RA zones will tie the hands of the future and misses a great opportunity to actually do the work that is within the bounds of the laws of land use, zoning and growth management. Please do the right thing and drop this one off, spot zoning effort and support Vashon in creating a sub-sub area study area and plan for the north end of vashon. The code change action violates zoning laws, the growth management act and is totally opposed by the proximal properties. Rick Shrum Vashon</p>	Rick Shrum	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
199	<p>Hello, I am a resident of Vashon Island. I am writing in FULL-THROATED support of the Heights Grocery Store proposal for the former Vashon Grange Hall. From an island community perspective, food access and a community gathering space on the north end have been sorely needed for years. The owner, Jennifer Potter, has been vigilant with her planning and community engagement and has a compelling and inclusive vision that has amassed enthusiastic support for her project. Thank you, Tammi Sims</p>	Tammi Sims	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
200	<p>Hello King County, please be sure the new plan includes provisions that allow Heights Grocery on the north end of Vashon Island to be permitted, constructed, and operating. Thank you. Heidi Skrzypek</p>	Heidi Skrzypek	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
201	<p>The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue. Please consider amending the zoning to accommodate this vital asset and piece of Vashon's history so it can serve the community once again! Thank you! Sophia de Groen Stendahl (She/Her) Agent/Broker WINDERMERE VASHON</p>	Sophia de Groen Stendahl	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
202	<p>As a recent Vashon resident, I ask that you allow the former Vashon Maury Island Grange building near the ferry terminal be converted to a grocery store. I understand that you have to change the zoning for that area, but it is a good change to add a much needed retail outlet to the North end of the island. Thank you, Steven Steven Sterne he-him Photographer, Actor, Teacher, Director</p>	Steven Sterne	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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203	<p>Please allow the Grange, which is a great building that We all love and respect to be used and loved once again by offering staples to a community who would definitely support this grocery store. We have a few grocery stores on Vashon, but having a neighborhood store where you can rely on staples and running into your neighbor for coffee is great for the community .</p> <p>It's a beautiful building that deserves to be used and not just sitting there rotting. They've done a beautiful job of cleaning it up and we all love to be able to buy coffee or milk etc. when it's just one thing we forgot from the store a few miles away.</p> <p>On behalf of our communities, healthfulness and wellness. Thank you for considering.</p> <p>Please please please please.</p> <p>Marla Tuchak -Neighbor in the north end of Vashon</p>	Marla Tuchak	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
204	<p>Hello -</p> <p>I'm writing ahead of tonight's (April 4th) Local Services and Land Use Committee meeting to provide my full-throated support for the proposed changes to 21A.08.070 of the King County Land Use Code that will open the possibility of operating a general store at Vashon Island's north end.</p> <p>The property has historically been a gathering space, not only for Vashon's north end but, for the island in general. Unfortunately, the Grange Hall - the historic node of the north end - has fallen into disrepair over the past few decades. However, the new owner brings a wonderful vision, passion for the neighborhood, and desire to honor the building and community that has been dormant for a long time. Further, many of the island's north end residents are desperate for food and gathering options that don't require them to go miles out of their way. Given the owner's passion, the building's history, and the overwhelming support from the community, it's easy to imagine everyone benefitting from this change and we thank you for considering it.</p> <p>I urge you to preserve the amendment referenced above to reinvigorate this part of Vashon Island and provide residents with better, more sustainable options for food and community.</p> <p>Thank you! SEAN WALDRON, LEED AP ARCHITECT, PARTNER - WALDRON DESIGNS, LLC</p>	Sean Waldron	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
205	<p>The old Grange has served in bringing together this community over decades and we need it to continue in that vein. By providing grocery items and social space, it fills a critical role that is otherwise absent within 5 miles of the venue. Please consider amending the zoning to accommodate this vital asset and piece of Vashon's history so it can serve the community once again!</p> <p>Samantha Weigand</p>	Samantha Weigand	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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206	<p>Hello and thank you in advance for your time. I'm writing about the future of Heights Grocery, a community food market and gathering space planned for - but not exclusive to -Vashon's north end residents.</p> <p>Vashon Island's north end is currently a food desert. Folks who live on the north end and who commute into the city must drive 12 miles round trip if they need an item from the grocery store after work. And the elderly folks in our neighborhood don't like to drive into town when they just want to gather with their neighbors. A modest grocery store and coffee stand that is easily walkable and has plenty of parking is something we've needed here for decades. Please consider green lighting the Heights Grocery store so we can remedy what is missing in our neighborhood. We desperately need a food store and gathering space just like what Jennifer Potter and I have been dreaming of creating for the last 6 years.</p> <p>Sincerely, Rusty Willoughby</p>	Rusty Willoughby	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
207	<p>I am sending this text in support of the Northend Grocery proposal to be located in the historic Grange Hall on Vashon Island. I am supporting this for 3 reasons:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Community: this will provide our neighborhood a place to gather, increase awareness of who our neighbors are and improve community safety through this knowledge. Our neighborhood has been victim to home invasions, car theft and prowling. 2. Convenience/ energy conservation: currently the only option for northerners who may need a quick trip to the grocery store for a couple of items is an 8 mile round trip. 3. Conservation : the Grange Hall has provided a gathering place for islanders for years. It is part of our history and , with this project it will continue into our future. <p>Thank you for your consideration Nancy Wolff Sent from my iPhone</p>	Nancy Wolff	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024
208	<p>To whom it may concern, Please rezone the Vashon Island north end building so that Ms. Jennifer Potter can open her long awaited grocery store. The north end of the island is truly in need of such a store. The location is very convenient for islanders who live on the north end as well as ferry commuters. This store will help the community to have better access to food and household needs.</p> <p>Thank you for your quick action in favor of rezoning the building for Ms. Potter's future store. Our island community needs this service! Thank you, Vanessa Wood•island resident</p>	Vanessa Wood	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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209	<p>KC Council Local Services & Land-Use Committee,</p> <p>Our Joint Rural Area Team thanks you for the opportunity to participate in today's Briefing on the 2024 KCCP Major Update's Chapter 3—Rural Areas & Natural Resource Lands. As some of our members who ran over the 2-min time limit were not able to finish, attached please find the nine Oral Testimonies we provided at today's Briefing.</p> <p>Also, since two of our members, who planned to speak this morning, were unable to connect to the Zoom meeting, we've pasted their Oral Testimonies below:</p> <p>Susan Harvey, Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC):</p> <p>My name is Susan Harvey. I serve on the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council, a member of the Joint Team. Regarding Rural Growth, we fully support the Policy R-301 "to limit growth in the Rural Area and Natural Resource Lands, such as land use designations, development regulations, level of service standards and incentives," but cannot emphasize enough that one of the most important tools King County has at its disposal is adequate enforcement of its Policies and Codes, which it simply does not do. We have concerns with the Policy R-309 regarding the RA-2.5 zone and call for the following addition: "...These smaller lots may still be developed individually or combined, provided they satisfy the minimum lot dimensions provided in King County Code, or combined to satisfy those requirements, and provided that applicable standards for ... can be met."</p> <p>Regarding Nonresidential Uses, while we agree with the spirit of Policy R-324, we have big concerns with subparagraph e. and what criteria are used to determine whether "recreational or tourism opportunities" are "compatible with the surrounding Rural Area." Such criteria need to be laid out either in Policy or Code along with details on who it is that determines if any activity or proposal is compatible. The Rural Area is not intended to be a playground for urban residents, it is in fact the "rural residential area." There already are several examples (Wineries, Breweries, and Distilleries; Event Centers; etc.) that cater to urban residents, while creating severe problems related to noise, illegal/dangerous parking, congested roads, and nuisance impacts to neighbors. These facilities and venues already violate county codes, yet are allowed to continue operations. The county needs to crack down on violators and should not be encouraging any more of these or similar activities.</p> <p>Because non-residential uses in the Rural Area can and do have disproportionately large impacts on rural character, County road use, and safety, we propose the following addition to Policy R-324a: "((These)) Nonresidential uses in the Rural Area shall be sited, sized</p>	Peter Rimbos	Rural Area	Written	3/20/2024
210	<p>KC Council's Local Services & Land-Use Committee Members,</p> <p>Please accept the attached Comments from the Joint Rural Area Team on the subject 2024 Critical Areas Ordinance (CAO) Update as part of the 2024 KCCP Major Update.</p> <p>Peter Rimbos Coordinator, Joint Rural Area Team--KCCP, CPPs, and VISION 2050 Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)</p>	Peter Rimbos	Critical Areas	Written	3/29/2024

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211	<p>KC Council's Local Services & Land-Use Committee Members,</p> <p>Please accept the attached Comments, Recommendations, and Suggested Implementation Paths from the Joint Rural Area Team (*). This has multiple purposes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To serve as Summary of our February 6, 2024, 161-pg Detailed Comments on the KC Executive's "Recommended Plan" for the 2024 KCCP Major Update (Update) and, thus, help you easily see key issues we identified and changes we proposed to Policies, Code, etc. It is our hope this will more clarity and help aid you as you develop and amend the "Striker." 2. A set of Recommendations to work these key issues at both the technical and the strategic levels. 3. A set of follow-through Implementation Paths to address the recommendations. <p>Please note page one simply provides the background on how protection / preservation of the Rural Area is addressed at every level of planning from State RCWs on down through the KCCP. It is meant to help set the stage for the page 2 Recommendations and Implementation Table.</p> <p>Soon we plan to contact your key Policy and Legislative Staff members (included in the cc's) who are working on the Update to answer any questions you and they may have on this. Thank you.</p> <p>(*) Joint Rural Area Team: Enumclaw Plateau Community Association (EPCA), Friends of Sammamish Valley (FoSV), Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC), Green River Coalition (GRC), Green Valley/Lake Holm Association (GV/LHA), Hollywood Hill Association (HHA), Soos Creek Area Response (SCAR), Upper Bear Creek Unincorporated Area Council (UBCUAC), and Rural Technical Consultants—Mike Birdsall (Transportation Focal), Ken Konigsmark (Growth Management Focal), and Terry Lavender (Environmental Focal).</p> <p>Peter Rimbos</p>	Peter Rimbos	Implementation	Written	4/1/2024
212	<p>Members of the KC Council land use committee,</p> <p>I am writing to oppose the zoning code change that introduces the retail use category of Food Stores into the RA zone.</p> <p>This action by the KC Executive is a textbook example of illegal spot zoning. A legal opinion outlining the 4 areas where this change violates WA state laws is attached.</p> <p>This method of granting one parcel is also fully opposed by all proximal neighbors except KC. The conflict of interest in this case is also appalling.</p> <p>As the proximal owner on two sides of this property and with the master bedroom of my house being only 40 feet from the potential entrance the impacts are significant and permanent.</p> <p>Finally, if this change goes thru KC opens itself up to a lawsuit that, according to my council, is very winnable. I ask you factor this in as you weigh your choice to remove this zoning code change from the plan.</p> <p>Ginger Ferguson</p>	Ginger Ferguson	Vashon Grange	Written	4/4/2024

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213	<p>KC Council Local Services & Land-Use Committee, Thank you for providing members of the Public the opportunity to address you this past Wednesday (April 3) morning during the Committee's Briefing #6 on the 2024 KCCP Major 10-Year Update. Attached please find the five Oral Testimonies provided by members of the Joint Team. We have started to prepare multiple Oral Testimonies to address the following Topics that will be covered during the upcoming April 17 Briefing #7: Chapter 9: Services, Facilities, & Utilities Capital Facilities and Utilities Appendix Chapter 10: Economic Development Chapter 12: Implementation, Amendments, and Evaluation Development Regulations Four-to-One Program Peter Rimbos Coordinator, Joint Rural Area Team--KCCP, CPPs, and VISION 2050 Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)</p>	Peter Rimbos	Services; Economic Development; Implementation; Development Regulations; Four-to-One	Written	4/5/2024
214	<p>At the meeting last night I spoke about community concerns regarding the Thunderbird treatment center. I was promptly informed that this question was not to be considered as part of the agenda. I indicated that I thought zoning issues were covered under the maps posted, and it was pointed out later that the treatment center was not covered by the shaded areas on these maps. I guess that was my error and I realize I should have reviewed the maps more closely. But I still have questions and I hope you can provide some clarification: 1. It appears that the comprehensive plan proposed last December did not propose any refinements or changes for areas on the Island outside of the shaded areas of the Amendment 9 maps. 2. If the plan does not include these excluded areas, how will zoning requests for revision be handled? As exceptions to the current or proposed Comprehensive plan? 3. If King County considers any zoning changes, will community input be considered? (This was really the point about concerns and community input that I requested from the Council.) Thank you for listening and I look forward to your response. Clark Nebeker</p>	Clark Nebeker	Vashon	Written	4/5/2024
215	<p>Councilmember Dunn- Could you give me the status of this proposed Comp Plan Policy? Thank you, -Joe Miles</p>	Joe Miles	Parks	Written	4/8/2024

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216	<p>I attended the comprehensive plan update meeting on April 4th on Vashon island. A lot of work went into preparing the graphics along the sides of the room. But relevant details were not included on those graphics. For example, a proposal to add a maximum height limit did not say what that maximum height limit would be. How is someone to know their opinion on these issues if the relevant details aren't included? Please carefully think about what a typical member of the public would want to know when preparing the graphics for the public meetings. Thank you. Diane Emerson</p>	Diane Emerson	Graphics	Written	4/10/2024
217	<p>RE: Grange Hall Vashon – Rezoning To Whom It May Concern: My wife, Kristine Gregonis, and I have the following comments/concerns regarding the proposed Grange Hall Spot Zoning: 1. No need for a grocery store on the North End. We won't patronize the business. 2. Against spot zoning approval for a "historic" Grange Hall grocery store. [To my knowledge the building is not registered as a historic building.] 3. Concerned about increased traffic and impervious surface area. 4. Ferry Parking lots were built in 1941-1942 when Vashon's population was around +/- 3000. Parking lots fill up on commuter days and vehicles spill over onto Cowan Rd., 104th Ave SW, 110th Street SW regularly. 5. Flag down King County / Metro bus system provides access to Vashon Town grocery stores for neighbors without vehicles. Sincerely, Hans J Hahne</p>	Hans Hahne	Vashon Grange	Written	4/15/2024

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218	<p>For record - To whom it may concern, In regards to the KCCP 2024 update review and proposed ordinance. Utilities - Line 3157, strike this section in its entirety: "E. If a proposed land use subject to subsection D. of this section is an essential public facility under the Washington state Growth Management Act, it shall be evaluated using the special use permit process and consistent with the Washington state Growth Management Act, the King County Countywide Planning Policies, and the King County Comprehensive Plan." At bare minimum the council should enact the extensive recommendations under the DEIS and Executive's amendments related to BESS. Further, I challenge the notion that a privately owned BESS would qualify as a utility or justify the use of "eminent domain" as suggested by council chair Sarah Perry when I spoke to her at the Vashon meeting. Please see below a letter signed by 27 members of congress that was sent to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin detailing concerns related to the security and safety of BESS. This is dated December 1st, 2023 and includes sources that you must consider before enacting amendments for the Comprehensive Plan that will be in effect for the next 20yrs. https://www.rubio.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/12.01.23-Rubio-Gallagherletter-to-SecDef-re-CATL.pdf I sent another source in public comment that was regarding accidents with BESS and that was mentioned in a prior meeting by council chair. Please also address the congressional members' concerns that are also shared by members of your community. Development Regulations - In the proposed ordinance, there is frequent mention of the word "green," I assume as a metaphorical term for environmentally friendly. While you are considering</p>	Bonnie Helms	Utilities; Development Regulations; Four-to-One; Implementation	Written	4/17/2024
219	Comment Form - Vashon changes	Bob Katrea	Vashon	Written	?
220	Comment Form - Dark Sky Ordinance	Chris Plutte	Vashon	Written	?
221	Comment Form - Vashon Grange	Tammi Sims	Vashon	Written	?
222	Comment Form - Shoreline properties and septic	Joe Yaskin	Shoreline	Written	?

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223	<p>[Angela Donaldson resent] Dear Councilmember Perry-</p> <p>My name is Jason Refsland, I'm a resident of unincorporated King County. Though I'm currently an active member of the Fall City Community Association and a Sub Area Plan committee member, I'm writing to you as a private citizen and not on behalf of that organization. Thank you for taking a moment to hear my proposed changes to the minimum lot size requirements for an ADU.</p> <p>I live in a RA 2.5 zone and recently learned that though I own .75 acres I can't have a detached ADU because I need to have a minimum of 1.875 acres in my zone. The RA 5 zone requires 2.5 acres. In nearby Fall City, the minimum lot size requirement is 3,200 sqft for R-4. The size disparity between these minimum lot sizes seems quite out of proportion for adjacent areas.</p> <p>I thought perhaps it's a building to land ratio issue, but I am allowed to build a garage. I just can't put an ADU in the attic above. This rule doesn't make sense and is actively working against the council's effort to supply more affordable housing options in the valley.</p> <p>ADU's not only provide an effective way of increasing the number of affordable housing units in the area, they also help owners subsidize the expense of owning property in such an expensive area. This is a win-win for affordable housing. An increase in supply lowers rental costs and the additional rental income helps those with less means afford to live here. ADU's are also a simple way to allow growth without creating major changes in density in a rural area.</p> <p>Please consider changing the lot size minimum requirements for RA 2.5 and RA 5 to match the urban and rural town requirement of 3,200 sq ft. I appreciate your time and consideration.</p> <p>Sincerely, Jason Refsland</p>	Angela Donaldson; Jason Refsland	Fall City	Written	4/16/2024
224	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Alex Tsimerman	Unclear	Verbal	4/17/2024
225	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Julian Loh	Energy	Verbal	4/17/2024
226	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Clifford Cawthon	Housing	Verbal	4/17/2024
227	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Peter Rimbo	Land Uses	Verbal	4/17/2024
228	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Don Huling	Landfill	Verbal	4/17/2024
229	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Greg Blont	Manufactured Homes	Verbal	4/17/2024
230	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Theresa Turner	BESS	Verbal	4/17/2024
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234	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Janet Dawalski	Landfill	Verbal	4/17/2024
235	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10412?meta_id=669647	Bonnie Helms	BESS	Verbal	4/17/2024

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236	<p>Dear Council Members and Staff:</p> <p>Enclosed please find Futurewise’s comments on the Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440 – 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan update Four to One Program and Proposed Ordinance 2023-0438 and Attachment A to GMPC Motion 23-4: GMPC Recommended Amendments to the Countywide Planning Policies related to Urban Growth Area Amendments through the Four-to-One Program, and critical areas policies.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comments.</p> <p>If you need anything else, please let me know.</p> <p>Tim Trohimovich, AICP (he/him) Director of Planning & Law</p> <p>Futurewise</p>	Tim Trohimovich	Four-to-one	Written	4/16/2024
237	<p>KC Council Local Services & Land-Use Committee,</p> <p>Thank you for providing members of the Public the opportunity to address you this past Wednesday (April 17) morning during the Committee's Briefing #7 on the 2024 KCCP Major 10-Year Update.</p> <p>Attached please find a total of seven Testimonies—five Oral Testimonies that were provided by members of the Joint Team and two Testimonies two of our members planned to give, but had day/time conflicts, which we include for completeness. Our Testimonies cover the following Topics:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Chapter 9: Services, Facilities, & Utilities •Chapter 10: Economic Development •Chapter 12: Implementation, Amendments, & Evaluation •Development Regulations •Four-to-One Program [We refer to Testimonies we provided in 2023 to the GMPC on this topic] <p>Thank you to your attention to these topics, issues, and potential solutions.</p> <p>Peter Rimbos Coordinator, Joint Rural Area Team--KCCP, CPPs, and VISION 2050 Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)</p>	Peter Rimbos	Services; Economic Development; Implementation; Development Regulations; Four-to-One	Written	4/18/2024
238	<p>Please see the attached comment letter from The Tulalip Tribes.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Todd Gray Environmental Protection Ecologist The Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Dept.</p>	Todd Gray	Environment policies	Written	4/19/2024

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239	<p>Dear King County Representatives,</p> <p>Vashon-Maury Community Council members voted and approved the recommendation to King County's Comprehensive Plan of the Vashon Town plan committee on April 18, 2024.</p> <p>Recommendations to King County for the King County Comprehensive plan are included in this document:Vashon Town Plan Recommendation</p> <p>Thank you for your time and Public Service.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>The Vashon-Maury Community Council Board</p> <p>Diane Emerson Debra Gussin Jamilla Stigall Ben Carr Tammi Dye Jessica Anakar</p>	Jessica Anakar	Vashon	Written	4/30/2024
240	<p>Please note error in previous comment about Section 102, I have corrected it below: Section 102, housing types larger than fourplexes should be limited to URBAN and R9-48 areas only to avoid sprawl and population growth beyond the growth targets set forth in the plan. Also the related four-to-one rules should be struck and only include urban and R9-48 areas.</p>	Bonnie Helms	Growth; Four-to-One	Written	4/18/2024
241	<p>There is still no regular maintenance!!! Vandalism and graffiti a critical issue. Full time security recommended. Picnic tables at High Point need replacement.</p>	Name not provided	Trails	Written	4/30/2024
242	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I would like to know when the 2024 Comprehensive Plan will be on the County Council agenda. Do you have an estimate of when it will be considered? Could I be added to the party list to receive notifications about the comprehensive plan update?</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Serena Dudaš Assistant Project Manager of Land Entitlement and Feasibility</p> <p>MainVue Homes</p>	Serena Dudas	Process	Written	5/6/2024

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243	<p>I am aware that the Vashon council sent recommendations for new zoning rules. I voted against them. I think that any new development will not benefit this community. There is a limited water supply and water district 19 that will provide the water shares may not have the water they think they have. Already there is increased traffic, pollution and noise eroding the rural nature of this community. Mixed use development only means more shops and more tourists. I am against this. The community council only represents a small group of people not the entire island. Keeping the island rural was one of the primary objectives of the last island wide poll. Please consider these views when making your decision. Thank you. Sincerely, Eugenia Cooper, Long time Vashon resident.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	Eugenia Cooper	Vashon	Written	5/8/2024
244	<p>Hello King County Executive, Councilmembers, Local Services and Land Use (LSLU) Committee, and Staff,</p> <p>RE: "Map Amendment 7: Kent – Pet Cemetery Amendment", pages 32-34 of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments</p> <p>Please see attached SUPPORT Letter by:</p> <p>Caren R. Barnes, Friend of Ronald I. Warren (1939-2018) interred at the historic Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery est. 1950, a King County Landmark. Burial Block 9.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Community and Friends of Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery</p>	Julie Seitz; Caren R. Barnes	Pet cemetery	Written	5/10/2024
245	<p>Hello King County Executive, Councilmembers, Local Services and Land Use (LSLU) Committee, and Staff,</p> <p>RE: "Map Amendment 7: Kent – Pet Cemetery Amendment", pages 32-34 of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments</p> <p>Please see attached SUPPORT Letter by:</p> <p>Darlene A. Agan, Widow of Roger K. Agan (1940-1997) and Daughter of Rosemary E. Weir (1924-2007), both interred at the historic Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery est. 1950, a King County Landmark. Burial Block 5.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Community and Friends of Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery</p>	Julie Seitz; Darlene A. Agan	Pet cemetery	Written	5/10/2024

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247	<p>Hello King County Executive, Councilmembers, Local Services and Land Use (LSLU) Committee, and Staff,</p> <p>RE: "Map Amendment 7: Kent – Pet Cemetery Amendment", pages 32-34 of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments</p> <p>Please see attached SUPPORT Letter by:</p> <p>George R. Oeh, brother of Marilyn M. Auer (1938-1999) interred at the historic Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery est. 1950, a King County Landmark. Burial Block 9.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Community and Friends of Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery</p>	Julie Seitz; George R. Oeh	Pet cemetery	Written	5/10/2024

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249	<p>Hello King County Executive, Councilmembers, Local Services and Land Use (LSLU) Committee, and Staff,</p> <p>RE: "Map Amendment 7: Kent – Pet Cemetery Amendment", pages 32-34 of the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Land Use and Zoning Map Amendments</p> <p>Please see attached SUPPORT Letter by:</p> <p>Pat Hickey, Sister of Gina A. Meyer (1961-2021) interred at the historic Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery est. 1950, a King County Landmark. Burial Block 3.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Respectfully Submitted,</p> <p>Community and Friends of Seattle-Tacoma Pet Cemetery</p>	Julie Seitz; Pat Hickey	Pet cemetery	Written	5/10/2024

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305	<p>As a cyclist who has utilized many of the trails that King County has worked over the many years to install throughout the county, I support the development of the trails listed in the Regional Trails Needs. Many of the current trails have been wonderful in encouraging my children to get out and enjoy the outdoors as a family. As such for some of the trails listed I wanted to provide some reasons I would like to see them developed.</p> <p>SNO-2 This connection is extremely important for my family as I am the only one that feels comfortable biking on the surrounding streets in traffic, my children would love to go all the way to Rattlesnake Lake but due to this missing segment I haven't been able to take them by bike all the way.</p> <p>CR-2 I know this one is marked at the bottom of the list, however due to the need to get land use changes and agreements I would hope that this can get some small funding to start. The ability to travel from Renton to Rattlesnake and then onward to the Snoqualmie Tunnel and Hyak would remove a barrier for those from South King County. Plus it allows one to connect to the Great American Rail Trail.</p> <p>ETR-145 This is another section that would improve the usability of the Eastrail trail by my family.</p> <p>ETR-W Another nice to have, however with the Willows to Kirkland Central Connector there is a workaround that keeps with the trails (unlike the ETR-145 section)</p> <p>SNO-1 I regularly enjoy the Snoqualmie Valley Trail and would love to be able to bike it up to Monroe and beyond.</p> <p>CS-1 Another trail connecting to Cedar River would help with taking the family to enjoy the area at Landsburg and the Cedar River Trail. It also would shorten the bike trip there and back by 20 or so miles by bike.</p> <p>ETR-8, ETR-5, ETR-CC Another part of the Eastrail that would enable families to travel on the trail without needing to navigate through the streets and crosswalks.</p> <p>ETR-RI, ETR-CO, L2S-7, L2S-1a/b This is an important connection to finish off the Eastrail's promise to connect with the Interurban Trail, Green River Trail and overall provide a path for those that want to travel by foot or bike around King County and beyond.</p>	David Springgay	Trails	Written	5/13/2024

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306	<p>Committee members,</p> <p>I continue to be opposed to the Vashon-related Comprehensive Plan segment that will allow three story (plus?) structures in down-town Vashon and “credits” to builders that pay for them (theoretically to be used to address our Island housing crisis – somehow/somewhere else on the Island). I was unable to attend last month’s (?) in-person meeting held on Vashon to discuss the Comprehensive Plan, but I was appalled to read that those present insisted “the [Vashon] community” now supports these proposals. That is certainly not true for me, and I’m assuming the same can be said for the numerous people who wrote comments opposing these items earlier in the process.</p> <p>We are AN ISLAND with limited resources. There is a reason Vashon has been exempted from previous King County population density plans. Those reasons remain.</p> <p>As I have stated in previous comments opposing provisions in the draft Comprehensive Plan, the Island has both ferry and water issues neither of which will be resolved any time soon (if ever). Ferries are currently unreliable/overstressed. No new ferries before 2028 – if then. And when I write “new ferries” I mean anything that would help bring us back to a pre-Covid level of service meaning the three boats we need NOW. The ferry system can’t meet present Islander’s needs let alone an influx of new residents. If we are overloaded now, I can’t imagine what it will be like with new residents in new housing units in downtown Vashon. In case it is not clear, these new units will not be designed to meet the needs of current residents who can’t find/afford housing. They will be built by developers to entice new monied folk to live on Vashon.</p> <p>Water will always be an issue on our Island. The central water system, which serves the downtown area, just recently opened applications for new water shares – after more than a decade of closure due to lack of water. These are very limited now and will be into the future. Vashon has no piping system to import fresh water from the mainland. What we have, we have – period.</p> <p>Our emergency fire and rescue are limited. We don’t have the capacity to fight fires in large, tall structures (we have one now older rarely used high rise ladder truck – but that’s it). Any outside assistance must come via ferry to help the Island. Please look at the history of fires</p>	Alice C. Larson	Vashon	Written	5/13/2024

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307	<p>For record -</p> <p>To whom it may concern,</p> <p>In regards to the KCCP 2024 update review and proposed ordinance.</p> <p>Utilities -</p> <p>Line 3157, strike this section in its entirety:</p> <p>"E. If a proposed land use subject to subsection D. of this section is an essential public facility under the Washington state Growth Management Act, it shall be evaluated using the special use permit process and consistent with the Washington state Growth Management Act, the King County Countywide Planning Policies, and the King County Comprehensive Plan."</p> <p>At bare minimum the council should enact the extensive recommendations under the DEIS and Executive's amendments related to BESS. Further, I challenge the notion that a privately owned BESS would qualify as a utility or justify the use of "eminent domain" as suggested by council chair Sarah Perry when I spoke to her at the Vashon meeting.</p> <p>Please see below a letter signed by 27 members of congress that was sent to Secretary of Defense Lloyd Austin detailing concerns related to the security and safety of BESS. This is dated December 1st, 2023 and includes sources that you must consider before enacting amendments for the Comprehensive Plan that will be in effect for the next 20yrs.</p> <p>https://www.rubio.senate.gov/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/12.01.23-Rubio-Gallagher-letter-to-SecDef-re-CATL.pdf</p> <p>I sent another source in public comment that was regarding accidents with BESS and that was mentioned in a prior meeting by council chair. Please also address the congressional members' concerns that are also shared by members of your community.</p> <p>Development Regulations -</p>	Bonnie Helms	BESS	Written	5/15/2024
308	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Peter Rimbo	Process	Verbal	5/15/2024
309	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Mike Birdsall	Transportation	Verbal	5/15/2024
310	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Ken Konigsmark	Rural Area	Verbal	5/15/2024
311	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Karen Meador	Rural Area	Verbal	5/15/2024
312	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Janet Dobrowolski	Landfill	Verbal	5/15/2024
313	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Bonnie Helms	Trees	Verbal	5/15/2024
314	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Angela Donaldson	Setbacks	Verbal	5/15/2024
315	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10436?meta_id=672845	Don Huling	Lot size	Verbal	5/15/2024

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316	<p>Hello!</p> <p>I would like to bring to your attention a matter of urgency. We are in the process of finishing a project in White Center called Elevation 16 (located next to the public library in White Center). We have been actively trying to register this project as an MFTE project for several years. To do this, the project must be registered before we attain TCO later this summer.</p> <p>The good news is that MFTE is now an option in unincorporated King County. The bad news is that even though the program is now technically available (and has been for some time now), the program for it hasn't been written yet, and it isn't scheduled to be written for quite some time. If we could arrive at a temporary 'solution' to this conundrum we could introduce more affordable housing in an area in need of it in the very near future.</p> <p>I respectfully request that the King County Council consider potential 'yes and how' solutions to getting Elevation 16 registered for MFTE as soon as possible and not be satisfied with a 'no and why' answer that will keep this from adding to the affordable housing stock that is so desperately needed.</p> <p>Barry Blanton, CPM® CRE® Chief Problem Solver Principal</p> <p>Blanton Turner</p>	Barry Blanton	Multifamily Tax Exemption	Written	5/15/2024
317	<p>We really need to address the issues at one of the properties on the land known as the Creston Point apartments it is Parthiv unincorporated Skyway. My name is Toni Washington and for the past 2 1/2 three years I've lived at the Creston Point apartments and I've witnessed some terrible things I've enjoyed some terrible things my kids endured some terrible things to all of the sudden be thrown out onto the streets to figure it out now I have a lot to do with the kids in the Community Which are now all lost without my support and close-knit relationship I built with all of the kids of Creston Point no one was doing anything with these kids until they seen me and how dedicated I was to these kids and motivate them to stay out of trouble which they don't did I hope Community knows about Big mama and Big mama's kids which is the organization I'm going to start regardless if I get the community support or not back to What this message is really about the fact that me and my children were thrown out on the street and all of her things during the time I was in the hospital having a heart attack in return taking my subsidy so that I'm not able to even find another place I think part of the 2024 comprehension plan she's included the families at the Creston Point apartments and everyone should have a chance to be in a brand new development where there is no poisonous gases and chemicals in the water with the air is clear and the wind blows freely. It's not a coincidence that all these kids that ever lived in Creston Point came to me came back it's because they're stuck there just like those selves and so the closer I get to my goal the harder it becomes so I know this is all a part of my journey but I just would like to think about those families in those children and I think part of the comprehensive plan is that everybody be relocated fairly not put out in the street all of a sudden because the less people to say what happened to them it just goes on and swept under the rug thank you for taking the time to read this email and I hope 2024 comprehension plan includes this And grant me this for those children are all special to me and they don't deserve it let's restore the land the right way Sent from my iPhone</p>	Toni Washington	Skyway	Written	5/15/2024

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318	<p>I previously submitted comments in the Snoqualmie Valley/NE King County Subarea Plan. Please accept these additional comments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Page 7-13-7-14, Lines 641-648: I strongly support the County's commitment to lead by example through stewardship and management of its own resources. This is especially important for historic bridges that are often among the most vulnerable publicly owned resources. The Baring Bridge is a prime example. •P-201: This policy should make clear that all departments are charged with preserving significant historic resources, especially those of national significance. •P-209: This policy should make clear that all departments are charged with preserving significant historic resources, especially those of national significance. This is the priority even if preservation may increase maintenance costs or require more expensive alternative plans. •P-216: Priority should be given to preservation for all County-owned facilities, especially those most vulnerable. All departments should exercise the same priority. <p>I would also like to add to my prior comments related to the Subarea Plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Pages 75-76 generally address the importance of cultural resources but merely state that historic preservation is "of interest". Additional emphasis needs to be addressed in this area. •Page 77: No policy to protect cultural resources is proposed. At the very least, historic resources of national significance should be addressed and their preservation prioritized. <p>Thank you for your consideration of these comments.</p> <p>Patricia J Warren</p>	Patricia Warren	SVNE	Written	5/15/2024
319	<p>KC Council LS&L-U Committee,</p> <p>Attached please find a written copy of the Oral Testimonies we presented at this morning's subject Briefing. Please note there is one we include that the speaker was unable to give due to the Briefing starting late.</p> <p>Peter Rimbos</p>	Peter Rimbos	Striking Amendment	Written	5/15/2024
320	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10442?meta_id=673922	Cliff Cawthon	Affordable Housing	Verbal	5/16/2024
321	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10442?meta_id=673922	Toni Washington	Housing	Verbal	5/16/2024

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322	<p>King County Council Local Services & Land-Use Committee Chair Perry, Vice-Chair Zahilay, Member Dunn, and Member Mosqueda,</p> <p>Good afternoon. We continue to stay active in the 2024 KCCP Major Ten Year Update (Update) process after ~2 1/2 years. Over the past week, since the May 14 COB release of the “Striker Amendment” documents (~4,600 pages), we have diligently reviewed all of the text, policies, codes, appendices, reports, etc.</p> <p>Please note, given the time-constrained period, our review is not as detailed and polished as our past reviews of and submittals on Update materials since January 2022, when we started to interact with KCCP Manager, Chris Jensen. Nevertheless, we have developed and propose several “Line Amendments” that address what we believe are some key deficiencies.</p> <p>As we are butting up to the committee’s tomorrow “Line amendment direction due” event, we are submitting the attached (in both pdf and Word formats) to all four of you with our sincere request that some or, hopefully, all four of you will sponsor our proposed “Line Amendments.”</p> <p>We are available to answer any questions related to our submittal herein.</p> <p>Thank you for your time and effort on the Update.</p> <p>Peter Rimbos Coordinator, Joint Rural Area Team--KCCP, CPPs, and VISION 2050 Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC)</p>	Peter Rimbos	Striking Amendment	Written	5/21/2024
323	<p>Dear Council Members Perry, Zahilay, Dunn, and Mosqueda and staff:</p> <p>Futurewise supports the Joint Rural Area Team’s Proposed Line Amendments. We believe these carefully crafted amendments address important community needs and will capitalize on important opportunities in rural King County. We hope these amendments will be sponsored and approved.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comments.</p> <p>Tim Trohimovich, AICP Director of Planning & Law Futurewise</p>	Tim Trohimovich	Striking Amendment	Written	5/22/2024

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324	<p>Regarding: 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan Attachment H to PO 2023-XXXX0440</p> <p>“H-9 King County shall allow the siting of behavioral and mental health services in 47 the Vashon Rural Town, including high quality prevention, crisis intervention, 48 mental health, substance abuse disorder, and co-occurring disorder treatment 49 services through equitable service delivery that centers culturally informed 50 and inclusive behavioral healthcare.”</p> <p>Comment: Vashon does not need or want such treatment services to be sited on Vashon Maury Island. The community has little need for such services and they are better obtained off island for those few who might need them. The new problems caused by bringing troubled people to the island will degrade the safety, security and peace of mind of local residents. Instead, we need senior care and housing services to serve our aging residents, as well as more affordable housing for lower income residents.</p> <p>Regarding the “Short Term Rental Work Plan Action”</p> <p>Comment: Short-term rentals reduce the housing available for local residents and should be prohibited on Vashon. Should a prohibition not be possible, then at the least the owner of such properties should be required to be a permanent resident of said property, and should be required to be present on site during such rentals to ensure good conduct of the temporary lodgers. This is how traditional bed and breakfast places operate.</p> <p>Regarding signage changes:</p> <p>Comment: There are plans to propose an exemption for 2 by 3 foot permanent signs on private property to convey the history of local places on Vashon Maury Island. While this sounds like a harmless idea with good intentions, such signs will clutter the visual landscape to provide information that could better be conveyed by newer technology such as online accessible posters and/or printable brochures that would be easily and broadly available while causing no visual clutter. We live in Burton where such signs are being proposed and believe they would degrade the sense of current community and beauty for all of us, all day, every day, while providing a sense of history for a few visitors on rare occasions.</p> <p>Thank for your consideration, Robert Horsch</p>	Robert Horsch	Signs	Written	5/22/2024
325	<p>hello,</p> <p>I have recently submitted comments by email on the NE King County Subarea Plan and the Comprehensive Plan. Can you please tell me to whom these comments were distributed.</p> <p>Thanks, Patricia Warren</p>	Patricia Warren	Process	Written	5/24/2024

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326	<p>King County Council:</p> <p>Please see the attached comment letter on the King County Comp Plan amendments.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Best, Kyler</p> <p>Kyler M. Danielson (she/her/hers) Land Use Project Manager Lakeside Industries, Inc.</p>	Kyler M. Danielson	Mineral Resources	Written	5/28/2024
327	<p>Good afternoon, We live at 7910 240th PI NE Redmond, WA 98053</p> <p>Wondering what new rules/planning guidelines will affect us. We have always wanted the freedom to build an ADU on our homesite but the rural R-5 designation has always messed that up for us. Considering the cost of housing in King County, ADU's are an awesome way for families to house aging parents & young adult children in an affordable way. Any new rules to allow ADU's? We have no HOA. Our neighborhood is just 4 houses and we all have very large lots & plenty of space.</p> <p>Thank you, Kelly Kauer</p>	Kelly Kauer	ADU	Written	5/29/2024
328	<p>Hi,</p> <p>Can you answer the two questions below? If not, can you please direct me to someone within King County who can?</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. For 'maintenance or repair of existing structure', would you please confirm that the scratched out A means the County will no longer allow maintenance or repair of a structure on a steep slope or it's buffers? 2. For 'maintenance of steep slope stabilization', will you please confirm that by adding condition 15, we will no longer be able to maintain our trail that traverses a landslide hazard area? For context, we have a walk-in beach cabin on Vashon. Our trail which is supported by lumber and pin piles is not a driveway, not a road and not a public trail. <p>Thank you, Sheila</p>	Sheila Doane	Slopes	Written	5/29/2024

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329	<p>Dear Councilmember Mosqueda:</p> <p>I am writing once again to ask for your help in clarifying the Council's striking amendment as it relates to the proposed Thunderbird Treatment Center on Vashon. Specifically, does any part of the amendment change current zoning or usage requirements in a way that would allow the Thunderbird to operate on the island?</p> <p>As you may know, the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) contacted King County in September 2022 about opening a drug rehabilitation center on the property that once housed the Vashon Community Care Center. County Local Services and Permitting Department staff told SIHB that it could not move forward with the Thunderbird project as it did not meet critical zoning requirements. SIHB purchased the property anyway.</p> <p>At a County Community meeting held April 4th, 2024, two islanders asked whether any of the proposed changes to the Comp Plan applied to the Vashon Community Care property. Both individuals were immediately shut down and told the Thunderbird Center/Vashon Community Care property were not part of the Comp Plan amendments and, therefore, were not going to be discussed at the meeting.</p> <p>If there are changes in the Council's striking amendment that would allow the Thunderbird to operate as a drug treatment/rehab facility, your Vashon constituents have a legal right to know and to participate in a robust public process. Many people in this community see a drug rehab as a terrible mistake due to the island's fragile environment, lack of infrastructure and public safety resources to support it.</p> <p>This is the third time I have asked your office to provide clarification on this issue over several weeks now, and would appreciate getting a response upon receipt of this email.</p> <p>Respectfully,</p> <p>Katy Ballard</p>	Katy Ballard	Treatment Center	Written	5/30/2024

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330	<p>Dear all,</p> <p>I am writing to you to express my strong opposition to the Seattle Indian Health Board's proposal to open the Thunderbird Treatment Center on Vashon Island due to the devastating effect it will undoubtedly have on our community and environment. As you know, Vashon is one of the few true islands in the region that can only be reached by ferry. Over the years, our community has worked with representatives from the King County Council and Washington State to address the lack of medical facilities (we do not have a hospital or urgent care), mental health services, dependable public transportation, adequate police support, sufficient medical and fire emergency resources, affordable housing, water shares, and more. We do not have adequate services to meet the needs of our current population, let alone to support a large residential drug treatment facility.</p> <p>Some of you are familiar with the Seattle Indian Health Board's (SIHB's) purchase of the property that previously housed Vashon's Community Care Center. Before, during and after purchasing the property, SIHB representatives contacted King County's Local Services and Permitting Department to seek approval of the Thunderbird as a drug rehabilitation and treatment center. County staff told them that the Thunderbird did not meet established zoning requirements and, therefore, would not be permitted. SIHB purchased the property anyway.</p> <p>When the County Executive conducted its public process for proposed changes to the Comp Plan, the SIHB did not submit the Thunderbird project for review, knowing it would face significant objections from Vashon community members and County zoning experts. At a community meeting held in April 2024 to discuss proposed changes to the Comp Plan, two islanders were immediately shut down after asking about the Thunderbird. They were told in front of all who attended that the Thunderbird was not included in the proposed changes and, therefore, not an appropriate topic for the meeting. We now learn that SIHB bypassed the entire public process by having the County Council introduce language for inclusion in a "striking amendment" that would allow the Thunderbird project to move forward. As taxpayers, property owners and active members in the Vashon community, we find this wholly unacceptable. I respectfully request that the King County Council and Executive not allow this project to move forward until a complete zoning, feasibility and usage assessment is conducted with sufficient public process and input (of which there has been next-to-none). I look forward to hearing back at your earliest convenience.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration, Your Name Doug Bunger</p>	Doug Bunger	Treatment Center	Written	5/30/2024
331	<p>Hi,</p> <p>I'd like to provide a comment on King County's proposed Critical Area Ordinance update:</p> <p>Please update the proposed CAO language to be consistent with Ecology's CAO guidance for programmatic mitigation options, including the ability to use a state certified mitigation bank consistent with the terms of the bank's certification documents under (WAC-173-700).</p> <p>Mitigation banks should be more accessible as mitigation if within the bank service area and not subject to higher mitigation ratios.</p> <p>Thanks Dan</p>	Dan Berlin	Critical Areas	Written	5/31/2024

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343	Thunderbird Zoning on Vashon (see attachment)	Stephanie Harlan	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024
344	"Local Services Land Use Comm 6/5/24 - Comp Plan Public Comment"	Stephanie Harlan	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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346	<p>Dear All,</p> <p>This is in regard to the potential Thunderbird rezoning attempt on Vashon Island.</p> <p>My opposition to this will be blunt and brief:</p> <p>The Thunderbird site was enabled by "PORK BELLY POLITICS " and thrust upon the community that neither wanted nor planned for it.</p> <p>For King County to even consider violating it's own zoning requirements to allow this project to move forward is an affront to all residents, not just on Vashon, but County wide.</p> <p>Please don't let one bad political decision foster another....that is just bad government.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Charlie Backus</p>	Charlie Backus	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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351	<p>I have reviewed the section titled "King County Plans and Programs Relevant to Parks, Open Space and Cultural Resources". I do not find any reference to cultural resources Several amendments should be made including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •More general policies related to cultural resources should be listed as are those related to parks and open space •Cultural resources of national significance should be highlighted •A policy strongly supporting the responsibility of the County to maintain and preserve national landmarks should be included. This is consistent with the more general policy that states the County has an affirmative obligation to preserve historic landmarks within its control. <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Patricia J Warren Property owner, Index Creek Rd, Baring</p>	Patricia Warren	Cultural Resources	Written	6/3/2024

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355	<p>Hello All:</p> <p>Please vote "No" on the imminent amendment vote adding Psychiatric & Specialty Hospitals as Permitted Uses in R12-R48 Zones. This sounds like a very dangerous amendment for King County to approve. I can imagine all manner of lawsuits against the County which could ensue if things should go awry in juxtaposing such dissimilar uses.</p> <p>Kind regards, Kristine Gregonis Vashon, WA Sent from my iPhone</p>	Kristine Gregonis	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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357	<p>Dear County Council Members and Staff:</p> <p>Enclosed please find Futurewise's comments on the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Attachment A to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440 and Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440, Version 1. Thank you for considering our comments. If you need anything else, please let me.</p> <p>Tim Trohimovich, AICP (he/him) Director of Planning & Law</p> <p>Futurewise</p>	Tim Trohimovich	Striking Amendment	Written	6/3/2024
358	<p>Please don't approve the drug rehab Center on Vashon. Vashon does not have the resources for to support it. We don't have a Hospital or even a 24 hour clinic. They will have trouble getting workers and patients on and off the Island. They plan on having high risk pregnant women there. When asked what happens to the over 300 people that drop out we were told "you have homeless adicks anyway". This is a family neighborhood so please turn them down.</p>	Marg Bickel	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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371	<p>Dear Ms Mosqueda: RE: Response to VASHON DRUG TREATMENT CENTER (THUNDERBIRD) LANGUAGE INCLUSION IN COMP PLAN UPDATE-- VOTE NO TOMORROW !</p> <p>Thank you for your response via email. I have reviewed the Comp Plan as it relates to the Vashon Maury Community Service Area and under the Red line of Attachment H that will be amended as of June 2024, I assume that is what the council will vote on tomorrow. I find this insertion into the amendment. I strongly object to this inclusion! It is as reads: "L H-9 6 H-9 King County shall allow the siting of behavioral and mental health services in 47 the Vashon Rural Town, including high quality prevention, crisis intervention, 48 mental health, substance abuse disorder, and co-occurring disorder treatment 49 services through equitable service delivery that centers culturally informed 50 and inclusive behavioral healthcare.</p> <p>As I have stated in my prior email, we object to the inclusion of this type of language into the Comp Plan, and why make it specific to the Vashon Maury Community Service Area? We currently have a health care center that does not offer urgent care service, I have ceased going there due to the lack of quality care and access. How about working on providing quality care to the current islanders? Our new hospital district desperately needs it!</p> <p>The ferry service is at best, unreliable, I've lost track of the number of times that I have had to cancel or be late for appointments because of the unreliable service. Unfortunately, it is not going to get better within the next 4 years. There's another issue you can work on. Unfortunately, the King County water taxi will expand service in July, but that is not adequate or safe for my needs of accessing medical service on days when I can't walk long distances.</p> <p>There are 2 police personnel on the island per shift, it is hardly adequate for an area of 37 square miles. There is limited holding cell capacity here. There is another area for you and your staff to work on.</p> <p>In my area, we have dealt with squatters with drug problems trespassing on our properties in the early morning hours, it took our neighbors in the area over a year to get rid of them. We all were certainly very stressed and upset. Adding a "drug treatment center" to this island will bring no benefit to the us. It will add nothing, it will only make our lives more difficult to access services off island and bring dangerous people to the island.</p> <p>I urge you to vote NO for the inclusion of this language for the drug treatment center in attachment H and the wording that I have</p>	Carolina and Joe Nurik	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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372	<p>Hear! Hear! Well said. Thanks again! V.</p> <p>From: Laura Rose Murphy <lauraroseflynn@yahoo.com> Sent: Tuesday, June 4, 2024 8:17 PM Cc: kcccomitt@kingcounty.gov; CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov; Rod.Dembowski@kingcounty.gov; Girmay.Zahilay@kingcounty.gov; Teresa.Mosqueda@kingcounty.gov; Reagan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov; Chris.Lampkin@KingCounty.gov; Kamilah.Brown@kingcounty.gov; Jordan.Kremen@kingcounty.gov; James.Bush@kingcounty.gov; Pete.vonReichbauer@kingcounty.gov; Claudia.Balducci@kingcounty.gov; Dave.Upthegrove@kingcounty.gov; Sarah.Perry@kingcounty.gov; jorge.baron@kingcounty.gov; Gorillawall@mailfence.com Subject: Zoning concerns</p> <p>Greetings, In response to “H-9 King County shall allow the siting of behavioral and mental health services in the Vashon Rural Town, including high quality prevention, crisis intervention, mental health, substance abuse disorder, and co-occurring disorder treatment services through equitable service delivery that centers culturally informed and inclusive behavioral healthcare.”</p> <p>I am in favor of drug rehabilitation and treatment facilities. I think an island even sounds like a great place to put one. Vashon is very short on services. Is the council giving time to truly make sure this makes sense before green-lighting it? It is a disservice to both patients such a facility is meant to serve, as well as island residents to hastily change zoning to allow for this without impact studies and public comment. A well staffed and supported inpatient facility makes a lot of sense on an island. An outpatient facility makes no sense so far from other services and supportive communities. Figure out what this location can responsibly handle before green-lighting it. Further, forcing this through without space for public comment creates distrust between the residents and this project, which could continue to have negative impact on everyone involved for years and decades to come. Hear the residents out!</p> <p>In response to the “Short Term Rental Work Plan Action”</p> <p>Vashon has a housing shortage and a worker shortage, both of which are exacerbated by Airbnb/VRBO type short-term rentals. Island properties are bought as investment properties that bring in far more as short-term rentals than they would as long-term rentals. That drives up property and rental prices and shrinks the long-term rental market Vashon needs to house people who want to live here,</p>	Victoria Barr	Treatment Center	Written	6/3/2024

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373	<p>Hello,</p> <p>I am the owner of The Roadhouse Restaurant & Inn property (parcel number 6730700005) located at 4200 Preston-Fall City Road SE in Fall City, Washington which is a historic restaurant providing second floor lodging dating back to 1933. I am submitting this written comment regarding Striking Amendment S1 to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0439 Snoqualmie Valley / Northeast King County Subarea Plan which proposes to prohibit nonresidential uses on the upper floor of buildings located in the Fall City business district special district overlay. The property located at the intersection of SE Redmond-Fall City Road and Preston-Fall City Road SE should be excluded from this proposed zoning restriction bar to second floor commercial use; as otherwise the existing second floor use is made nonconforming, which is an impediment to the business in terms of financing and insurance.</p> <p>Furthermore, Section C.1 has been added to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0439 Snoqualmie Valley / Northeast King County Subarea Plan which proposes to prohibit connection to the business district's large on-site sewage system should the property not meet the proposed range of allowed uses as of the effective date of this ordinance.</p> <p>These proposed changes, as currently written, appear to make the historic and current use of the aforementioned property nonconforming while simultaneously barring its connection to the business district's large on-site sewage system in perpetuity.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Scott Krahlng</p>	Scott Krahlng	Septic	Written	6/3/2024

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378	<p>Date: June 3, 2024 To: Most Honorable public servant: From: Voter Laura Carrier of Vashon Island Subject: Local Services Land Use Comm 6/5/24 – Comp Plan Public Comment Please do not allow a change to the law regulating zoning which would affect all of King county, but most immediately Vashon Island. Why? Because Seattle Indian Health Board’s proposal to open a Thunderbird Treatment Center on Vashon is SNEAKY (not allowing public review, nor providing adequate information), MISINFORMED (there are no workers to help! Vashon has no appropriate housing, insufficient public services (police, ferries, medical care, ferries, water, ferries, fire services, ferries, etc.)), and DANGEROUS. Did you know that many, many addicts (population turnover is projected to be extraordinary – in the hundreds) are projected to be brought to Vashon? Oh, and UNDERHANDED - in that the Indian Health Board purchased the property, formerly occupied by Vashon Community Care (which, by the way, closed because IT WAS TOO EXPENSIVE TO STAFF THE FACILITY!) knowing that the property was NOT PROPERLY ZONED. Have you ever craved something so much that you would steal to get it? Rob someone? Break into a house to get something to sell? Hurt someone to get money for your next – fix – drink – high??? YOU would do anything if YOU were addicted. This is reality and Vashon cannot deal with any consequences of patients’ crimes. Please help stop this amendment. Please support Vashon Island’s residents’ desires for a reasonable use for this property which will not stress our resources and residents. I look forward to hearing from you. Respectfully yours, Laura Carrier, Vashon Resident and Voter</p>	Laura Carrier	Treatment Center	Written	6/4/2024

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379	<p>June 4, 2024</p> <p>Councilmember Perry, Chair Local Services and Land Use Committee, I urge the Local Services and Land Use Committee to add back the Executive's language that limits mixed use development to urban areas and rural towns. I support the similar comments made by Futurewise and the Joint Rural Team.</p> <p>The purpose of Neighborhood Business Zones is to serve the everyday needs of surrounding urban or rural residential areas. Most rural Neighborhood Business zones are small and located on two lane rural roads that already carry more traffic than they are designed for. Most are not served by sewers or other public facilities and only suitable for low density development.</p> <p>I live close to the Cottage Lake Neighborhood Business Zone which is probably the largest and most extreme example of a Neighborhood Business zone in King County and was designated in the 1971 Middle Bear Creek Plan. It is not served by sewer and all the businesses are on septic. It has a Safeway, Walgreens and other small businesses. Adjacent to but not in the Business Zone, is a Fire Station, Elementary School, two Churches and Cottage Lake Park. Very nearby is the King County Woodinville Library. Also nearby but not in the zone, are two long time grandfathered auto repair businesses. This is a heavily used intersection with traffic coming from the East and heading down the hill to Woodinville and 405 or turning on Avondale and heading to 520. Mixed use would add density that the roads cannot serve, take the place of businesses intended to serve the local area and should be located in Duvall, Redmond and Woodinville. There are no public services to support such development.</p> <p>Please make the change going forward.</p> <p>Terry Lavender</p>	Terry Lavender	Mixed Use Developments	Written	6/4/2024

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386	<p>Please forward the attached public comment to the appropriate Councilmembers and staff of the Local Services and Land Use Committee. The public comment is in regard to the proposed striking amendment.</p> <p>Thank you. Michael Rea Bricklin & Newman, LLP</p>	Michael Rea	Process		

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388	<p>Attached is a comment letter for the Committee's Comprehensive Plan meeting on Wednesday morning (6/5). Please contact the law firm Bricklin and Newman with any questions.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Michael Rea</p> <p>Bricklin & Newman, LLP</p>	Michael Rea	Process	Written	6/5/2024

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389	<p>In addition to many reasons to NOT site a rehab center on Vashon Island, I am struck by the apparent dis-service to those we may try to help in their recovery.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - There is no convenient and cheap mass transit for them. - If persons elect to be out-patient or semi-outpatient, there is no employment or service infrastructure to help them stabilize or re-integrate to a usual working environment. Taking a bus and then a ferry timely and consistently for employment in Seattle, even with subsidized ferry travel, is an extra barrier for those in recovery. - Even minor behavior problems during recovery will be magnified by the small town or rural atmosphere. I lived next to a half-way house in Manhattan for a time. The normal street activities helped absorb the impact on the nearby residents. When appointments were ill-advisedly set on early Sunday morning, this generated opposition to the house which could have been support instead. <p>Please consider these practical problems seriously. Even if the land was cheap for this center, that will not outweigh the self-defeating problems that this siting decision would create. Please consider much better sites in currently unused commercial structures that are a result of the pandemic, the shift to working at home, or overexpansion of commercial spaces..</p> <p>Sincerely, Ken Christensen</p>	Ken Christensen	Treatment Center	Written	6/5/2024
390	<p>Dear King County Council,</p> <p>I am a resident of Fall City. I'd like to be on record as disagreeing with the proposed new minimum lot size of 12,500 square feet as a means to maintain "rural character" in Fall City.</p> <p>Fall City consists, for the most part, of small houses on relatively small lots. Current R4 zoning allows 4 units per acre which includes carve-outs for access roads. 12,500 square foot lots would effectively be a 25% reduction in the number of lots achievable after allowances for access roads. If developers must reduce the number of lots they can create in a development, they will naturally maximize the house size (and value) on each lot. The result will be large, expensive houses on big lots, "urban sprawl" style. Certainly not "rural character", and certainly not helping the housing shortage problem.</p> <p>To preserve both "rural character" and a modicum of affordability house size should be limited, not lot size. This can be partially achieved through increased setbacks as proposed (though builders tend to then just go up instead of out) or better, through a formula tying square footage (NOT building footprint!) to lot size.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and your efforts in helping make Fall City a better place for all.</p> <p>Sincerely, Charlie Kellogg</p>	Charlie Kellogg	Rural Areas	Written	6/5/2024

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391	<p>Dear Ms. Mosqueda,</p> <p>In your below message, you erroneously state striking amendments H-9 and T-9 are not specific to Vashon Island. Therefore, I am copying the other County Council members lest they fall under the same misapprehension.</p> <p>You wrote, “The amendment you emailed about will help to modernize our code, and applies across the county and is not specific to any site or jurisdiction.” Not so. The amendments are specific and exclusive to Vashon. And, while the Seattle Indian Health Board (SIHB) Thunderbird project is not named outright, that uniquely culturally informed project is what is described in H-9: “H-9 King County shall allow the siting of behavioral and mental health services in the Vashon Rural Town, including high quality prevention, crisis intervention, mental health, substance abuse disorder, and co-occurring disorder treatment services through equitable service delivery that centers culturally informed and inclusive behavioral healthcare.”</p> <p>If sited on Vashon, the SIHB’s project is expected to create an exorbitantly high need for emergency medical transportation services to get its patients back to Seattle. After long ignoring requests for such services for Vashon residents, the County would now, instead, provide those services to facilitate the inappropriate siting of a drug treatment center on this remote and bridgeless island. Amendment T-9: “King County shall support and partner with emergency service providers, the Vashon Airport District, Washington State Ferries, and the community, to provide emergency medical transportation for Vashon-Maury Island.”</p> <p>To gauge the anticipated emergency medical transportation services needs and costs associated with a drug rehabilitation facility located on Vashon, I encourage you to learn how frequently fire department and other services responded to calls from the Seattle Indian Health Board’s now-closed Thunderbird facility on the mainland. Locating the state’s largest drug treatment program in an isolated small community across the water from the emergency medical services its patients will frequently need seems extravagant at best, and maybe reckless.</p> <p>Please familiarize yourself with the amendments shown in red in the attached striking amendment and reconsider the points in my initial message that you previously dismissed.</p> <p>Thank you,</p>	Victoria Barr	Treatment Center	Written	6/5/2024
392	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10465?meta_id=677581	Tim Trohimovich	Climate and Environment	Verbal	6/5/2024
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406	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10465?meta_id=677581	Michael Tanksley	Home Occupations	Verbal	6/5/2024
407	<p>King County Council Local Services & Land-Use Committee Chair Perry, Vice-Chair Zahilay, Member Dunn, and Member Mosqueda,</p> <p>Good morning. First of all, we thank you and your staffs for all the hard work on the subject Update.</p> <p>Secondly, we have compiled the 52 Oral Testimonies we provided before your committee from January 17 through this past Wednesday, June 5, Briefings/Meetings—please see attached.</p> <p>We request you and your fellow Councilmembers (i.e., those who do not serve on the LS&L-U Committee, included in the cc's) take the issues discussed and solutions offered into account as the full Council takes up the subject Update throughout the rest of the year. We will continue to discuss our 21 proposed Line Amendments, along with the many, many pages of Written Comments we provided to you, as they address key needs to maintain the integrity of the King County Rural Area under the State's Growth Management Act. To that end, once again, we offer our compendium of how the "Rural Area Protection Addressed at Every Level of Planning."</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>*** The Joint Rural Area Team is comprised of nine Rural Area organizations/associations (EPCA, FCUAC, FofSV, GMVUAC, GRC, GV/LHA, HHA, SCAR, and UBCUAC), as well as three subject-matter technical experts on Environment, Growth Management, and Transportation—all included in the cc's in the same order. The Joint Team covers nearly the entire Rural Area of King County (please note the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council was a member up until recently, when it decided its issues were so unique that it would work separately—we agreed and wished them well).</p> <p>Peter Rimbo Coordinator, Joint Rural Area Team--KCCP, CPPs, and VISION 2050 Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) primbos@comcast.net</p>	Peter Rimbo	Amendments	Written	6/7/2024
408	<p>I do not agree with rezoning Vashon to accommodate a drug treatment center. This will create a whole host of problems for the Vashon community and the treatment center residents due to limited resources. Please do not allow this rezoning. Eugenia Cooper, Vashon resident.</p> <p>Sent from my iPhone</p>	Eugenia Cooper	Vashon	Written	6/8/2024
409	<p>Hi</p> <p>We live in Unincorporated King County in the Bear Creek Basin and trying to understand if there are changes in moving 5 acre zoning to 1 acre as part of the new King County Comprehensive Plan?</p> <p>Thanks</p> <p>Mark Wolfram</p>	Mark Wolfram	Bear Creek	Written	6/11/2024

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411	<p>Dear all, As a lifelong resident of 45 years, I strongly oppose the new zoning you're planning for Vashon Island. For one, massive drug rehabs do not belong on remote residential islands with barely enough infrastructure to support itself. And there are numerous other zoning changes that will negatively and irreversibly change the quality of life on this small island for generations to come. Some of these new zoning laws allowed in residential neighborhoods include, but not limited to: Homeless Car Camping No Condition Multiple Cottages HousingManufactured homes -12 units per acre Retail Drug Stores Lot Splitting Drug Rehab Outpatient Micro Shelter Village Department And Variety Stores New Rural Neighborhood Commercial Centers Mixed-Use Development In Rural Neighborhoods And more... We residents of Vashon - and surrounding communities who will also be affected - DO NOT approve of this new zoning. The people have been intentionally mis-led and manipulated. The special interest group for whom much of this new zoning is being changed to accommodate has been actively disseminating false information to manipulate the community, the permitting office, the KC council and the Executive. And there has NOT been legally required proper public process. NO NEW ZONING. Thank you, Oli Christophersen</p>	Oli Christophersen	Vashon	Written	7/13/2024

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413	<p>Hello,</p> <p>As a BIPOC woman who found it difficult to live on Vashon, I am writing to oppose the copy & paste emails getting sent to the emails addressed above. Vashon has been a NIMBY community that caters to the wealthy, and some of us are done with this attitude.</p> <p>My family owns a waterfront cabin in Paradise Cove on Vashon. We are aware of the limitations caused by the lack of fresh water available on the island. There are other residents who, like myself, understand how the limited water impacts the ability of Vashon to grow. Please do not cater to the NIMBYs on Vashon Island.</p> <p>Respectfully, Jaimi Nakata</p>	Jaimi Nakata	Vashon	Written	7/15/2024
414	<p>Council Chair Dave Upthegrove,</p> <p>Please see the attached letter and appendix from the Puget Sound Partnership's Ecosystem Coordination Board to the Metropolitan King County Council with resources and recommendations for actions with respect to your jurisdiction's current periodic update processes, and associated updates to development regulations.</p> <p>Please let me know if you have any questions.</p> <p>Thank you, Jillian JILLIAN REITZ Boards Policy Advisor</p>	Jillian Reitz	General	Written	7/16/2024

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415	<p>Hello, I'm looking for clarification on the current zoning for property 15333 Vashon Highway SW, Vashon, WA 98070. I am in support of the new use by Seattle Indian Health Board, and want to be clear whether or not the use of the property as a Residential Treatment Facility fits under the 2022 King County Comprehensive Plan. I also want to understand how proposed zoning changes for the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan will impact this property. I wish I could easily find this information, but I haven't been able to and so am asking for your help in clarifying. There is opposition to the use by SIHB saying it isn't zoned for use as a Residential Treatment Facility or as a Community Residential Facility. I find myself confused and wanting the truth about how it is zoned currently and what the zoning will be if the 2024 KC Comprehensive Plan is approved. I hope you are able to answer these questions: Is 15333 Vashon Hwy SW currently zoned for use as a Residential Treatment Facility or a Community Residential Facility? Is some sort of permit required for that use in addition to it meeting zoning criteria? How will the proposed 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan change the zoning to this property? I appreciate your help and clarification! If you are unable to answer these questions, please direct me to the person/department who can. Cathleen deSmet Vashon resident</p>	Cathleen deSmet	Vashon	Written	7/17/2024
416	<p>Hello King County staff. Would you please sign me up to receive notifications regarding the Update to the Comprehensive Plan and any regulations that must be adopted concurrently? Will signing up result in my being informed of any Council Committee and Council meetings at which the topic will be addressed, and at which I may provide testimony? Thank you. Carolyn Boatsman</p>	Carolyn Boatsman	Notification signup	Written	7/24/2024
417	<p>There are much better locations for drug rehabs...they do not belong disturbing peaceful and quiet citizens of Vashon! You can use the old military bases where they are away from hurting others. We do not need so many museum and sites since people are homeless be more creative and use land that does not disturb the current flow of a community. They can form a place that is gated even in the mountains away from hurting people. There is land past Selleck even. Take Vashon Zoning off the table and stop it. Stop Manipulating groups. Stop the scheming. NO NEW ZONING on Vashon. Thank you, Sandra Ann Owens</p>	Sandra Ann Owens	Drug Treatment Siting	Written	8/5/2024

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419	<p>Dear all,</p> <p>We strongly oppose the new zoning you're planning for Vashon Island.</p> <p>For one, massive drug rehabs do not belong on remote residential islands with barely enough infrastructure to support itself. And there are numerous other zoning changes that will negatively and irreversibly change the quality of life on this small island for generations to come. Some of these new zoning laws allowed in residential neighborhoods include, but not limited to: Homeless Car Camping No Condition Multiple Cottages Housing Manufactured homes -12 units per acre Retail Drug Stores Lot Splitting Drug Rehab Outpatient Micro Shelter Village Department And Variety Stores New Rural Neighborhood Commercial Centers Mixed-Use Development In Rural Neighborhoods And more...</p> <p>We residents of Vashon - and surrounding communities who will also be affected - DO NOT approve of this new zoning. The people have been intentionally mis-led and manipulated. The special interest group for whom much of this new zoning is being changed to accommodate has been actively disseminating false information to manipulate the community, the permitting office, the KC council and the Executive.</p> <p>And there has NOT been legally required proper public process. NO NEW ZONING.</p> <p>Thank you, Stephanie Owens</p>	Stephanie Owens	Drug Treatment Siting	Written	8/5/2024
420	<p>Cant find all inclusive map of kingcounty hi-density rezoning proposal I see small different area proposals...but no overall Suggestions..why not have software program that lets public search by address for proposed new zoning??</p>	William H.	Process	Written	8/12/2024

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421	<p>Would you kindly forward me a complete copy of all zoning changes proposed for Vashon Island. I have great concern about what is being circulated on Facebook. I am not on Facebook.</p> <p>Key rumors are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> . Camping allowed anywhere on Isle . Homeless allowed to live in cars . 14 mobile homes per acre <p>I have resided on Vashon for almost 50 years and am deeply concerned about privacy rights. I am also an advocate for affordable housing FOR THOSE PEOPLE WHO RESIDE and work here now , not for importing more off islanders.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Sincerely, Priscilla O'Banion Sent from my iPhone</p>	Priscilla O'Banion	Vashon	Written	8/16/2024
422	<p>>> >> Hello All: >> >> Please vote "No" on the imminent amendment vote adding Psychiatric & Specialty Hospitals as Permitted Uses in R12-R48 Zones. This sounds like a very dangerous amendment for King County to approve. I can imagine all manner of lawsuits against the County which could ensue if things should go awry in juxtaposing such dissimilar uses. >> >> Kind regards, >> Kristine Gregonis >> Vashon, WA >> Sent from my iPhone</p>	Kristine Gregonis	Drug Treatment Siting	Written	8/19/2024
423	<p>I'm a landowner in unincorporated King County with Wetlands and a stream on our property.</p> <p>I am specifically interested in when, exactly, the proposed changes to the CAO proposed in March 2024 (linked below) become (or became) adopted by the council and hence, the Comprehensive Plan? 2024-kccp-cao-summary-030124 PDF Document · 139 KB</p> <p>Don Miller</p>	Don Miller	Critical Areas	Written	8/20/2024

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425	<p>Please send the link or tell me where to find it.</p> <p>Thank you!</p>	No name provided	Striking Amendment	Written	8/26/2024
426	<p>Hello Comp Plan staff. I would like to call someone to ask questions about the project. I am a constituent. Who may I call?</p> <p>Thank you. Carolyn Boatsman</p>	Carolyn Boatsman	Contact info	Written	8/26/2024

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427	<p>Hi, a couple of weeks have passed, so checking back on receiving a response to my question. If there is someone else I should be reaching out to to get a better understanding the proposed change, do let me know. Thanks, Sheila Sent from my iPad</p> <p>> On Aug 22, 2024, at 11:59 PM, Sheila Doane <sheila.doane@outlook.com> wrote: > > Hi, > > Based on the proposed new definition of Community Residential Facility which say.. > > <image1.jpeg> > > > ...would you please identify on Section 148's land use table where drug and alcohol detoxification falls as a specific land use (e.g. Other Residential Care, Hospital etc)? > > <image4.jpeg> > > Thank-you, > Sheila > > > Sent from my iPad</p>	Sheila Doane	Drug Treatment Siting	Written	9/5/2024
428	<p>How do i find proposals for new zoning changes Specifically 1 house now to multiple with new proposed The maps just aren't clear in concept enough. Can an address be submitted to see about changes?? Sincerely wm. Hart</p>	William Hart	Rezoning	Written	9/11/2024
429	<p>How do i find proposed rezoning for my property</p>	William Hart	Rezoning	Written	9/11/2024
430	<p>Hello! How do I get a link to attend the Comprehensive Plan next opportunity for public input?</p> <p>November 19 11:00am Council Chambers Public Hearing at full Council Opportunity for Public Testimony – Remote and In-Person Kind regards, Diane Emerson President, Vashon-Maury Community Council</p>	Diane Emerson	Public Hearing	Written	9/11/2024

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431	<p>Thank you for delayed info. As you have apparently sent these records in installments, please provide those links TOGETHER in one email for proper records for JUDICIAL REVIEW. Also please indicate if you ARE RESTRICTING STATUTE OF LIMITATION TO TAKE PROPER ACTION AND FILE A LAWSUIT. Are you also limiting the rights of my ATTORNEYS to file a LAWSUIT WITHIN STATUE OF LIMITATION, IF THEY SEEK PUBLIC RECORDS BASED ON THEIR OWN JUDGMENT AND QUESTIONS ARISING BASED ON MISSING DISCLOSURES AND SUBSTITUTION OF THE EYE-WITNESS CRIME AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE WITH OPINIONS FROM PEOPLE WHO WERE NOT EYE WITNESSES.</p> <p>NOTE: I AM NOT AN ATTORNEY AND SEEKING THESE RECORDS AS AN EMPLOYEE. Unfortunately, THESE RECORDS WERE HIDDEN AND PURPOSELY AND FRAUDULENTLY DELAYED FOR ALMOST A YEAR TO AVOID LEGAL ACTION AND SCRUTINY TO HIDE THE CRIME COMMITTED AGAINST ME ON KING COUNTY PROPERTY.</p> <p>KING COUNTY ANTI-VIOLENCE POLICY REQUIRES POLICE REPORTING IF THERE WAS A COMPLAINT OF PHYSICAL VOILENCE. THIS WAS NOT DONE WITHOUT PURSUING THE EVIDENCE .</p> <p>I ALSO INTEND TO TAKE ACTION AGAINST EVERYONE ENGAGED IN COVERUP AND DELAYS.</p> <p>I AM WRITING THIS EMAIL IN GOOD FAITH TO UNCOVER THE DETAILS OF PHYSICAL ASSAULT ON ME.</p> <p>I DO NOT GIVE UP MY RIGHTS FOR APPROPRIATE ACTION TO PROTECT MY RIGHTS AS A MINORITY PERSON AND AN EMPLOYEE. WHAT ABOUT MY RIGHTS UNDER FOIA? I BELEIVE Statute OF LIMITATIONS STARTS WHEN I BECOME AWARE OF HOSTILE INFORMATION, NO MATTER WHO IS INVOLVED IN COVER UP.</p> <p>ENGLISH IS MY SECOND LANGUAGE AND ANY GRAMMAR ERRORS CANNOT BE USED AGAINST ME TO STONEWALL ME. Thank you, MO MIRZA</p>	Mo Mirza	Unrelated to KCCP	Written	9/18/2024
432	<p>King County Council:</p> <p>Please see the attached letter regarding the ordinance proposal associated with the King County Comp Plan.</p> <p>We appreciate your review and consideration of this letter.</p> <p>Thank you.</p> <p>Best, Kyler</p> <p>Kyler M. Danielson (she/her/hers) Land Use Project Manager Lakeside Industries, Inc.</p>	Kyler M. Danielson	Rural Areas	Written	9/27/2024

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433	<p>Good afternoon –</p> <p>I am submitting the attached proposed Map Amendment for inclusion in the 2024 Comp Plan Update on behalf of my client, Paul Kemp. The proposed amendment is to rezone three parcels from agricultural to commercial use, at the south end of the Lower Green River APD in Auburn. Mr. Kemp and I have worked for more than two years now to pull together all of the resources, parties, and properties needed to implement this rezone and the associated change to the APD boundary. Setting formality aside, I would really like the Committee to know that I care deeply about this project, and I sincerely believe that adopting this Map Amendment will solve problems that simply can't be accomplished any other way.</p> <p>With regard to the attached materials, I wanted to call out that removing these three parcels from the APD requires significant mitigation measures, and there is more information to come on that aspect. The current proposal does not go into detail on the restoration project or swap property prospects, but be assured there is a lot happening on that end and I believe we're very close to locking things in.</p> <p>Now, recklessly abandoning formality altogether, there are some things worth mentioning that will make the most sense put bluntly. And for better or worse, I'm gonna go for it:</p> <p>1.For legitimate reasons, BRC doesn't go unless the Flower Farm goes with it—so no matter what, these parcels are simply not going to become farmable again. They'll turn into a warehouse, or they'll remain polluted and useless. Despite all the legal elements that comprise this proposal, in the end the question is that simple: Warehouse, or status quo?</p> <p>2.If the lots become a warehouse, the consequential results include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a.The otherwise-unabatable, multi-million-dollar code violations are gone; b.The land is sold and code enforcement liens are paid to the County; c.The Hang family (who own Fresh Flower Farm) are made whole, after the County's twenty-year failure to abate the unlawful activities that have deprived the Flower Farm of all market value;*** d.Groundwater pollution is no longer running to the Mullen Slough; e.Property tax revenue goes up; f.At least 21 acres of good farmland are brought into another APD; 	Amy Blue	Rezoning	Written	9/30/2024
434	<p>Hello:</p> <p>I am not supporting the heritage trail signage idea for Vashon. It is not sustainable and is an unnecessary county expense.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>Kristine Gregonis Vashon, WA Sent from my iPhone</p>	Kristine Gregonis	Vashon	Written	10/8/2024

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435	<p>My name is Dave Turnbull and I live in unincorporated King County in a rural area. As I read through the proposed Comprehensive Plan, County Policy and County Ordinances, it's apparent King County Government is totally out of control. It should be apparent to everyone; the government overreach is taking away the freedoms of King County residents. I think we can all agree there is a role for government, but we are at a point where our government is similar to governments in other countries we despise.</p> <p>I've worked my entire career for others, but now I have the opportunity to work for myself on my own property. But King County makes it very difficult for people to pursue their dreams. The County actually discourages economic development in unincorporated King County. The restrictions are suffocating and the requirements our overly complex and unnecessary. The County is hell bent on exerting more and more control over its citizens.</p> <p>Below are my suggestions for change to help the people.</p> <p>I believe it is time to consider breaking unincorporated King County away from the rest of King County. The current leadership of the County does not support the needs of the citizens of unincorporated King County. We need leadership that supports freedom, capitalism, entrepreneurship, minimal taxes, and hard work. Today's county leadership is socialist and wants to take away freedoms by government control. The ironic thing is Socialist systems have never ever worked for the people.</p> <p>In the rural areas of the county there needs to be more support for economic development. I believe we need to maintain farming and forestry, but that's not enough. The County needs to support Agritourism. We, the people, have a tremendous opportunity to support our families and support economic development by opening up our properties to people. We need King County to get out of our way. We have the ability to do it in ways to support the rural character of our land, we know best, not the County.</p> <p>We need way simpler permitting and less costly permitting. We need a County who works for us not against us. We all know the current processes for permitting and development are as terrible as they get. King County has one of the worse reputations in the state. The Council knows it and the rest of the County leaders know it, but nobody is willing to make it better for the people. It's absolutely ridiculous that if I want to have a meeting with a planner to understand development requirements, I have to pay for the meeting. This is already a taxpayer funded entity.</p> <p>We also need a change in thinking when it comes to people's property. The County doesn't own my property and neither do my</p>	Dave Turnbull	Private Property	Written	10/9/2024
436	<p>Wetland set backs have increased, from 25% to 75%, has the county ever done a study to see how many more houses they could build if there was a standard 25 ft setback, higher density and Less urban sprawl, using the ground to its fullest potential, Also retention ponds build them in the wetland and plant them as a wetland, let mother nature take its course, how much land would that free up for further development?</p>	Mike Irvine	Wetlands	Written	10/12/2024
437	<p>Hello -</p> <p>This is crazy. Where can I see a one page BRIEF overview of what is going to happen?</p> <p>Referring to thousands of ordinances and lined out items is NOT understandable to the end user.</p> <p>Help!</p> <p>Thank you, Susan Marks</p>	Susan Marks	Process	Written	10/13/2024

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438	Please keep Vashon rural! The changes include a very long town center on the main highway that will adversely affect people living on roads behind the main highway. Due to increase in short term rentals there are now lots of tourists that clog the roads and parking areas. With an increase in development there is no way the current roads can deal with all the new traffic. The proposed three story buildings will change the character of the town of Vashon. Please keep it to two stories. Water district 19 may not end up having enough water to provide for all the new buildings that will come with the proposed zoning rules. And those of us living here will have our water restricted. There are already long lines of people waiting to get on the ferries. Increase in population that comes with increased development will make the lines longer and make it hard to come and go. I am opposed to increased development on Vashon. It is not needed. Restrict short term rentals and we will have all the housing we need for our workforce. We don't need more shops and condos. Sincerely, Eugenia Cooper Vashon resident since 1987.	Eugenia Cooper	Vashon	Written	10/14/2024
439	Good morning, Chris - Question on the comp plan. Will the revisions show up as they make changes? Where would we find those? Where is the most recent 700 page amendment and/or revisions to the amendment? Thank you, Katy Ballard	Katy Ballard	Process	Written	10/18/2024
440	Hello, Legislative Staff - Could you please provide a DIRECT link to the 700 page comp plan? I can't seem to find it on your website. Thank you!	Katy Ballard	Process	Written	10/18/2024

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441	<p>Good morning members of the board. Thank you for the opportunity to be heard and speak today and again on November 19, 2024. My name is Leonard Fellez, and I'm here to discuss the comprehensive plan's impact on my wife Maureen and my property located at 8601 308th Avenue SE, Issaquah/Preston, WA 98027 (Parcel #3224079005).</p> <p>As a property owner, I am committed to maintaining and enhancing my land in a way that benefits both my family and the surrounding community. I firmly believe in the importance of upholding property rights, which are fundamental not only to individual property owners but also to the overall vitality of our community. However, the current comprehensive plan poses significant challenges regarding my ability to change the plat density and subdivide my property.</p> <p>The current zoning restrictions on plat density prevent me from utilizing my land to its fullest potential, limiting my capacity to subdivide and develop it responsibly. This not only impacts the value of my property but also hinders my ability to contribute positively to the neighborhood. Several land use attorneys have stated that I have a 0% chance of making any progress toward obtaining a variance or rezoning, which has left me feeling discouraged, but not deterred.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the surrounding neighbors have lots that are much smaller than my one acre, and my proposed changes would not alter the flow, look, or feel of the neighborhood at all. Additionally, my property is on a septic system, but a precedent has been set in Fall City, where 16 homes share a community septic system. This was developed on a 4-acre lot that has now become a 16-unit subdivision with a single septic system, demonstrating that responsible development can be achieved with shared resources. (Plat 21-002). Subdividing my property could lead to thoughtful improvements that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area, increase property values, increase tax base and support local economic growth.</p> <p>I believe there are solutions that can reconcile responsible development with community goals. I respectfully request that the board consider alternatives or amendments that would allow property owners like myself more flexibility regarding plat density and subdivision while still aligning with the broader objectives of the comprehensive plan. A variance could be a very effective vehicle to meet the needs of all parties involved, fostering community growth and stability while respecting the rights of property owners.</p> <p>My goal is to collaborate with the community, not against it, and I hope my request will be taken into account as you make your decisions. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p> <p>Leonard and Maureen Fellez</p>	Leonard Fellez	Zoning	Written	10/21/2024

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442	<p>To Whom it may concern,</p> <p>I am the director for the Issaquah Highlands Community Association (IHCA) . I have just been alerted by an IHCA owner regarding the King Co. notice below. Please add my office to the list on notices as a courtesy so that I can keep apprised of any Kiing county actions which may affect Issaquah Highlands subdivision parcels. We are the largest HOA in the state of Washington.</p> <p>Our mailing address is:</p> <p>IHCA 2520 NE Park Drive Suite B Issaquah, WA 98029</p> <p>Sincerely, Sarah Hoey, Executive Director, CMCA, AMS, PCAM, LSM For the Issaquah Highlands Community Association (IHCA)</p>	Sarah Hoey	Process	Written	10/23/2024
443	<p>Metropolitan King County Council,</p> <p>Please accept this public testimony relating to the proposed increase in residential density in North Highline from R-6 and R-8 zones to R-12 or R-18 zoning. As a resident of White Center in North Highline I am against this proposal.</p> <p>This community is one of the most affordable areas with a Seattle address for low density housing. Increasing the entire neighborhood to R-12 or R18 zones will radically change the community and further price out families looking for low density housing in King County. Increased housing density should be focused on the areas immediately next to the commercial and business centers of North Highline to promote the idea of a walkable urban village and town center; not turning one of the more affordable urban low density housing areas in King County into a sea of unwalkable apartments.</p> <p>Thank you,</p> <p>-Byron W.</p>	Byron W	Zoning	Written	10/26/2024

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444	<p>To Whom it May Concern,</p> <p>As a resident of unincorporated King County just south of North Bend I look forward to the implementation of many of the proposed Comprehensive Plan improvements. I moved here to enjoy the sublime beauty of the Snoqualmie Valley with the developmental boundaries of the Evergreen Trust Forest to the North, Mt to Sound Greenway to the East and Rattlesnake Mt to the South as it was clear that our predecessors had the foresight to protect Snoqualmie and North Bend from becoming congested crossroads to endless strip mall and neighborhood developments.</p> <p>That being said, we need room for more homes which leaves the only alternative, which is higher density with supporting transportation. I was excited to read the plan to increase allowable ADU units from one to two units per lot in urban areas, but I couldn't understand for the life of me why unincorporated King County wasn't included in that proposal. Allowing city folks to increase the option for having up to 3 homes on a quarter acre lot, while I can only add one ADU on a four-acre lot seems incredibly unfair.</p> <p>The small population living in unincorporated King County often seems to be underrepresented and overlooked in some areas of the plan. Extending the ADU increase to unincorporated King County residents should be considered.</p> <p>thanks for your time and efforts with the Comprehensive Plan</p>	Ray Butler	ADUs	Written	10/31/2024
445	<p>Council,</p> <p>King county has failed to ensure dense walkable areas with transit options exist. The uncontained sprawl of unwalkable communities was a clear and determined goal over the past 4 decades and we've seen zero improvement. Infill has exacerbate the PNW life style eliminating green space while having insufficient density. All while making recreation more distant, unobtainable and commercialized.</p> <p>Suffocating traffic is not creating density as done in Seattle. It only creates waste for all. Moving cars outside the high density cores is important.</p> <p>Please restrain the damaging sprawl and ensure dense areas are created above 5 story buildings with livable resources adjacent.</p>	Josh Lodge	Density	Written	10/31/2024
446	<p>Dear council,</p> <p>I am a decades long Vashon island resident, and I have some deep concerns as a unincorporated king county home owner. I am worried that many of these changes, while good for king county, will have a negative impact on the unincorporated areas. The zoning changes specifically. I live on an island with very poorly functioning ferries at the moment, no real urgent care, and minimal law enforcement. While crime here is low and mainly petty, I have bigger concerns. There is a rehab facility that the state legislators have green lit without asking the community their opinion. And the zoning changes are how this facility is possible. I DO NOT want zoning changes on Vashon. We have an elderly and vulnerable popula on here, my mother was one of those people. And we don't have the resources to increase our popula on or support the possible and likely issues brought about by a drug rehabilitation center. Another concern is what else will follow? This project was approved without asking the community or providing appropriate data on what will be effected by this facility being brought to our small and cloistered island.</p> <p>So I hope my voice will be heard here, and that my community with have the protection of the county, and not become another casualty of change without forethought.</p>	Rosebud Petta	Zoning	Written	10/31/2024

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447	<p>My comment is on section 3 "Wildfire Risk Reduction"</p> <p>Action Amend R-736 to include: By July 1, 2025 the county shall designate suitable unused county right-of-ways as part of wildfire evacuation routes.</p> <p>Rationale In July 2022 the county executive issued a press release stating in part: "For example, there are neighborhoods in the wildland-urban interface that have only a single access point for hundreds of households, making it difficult for residents to evacuate and for firefighters to respond." (emphasis added) https://kingcounty.gov/en/legacy/elected/executive/constantine/news/release/2022/july/26-wildfire-risk-reductionstrategy I live in the unincorporated wildland urban interface northeast of Redmond. In this area there is a single choke point in the form of the NE 133rd St bridge over Bear Creek. Much of the Trilogy development, Lake of the Woods, Bear Creek Country Club, Tuscany, etc will likely try to evacuate over that bridge if there is a wildfire. Bad news. An evacuation is underway and something happens. Traffic halts trying to get over that choke point bridge. The fire is bearing down. The wind is howling and blown embers are starting spot fires ahead of the main fire front. Remember the pictures you saw of burned out cars after the Hawaii fire? Good news. It does not have to be that way here since there is an obvious solution to the choke point at the NE 133rd St bridge over Bear Creek. The county owns an unused right-of-way that can let some (or all) of the traffic from NE 133rd St go south and then use the NE 116th bridge over Bear Creek. There are *way less* people that live along NE 116th and its side streets (I am one of them) than live in the area that routinely uses NE 133rd St. As a result, the NE 116th bridge over Bear Creek is lightly used. Bad news: The county refuses to maintain this right-of-way by keeping brush and trees cut back and has failed to designate this right-of-way as an evacuation route in the county GIS. The 30 foot wide right-of-way at issue is a continuation of 204th Ave NE and is 100% county owned. The south end is at the intersection with NE 120th St. The north end is at NE 124th St. Attached are several pictures taken today (10-31-2024). The county recognizes this as an "Emergency access" route since the county erected the sign at the south end that you see in the first pic. The pics are looking north as I walked along today. The last pic is taken at the north end and is looking south at the locked gate. Unless there is a specific action policy with a deadline for performance, nothing will happen. I have traded email on</p>	Joseph Felt	Wildfire	Written	10/31/2024
448	<p>We will be anxiously awaiting the determinations that are made regarding proposed changes for zone 5. Looks like if approved strikethrough's, we would qualify to move forward with a small detached ADU on our property (1.09 acre, 47,480 sqft)? As we are seniors, sole owners of our 39 yo home, we are hoping to help our son and daughter-in-law get into a affordable home on our property, with added benefit of helping mom and dad out as we age in place!</p>	Katherine and Mark Jelsing	ADUs	Written	11/4/2024

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449	<p>Like many of my fellow islanders, I'm concerned about the housing density next to Vashon Town currently being promoted by a developer. Those fields are not nearly big enough for 343 apartments; nor is our infrastructure up to this kind of explosion.</p> <p>Will you address these questions?</p> <p>1)What are the real densities allowed in the various zones, especially "Community Business," in the Vashon Rural Town area? 2)How much are the zones' densities increased via Special District Overlays? 3)What P-Suffixes apply, and to which parcels, and to what level will they increase the allowed densities? 4)How are those zones and densities being changed in the current Plan Update? 5)What impact will a development of this size have on: a. Traffic on local roads b. Ferry crowding/overloads c. Shared facilities---water; sewer d. Aquifer recharge</p>	Cindy Hoyt	Regenerative Development Demonstration Project	Written	11/4/2024
450	<p>I am writing you as a long time resident of Vashon Island. I am concerned about the proposed zoning changes which will allow up to 96 units per acre. Vashon Island is designated as a rural area which is among the last in King County.</p> <p>In addition to the process of how 96 units per acres came about from what has been 12 units per acre up until are these concerns:</p> <p>1)What are the real densities allowed in the various zones, especially "Community Business," in the Vashon Rural Town area? 2)How much are the zones' densities increased via Special District Overlays? 3)What P-Suffixes apply, and to which parcels, and to what level will they increase the allowed densities? 4)How are those zones and densities being changed in the current Plan Update? 5)What impact will a development of this size have on: a. Traffic on local roads b. Ferry crowding/overloads c. Shared facilities---water; sewer d. Aquifer recharge</p> <p>Thank you for your attention to this matter.</p>	Celia Congdon	Regenerative Development Demonstration Project	Written	11/5/2024

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451	<p>As a resident of Vashon, I am very concerned regarding the new King County Comprehensive plan for our small island.</p> <p>There are numerous zoning changes in the Town Core between Ober Park and Cemetery Rd that will increase potential housing density, in part based on affordability. There are also some new development proposals on the table that will move ahead with the likely Council approval of zoning amendments to Title 21, the County zoning code. These would, if implemented in the next few years add significantly to the population in the Town Core. One of these, in particular located on SW 178th St. east of 103rd Ave. SW, has the potential, using density bonuses (Residential Density Incentive process) enumerated in the Plan to add 190-340 housing units, with a concomitant population increase of between 190 and 780 people, depending on unit size and average home population, a 7% population increase. This potential increase is approximately 120-200% greater than zoning would allow, were it not for the proposed affordable provisions in the revised Code. The Plan is noticeably vague on how the density bonuses for affordable housing would be applied to the project. Attached is the FAQ document provided to the Community Council that describes this proposed development, for your information.</p> <p>Despite the potential inclusion of affordable housing, potential increase in workforce, and associated local revenue, there are potential environmental impacts from this project would include increased water demand on the order of 19,000 to 80,000 gallons of water per day, plus about 90% of that in sewage flow; 140-780 vehicle trips per day, increased traffic on 178th, Bank Rd, 103rd SW, and SW 188th, surface water runoff increases, and water quality impacts on Shinglemill Creek. Because of the relative impact of the development, the project, in my view, will have a significant environmental impact under Washington SEPA.</p> <p>Therefore, I am asking the following questions regarding the new King County Comprehensive plan for Vashon:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Is the proposed density increase proposed in the FAQ's [attached to this email] permissible? 2) Is there surety that affordable housing will result; what is the recourse if the development doesn't actually achieve affordable housing at levels required by Code? 3) Will the County assess infrastructure and environmental impacts during the Residential Density Incentive process? 4) Will utilities' ability to meet demand affect permitting? 5) Will the County require the developer to pay for all infrastructure and environmental impacts? 6) Will the County require an Environmental Impact Assessment for the project? <p>I am hoping YOU will have some valid solutions to these important issues when before changes are made to our small island.</p>	Mary Carhart	Vashon	Written	11/5/2024
452	<p>Vashon Island cannot support the growth allowed in the comprehensive plan. The ferry service to the island cannot support the population growth proposed under the plan. The existing sewer system in the town core cannot support the proposed growth under the plan. The proposed growth cores do not have the infrastructure to support proposed growth under the plan. And the existing aquifers and ground water sources cannot support the proposed growth under the plan. The school system, fire and safety, roads and health systems cannot support the proposed growth. You are trying to jam a square peg into a round hole. Vashon is an island dependent on ferries and limited water sources. The comprehensive plan does not take Vashon's special geographical situation into account.</p>	Jonathan Kott	Vashon	Written	11/6/2024

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453	<p>I have received the notice of the public hearing regarding the Comprehensive Plan and proposed ordinances 2023-0438 and 2023-0440 area zoning changes and would like you to consider including Parcel #3321029026 for changes.</p> <p>My request is to change the below map from 1 parcel to 3 separate parcels. As you can see the parcels are separated by a king county road and land locked now that the county owns parcel # 3321069021. As you can see from the map below there are boundaries already set by a road and land separation.</p> <p>My parcel number is 3321069026 Address 37021 218th Av Se Enumclaw.</p> <p>Thank you for your consideration and please let me know if this is something you can add to the KC Comprehensive Plan Ordinance Zoning Changes for 2024,</p>	Marcia Suhoversnik	Subdivision	Written	11/8/2024
454	<p>I would like to submit my strong support for the proposed change to the King County trails specifically SC-6 that would connect the Lake Youngs trail to the Soos Creek trail. The road between the two trails is very dangerous to walk as there is no path and people walk in the street. Some kids walk this path to get to school and are in high danger every day from cars, especially at the narrow, short bridge over the creek. Additionally, cars often travel at dangerous speeds, especially at night, and would not be able to avoid pedestrians walking next to, or on, the road. The Lake Youngs and Soos Creek trails are both heavily used and connecting them safely would ensure the safety of pedestrians and make better use of the two trails.</p>	Dr. Hamza Rabi, MD	Trails	Written	11/10/2024

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455	<p>My name is Bella McLaws, and I am a resident of unincorporated King County north of Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing in regards to the King County Comprehensive Plan, asking that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11). Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over Newaukum creek between SE 416th Street and SE 424th Street.</p> <p>I have used my electric cargo bike as one of my primary forms of transportation for myself and my three little kids for the last two years. I've clocked ~1,500 miles going back and forth between my home and Enumclaw's town center (and now Buckley, using the White River Bridge). I use my e-bike for transporting my kids to and from school, the library, friends' houses, parks, church, and getting groceries and running errands at local businesses, which saves my family money, connects us with our community in a meaningful way, and is good for the environment.</p> <p>However, because I can't cross the creek between SE 416th and 424th, I have to ride 1.5 miles out of my way every time I ride to town and every time I ride home—and most of that added distance is on SR 169, a *literal* highway where cars travel up to 60 miles per hour and the shoulders are of inconsistent width and covered in gravel. I've nearly been hit with my kids multiple times and have to avoid going into town at all during the late afternoon/evening because of the danger of sharing the road with cars in low-light conditions.</p> <p>With the trail improvements laid out in the FH-4 segment of the regional trail needs report, I wouldn't have to ride on SR 169 at all in order to access the shops and services I need to just live my day-to-day life. In fact, with the protection of the separated Foothills trail, I would be able to let my seven year-old twins ride their own bikes as a form of transportation every day, giving them sensory stimulation, connection to their community, exercise, and building their confidence and independence.</p> <p>In fact, according to the 2024 Enumclaw Comprehensive Plan (page HS-4), Enumclaw has a higher-than-average "age dependency" ratio - that is, compared to the State AND King County, Enumclaw has a higher population of both children and seniors:</p> <p>Just like my kids, these dependent populations are unable to drive and will benefit greatly from a robust and well-connected, car-free trail network that connects them with grocery stores, parks, libraries, and local businesses. Trail segment FH-4 is a crucial step in that direction.</p>	Bella McLaws	Trails	Written	11/11/2024
456	<p>My name is Chris, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St.</p> <p>Although I've enjoyed having a quiet place to take the dogs and let them play in the creek, the possibility of being able to walk and/or ride my bike farther would be amazing. The shoulder on the enumclaw/ black diamond road between 416th and 392nd is slim that it's dangerous for two cars and a bike rider to all be at the same time. Add a semi, and you about get knocked over</p>	Chris Benz	Trails	Written	11/11/2024

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457	<p>My name is Jennifer Sample, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St.</p> <p>I have lived at The Mason Jar Farm off of 278th way SE Enumclaw since 2010 and prior to me my grandparents lived here. We have walked and biked the trail off of 416th for years and it is very safe and easier than riding on the easy highway which is not safe. Please make this a priority. The parks and trails in King County are wonderful. Thank you for what you have done for bikers and walkers.</p>	Jennifer Sample	Trails	Written	11/11/2024
458	<p>My name is Tristan Sharp, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St.</p> <p>I would frequently walk the dogs along that section of trail. But it always felt too short. And, I recently found out that trail will continue all the way to Maple Valley. Along with the new bridge to Buckley, we could have a great recreational trail through Enumclaw.</p>	Tristan Sharp	Trails	Written	11/11/2024
459	<p>My name is Kurtis Walls, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St.</p> <p>Our trails currently dead end and don't allow for a safe ride from here to Maple Valley. The improvements of the bridge over the White river are greatly appreciated, now if we could just complete the link going out the direction.</p>	Kurtis Walls	Trails	Written	11/11/2024
460	<p>My name is __pauline wheeler__, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw. I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan. Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St. *Add something here about why this is important to you, personally* Thank you, Your name Your phone number</p> <p>I live off Franklin road there is no easy way and safe way for grandsons and myself to ride to Enumclaw. We would like to see the bridge before 10 yrs !!!! If even a temp one is built. There use to be logs across it made it possible but someone moved them !! Please something temporary at least ! Currently we have to ride 169 and this is VERY dangerous. 🚗🚗🚗🚗🚗</p>	Pauline Wheeler	Trails	Written	11/11/2024

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461	<p>The policy of mandating sewer throughout the UGA needs to be abandoned on several grounds:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The cost of sewer is prohibitive. By the county's own point analysis* unsubsidized sewer conversions were \$84k. - The cost of on site septic systems is superior to sewer. The same analysis* shows OSS repair at \$6k and replacement at \$41k. - The forced conversion from OSS to sewer is a taking of property (money) from property owners to support a public purpose (public sewer) when sewer costs exceed OSS costs. - There are clearly areas that will always be on OSS* - Many disadvantaged communities use OSS and lack the funds to sewer. These communities were further left out of sewerage. This has been identified as a social justice issue.* - It is clear neither the county or many on OSS can afford to sewer and there is lack of funding to address whether in general or as a social justice issue.* - The ongoing costs of sewerage are a problem. OSS have lower operational costs than sewerage. - Once sewerage occurs issues such as displacing lower income residents including affected social justice groups can occur and disrupts those communities.* - Individuals facing conversion from OSS to sewer face not only the financial costs but stresses stemming from those including funds for housing, living expenses, retirement, food, childcare, childrearing, healthcare, being displaced from their home or community, and more. The long term effects on families from these costs and stresses is of concern. - The policy of sewerage leads to taking more public funds to support it versus repairing or replacing OSS and takes such where it could be used for other purposes. Many of these funds are clean or drinking water revolving, 319 grants, and others that can be used for 	Michael Thomas	Sewer	Written	11/12/2024
462	<p>I would like to find out if you have been in contact with King County concerning the designation of 2 of the parcels (9078 & 9079) in the Belmondo Forest Natural area as part of the Green Energy District overlay.</p> <p>According to the 2024 KCCP update plan: The purpose of the Green Energy special district overlay is to advance the county's climate action goals by reducing barriers to generating renewable energy in King County, on properties whose location within one thousand feet of utility corridors and existing and historical waste management and mineral extraction sites makes them uniquely situated for maximizing green and renewable energy production while reducing transportation costs.</p> <p>When describing these properties in their plan, there is no mention of the 2 parcels being owned by KC Parks or that they are part of a Natural Area. The plan was published in May 2024, well after the purchase by KC Parks. But, I'm wondering if they didn't know about the designation? I've attached their Green Energy District overlay plan.</p>	Janet Dobrowolski	Green Energy Overlay	Written	11/13/2024

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463	<p>My name is Madeline Timm, and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th.</p> <p>We walk this trail daily with our puppy and would love for it to be more useable as it gets very muddy and we can't get that far with the creek currently. Additionally, it would be awesome to have a SAFE crossing at 416th as trucks move really quickly on that road. We love our community and would love to have more functional trails.</p>	Madeline Timm	Trails	Written	11/13/2024
464	<p>I am concerned about the inclusion of "safe parking" wording. This sounds like homeless car camping. Unincorporated areas already have unsightly and unsafe vehicles. Please remove this from the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	Laura Carrier	Safe Parking	Written	11/13/2024
465	<p>This is what my voice mail refers to. As you know, I have been working with the Joint Rural Area Team on the upcoming Comp Plan update. They have identified that this Green Energy Overlay is proposed on a CFT parcel in Belmondo Forest. From what I can tell, it would violate CFT covenants. It is part of the King County Comp Plan update that will be voted on next week.</p> <p>I wanted to ask Sarah Brandt but don't have an e-mail address. I lost so many things with the new computer and the KC Directory doesn't give email. I will try calling but you may know. I left her a voice message.</p>	Terry Lavender	Green Energy Overlay	Written	11/13/2024
466	<p>Please do not exempt Vashon from the prohibition of large signs. A group wants to erect many of them throughout the island on private land and rights-of-way.</p> <p>They would be unsightly and unsafe (built in places where drivers can't stop).</p> <p>Don't change the code, please.</p>	Laura Carrier	Signs	Written	11/14/2024

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467	<p>As a Vashon resident and voter, I urge you in the strongest possible terms to DISALLOW higher density and taller buildings on Vashon.</p> <p>Vashon is a RURAL island. Any zoning changes that allow for further density and taller buildings would be in direct opposition to the vital rural character of our island. We are probably the last area close to Seattle that isn't overbuilt and urbanized. Your proposed changes would make the already frustrating traffic and parking situation in Vashon town even more difficult, further burden our already overburdened and inadequate ferry system, be an eyesore of the most inappropriate and unattractive kind, and endanger our limited water supply.</p> <p>I cannot think of any single change that would more gravely endanger the rural character of our island, which we cherish --and which is why most of us chose to live here. My family has been on Vashon since the late 1890s and has already seen many changes for the worse. Don't make the mistake of allowing for further changes that degrade our island's rural appeal. Once made, there is no going back from these changes. You would be consigning us to permanent damage that we don't want and does not suit our island.</p> <p>Do not allow Vashon to become a mirror image of Fauntleroy Way in West Seattle, with towering multifamily residences everywhere in what used to be a charming single-family home neighborhood. Do not force our island to look and feel like every other urban area. Vashon is NOT urban, and we have no wish to LOOK and FEEL urban. We wish to retain our rural character and lifestyle. We are not Burien; we are not White Center. We should not be "lumped in" with the changes you may have in mind for areas like that, which are already urbanized. We are a unique asset to Puget Sound and our uniqueness should not be endangered by thoughtlessly changing the zoning rules.</p> <p>How would you like it if someone built a skyscraper in your backyard? That's what your density and height changes feel like to islanders.</p> <p>NO TO THESE ZONING CHANGES ON VASHON - NOW AND ALWAYS.</p>	Katrina Land	Vashon	Written	11/14/2024
468	<p>My name is Katherine Evans and I am a King County resident from Enumclaw.</p> <p>I'm writing to ask that you prioritize the FH-4 section of the Foothills Trail per Appendix C2 – Regional Trail Needs Report (Attachment F to PO 2023-0440, pages C2-4 and C2-11) of the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Specifically, please prioritize building a bridge over the creek between SE 416th St. and SE 424th St.</p> <p>My neighbors and I (especially those of us with children) would greatly appreciate the opportunity to ride a bike into the city of Enumclaw (and now beyond) without having to ride on the side of highway 169.</p>	Katherine Evans	Trails	Written	11/15/2024

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469	<p>In the 1980's, King County, in response to the Growth Management Act, declared that Vashon would be forever "rural", meaning that among other things, Vashon can never determine its own destiny. Our community is perpetually subservient to the actions of King County; we are at the County's mercy and benevolence; and, of late we appear to be a County lab rat for a zoning experiment to determine "what is "rural"; what is "affordable"?</p> <p>King County Title 21A.04.060 "Rural area zone" focuses on "limiting residential densities...to provide for area-wide long-term rural character..." etc. I invite you to review the 2017 Vashon Sub-area Plan, Executive Summary attached, which with community input, highlights the importance of "rural character", and "affordable housing". Acknowledging that the goal of that Plan is to retain rural character while providing for an increase in affordable housing in the Town Core are both, clearly community goals, I ask you to consider the following questions regarding the outcomes of the proposed update to the Comprehensive Plan, recently presented by your staff:</p> <p>Does the removal of Special District Overlays, as included in the 2017 Sub-area Plan mean that the "density bonuses" for 100% affordable housing are no longer required? As presented by your staff, is 36 units/acre in the mixed use zone appropriate for a Rural Town---or not? Who should decide? How do you propose to determine if the infrastructure can support this density?</p> <p>You and your staff asserted that "the 'workforce' the Plan should aims to help should be teachers, grocery workers, firefighters, etc., whose earnings are 60% to 80% of the Area Median Income---rather than those at 80% to 120%" Clearly, the Plan proposed for adoption appears to support developers' contentions that affordable housing is not affordable to build. Are the opportunities to achieve a high level of affordable housing for those that need it most, gone?</p> <p>But if not, is a development with 90% units sold, or rented at high market rates, with only 10% affordable, a proposal that maintains the integrity of the County Planning process, or is the lack of developed affordable housing to date an indication that the 2017 Plan was an experiment that failed?</p> <p>Outside the town core, but inside the town boundary, the existing building height limit zoning is 60 feet to as much as 75 feet. Does this meet the definition of "rural", or could our (extended) town begin to look like the high-rise apartment core of West Seattle? Is this limit consistent with zoning in the remainder of the Town? Why have a 3-story limit in the dense area, and a much higher limit nearer the actual rural areas.</p>	Allen de Steiguer	Vashon	Written	11/16/2024

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470	<p>I am the owner this private parcel and very proud of it. Located East of North Bend . I even completed the King county private landowner's Forest stewardship plan in 2010. My report with Gov. help showed value in forestry and its Mineral's provided in it's soils engineering report</p> <p>You now have proposed to down zone my 145 ac ,rural forest land zoned F M. Your Idea to potentially remove M in my property. They are in my mineral rights recorded deed. See my parcels Exhibit A and A-1 they show the 145ac with sketched road easements through BNSF and Twin Falls Hydro to Hwy 10 built for logging DNR property in the 1960.</p> <p>Exhibit B is the KCC Mineral Resource Map show's #43 . This is Thompson's 145 ac minerals with a long-term signification economic value</p> <p>Reading the States GMA my property is zone Mineral. 36.70 A</p> <p>It is also Permitted by KCC Ordinance 10870 KCC Natural resources</p> <p>I am asking you to not Down my parcel and keep it as recorded F M mineral.</p>	Bob Thompson	Mineral Zoning	Written	11/16/2024
471	<p>I live in White Center/ North Highline and I wanted to submit some comments regarding the Comprehensive Plan, including on some of the amendments that were put in place after the public comment review phase.</p> <p>1. I sincerely hope the county will consider adding much needed safety infrastructure such as sidewalks before permitting increased density to allow for suitable access to public transit. Currently it is very difficult to walk the 1/2 mile to bus in the dark due to cars speeding past and the roadside ditches, which vary in depth and present challenges when leaping out of the way of cars. I realize you may think I am exaggerating here but I am not and I encourage you to come try to walk your dog along the neighborhood streets in White Center during the 5-6PM hour. The steep slopes of the hills also make these walks difficult and I expect will just lead to more people driving from some of these areas because the walk can take about 15 minutes. I speak from personal experience as I live in one of the proposed upzone blocks which is technically within a 1/2 mile radius of a bus stop, but not really because of the lack of through streets. Finally on the topic of safety and infrastructure-does the Sheriff and Fire Department have resources to support this increased density? It seems like they are constantly saying they do not at the current level.</p> <p>2. Regarding environmental impact, it is my understanding the county is supposed to maintain the drainage ditches. They do not to my knowledge, and ours routinely floods in heavy rains. I would hope there is a plan in place to address this when there are more impermeable surfaces. This should include a regular maintenance plan to unclog the pass throughs under driveways and remove weeds and blackberries. Overall it seems like the county does not have resources to take care of its current obligations, and I am not sure how this will improve with more density.</p> <p>3. I was sad to see the height limit go up to 60 feet on my block with the removal of the P suffix. That seems like a giveaway to development interests with no gain for residents. I would prefer to see a height exception only in exchange for mandatory inclusion of affordable units on premises. Otherwise it will all become ultra-tall unaffordable townhomes as we have seen in the rest of Seattle and hasten gentrification of the White Center neighborhood.</p> <p>I love my neighborhood and I want to see my neighbors continue to be able to afford it. I know we need to increase housing density, but I hope the area gets the support it needs and not just more people with the same limited services.</p>	Melissa Snyder	White Center	Written	11/16/2024

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472	<p>The proposed zoning changes for Vashon included in the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, while well-intentioned, will likely result in problems for the community that are far more serious than the problems that are hoped to be solved. For example, the limited and vulnerable-to-contamination water supply on Vashon is nearly maxed out. The long water emergency this summer in King County Water District 19 (KCWD 19) highlighted how unexpected problems on Vashon often require water restrictions. Vashon is an inappropriate place to locate so much new housing ... for numerous reasons including water, transportation (ferries), infrastructure (sewer), and more.</p> <p>The zoning changes proposed will increase housing, but most of it won't help the work force housing problem and it will require water that KCWD 19 can't supply. (See KCWD 19 Comprehensive Plan, Section 2 Basic Planning Data, and Section 6 System Analysis). Regarding developers' unrealistic projections for minor/zero water use and for work force housing, take a moment to consider these. The expense to achieve zero water use is huge. The economics of housing relies on the wave of gentrification, making higher-end housing the likely final result.</p> <p>Wouldn't a directed effort to increase work-force housing make more sense?</p> <p>Perhaps a community work-force housing trust is a better solution, where employers and others guide the housing toward the people who are actually working here. Vashon has created at least seven affordable housing projects (Charter House, JG Commons, Eernisse, Roseballen, Sunflower, Mukai, Vashon Co-Housing and more) and has a good track record of producing innovative housing solutions. A demonstration project that focuses on work force housing makes sense. But to try to increase work-force housing using blanket zoning changes such as these is a risky approach.</p> <p>Unless at build-out, the proposed zoning changes can be supported by KCWD 19's Comp Plan, they should be withdrawn.</p> <p>Thank you for your many other useful efforts on the behalf of King County and Vashon. But please reconsider these risky and disruptive proposed zoning changes, whose full ramifications have not been carefully considered.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Frank Jackson former King County Water District 19 commissioner (publically elected 1984-1990 and 2004-2010) and former Groundwater Protection Committee member</p>	Frank Jackson	Vashon	Written	11/16/2024
473	<p>I even had onsite meeting with DNR several years ago and they would work with me to help get the access permits to my old roads for a Class 1 forest road improvements using onsite mineral ant the soils for organic tree growth and evergreens undergrowth.</p>	Bob Thompson	Mineral Zoning	Written	11/16/2024

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474	<p>I am writing regarding the proposed ordinance and zoning area changes in the Comprehensive Plan that relate to the Vashon-Maury Island Subarea covered, I believe, in Amendments H and I.</p> <p>I urge that no expediting, exemptions or exceptions be given to further “affordable housing” when that housing is defined as 80-120% of Area Median Income and constitutes a small percentage of a total development. That so-called “workforce housing” applies to households making approximately between \$100,000 per year at the low end and \$166,000 per year at the upper end. There is not a teacher, home health care worker, grocery worker or other service person on Vashon Island earning even the bottom end of the scale. The Vashon community is not NIMBY and understands that Vashon is very much in need of affordable housing. However, allowing large scale private market rate development with a low percentage of affordable housing for people at the highest income ranges of that designation does not help the issue, it exacerbates it. We do not need large scale development by private developers serving high wage earners taking up scarce land, water shares and other resources that could go to truly affordable housing. Please instead consider facilitating the development of ADU’s, DADU’s and smaller density multifamily housing for 60% or less of AMI as better ways to increase the inventory of affordable housing on Vashon.</p> <p>Vashon Island is a unique rural area and should be considered separately in planning and zoning. It is a true island with limited infrastructure to support large scale development. We are a strongly agricultural area, with very limited water, waste water infrastructure, land, road capacity, rural town parking, transportation and other infrastructure that would be impacted by development that is overscale to the community. Not the least of that is access on and off the island which is entirely ferry dependent and already over capacity.</p> <p>I’m sorry I cannot cite parcels and proposed changes by their planning numbers. I find it impossible to figure out despite having scoured the planning documents but want to address my particular concern which is a development being referred to in the Comprehensive Plan as the “world’s largest regenerative housing project” in rural Vashon town. Apparently zoning changes will allow up to approximately 343 units on a few acres on the west side of the town. The developer has no proof of concept and has only built one so-called “regenerative” house in Oregon. There is no basis to think that a project of this scale on a small resource limited island would be “deeply green” as it has been promoted. Between the 2010 and 2020 Census, the population of Vashon only rose between 300 to 400 people. A development that could suddenly bring double or triple that number to the island, and would diminish if not collapse the agricultural nature, sustainability, resources and affordable housing prospects for low-income workers on the island, should not be allowed under zoning let alone accommodated. A few rain barrels to collect water and a hope that people will want to walk not drive will</p>	Kerry Coughlin	Vashon	Written	11/17/2024

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475	<p>In support of the King County Council (KCC) keeping the sign code as it is, I request that the Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Association (hereafter, "the Museum") immediately send a letter to the King County Council stating that, despite being the fiscal sponsor for the heritage trails signs group(s) (hereafter "HTG"), the Museum does not endorse the heritage trail group's projects, including not endorsing the HTG's efforts to get King County to exempt the heritage trail signs from the sign code's prohibition on signs being placed in road rights-of-way (or on private property except with size and placement restrictions).</p> <p>When there is a natural assumption that the Museum is somehow connected with the heritage trails signs project and when the Museum is, in fact, the fiscal sponsor of the HTG, and when the HTG is the group that initiated the lobbying to obtain a change in the County's sign code for its special interest, the Museum must not rest upon having merely stated at a board meeting that it is neutral on the proposed heritage trail signs and the proposed amendment to the King County sign code.</p> <p>In response my request that the Vashon Heritage Museum clarify that the Museum does not endorse the proposed King County sign code amendment and does not endorse the heritage trail groups' (hereafter, "HTG") sign projects, at its November 12, 2024, board meeting made this statement of neutrality:</p> <p>"VMIHA cannot give a yes or no answer to your question, because the board has not voted one way or another on an "endorsement" of the amendment. The Burton and Ellisport Trail Sign Projects are not projects of the Vashon Maury Island Heritage Association (VMIHA). VMIHA acts as Fiscal Sponsor for these groups respectively, and provides research and historical assistance as we would for any private individual or group of individuals. The VMIHA board voted to be a fiscal sponsor of the Burton Group in November of 2022." [Emphasis (bolding) added.]</p> <p>Unfortunately, the Museum serving as the "fiscal sponsor" of the heritage trail groups sign projects causes the HTG's actions to be attributable to the Museum, regardless of whether the Museum is even aware of those actions or wishes to present a neutral position on them. Because it is a 501(C)(3) organization, the Museum is barred from lobbying for legislation; thus, so is the HTG, and any organization for which the Museum is a fiscal sponsor. The HTG initiated the request for the King County Council (KCC) to change the sign code to exempt heritage trail signs from the County's restrictions on signs on private property and in road rights-of-way (code restrictions that protect pedestrian and vehicle traffic as well as our visual environment). The HTG may argue that it is only lobbying indirectly by manipulating local organizations to serve as a proxy in promoting the group's agenda, but since the HTG's lobbying efforts are attributable to the Museum, the HTG's missteps could cause the Museum trouble with the IRS, as well as marring the Museum's</p>	Victoria Barr	Signs	Written	11/17/2024

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476	<p>I am concerned that, with this comp plan update, the County establishes its intention to foster the use of non-native plants - disguised as native plants - for landowner restoration projects and more. I am opposed to providing incentives to install non-native plants in land restoration. I am further opposed to the obfuscation of the definition of a native plant. I recommend that the County continue its longstanding leadership in fostering biodiversity with a foundation of native vegetation not only in critical areas but in all areas outside of critical areas, which also consist of valuable ecosystems including many human beings who need nature.</p> <p>Indeed, the Introduction to Chapter 5, Environment states: "All parts of the county — from densely developed urban areas, to farm and forest land, to the Rural Area — have a role to play and a common interest in environmental protection. Responsibility for environmental protection cannot fall on one geographic area or community alone."</p> <p>I will point out how the County's well-intentioned policy in consideration of climate change will have unintended, negative consequences for ecosystems, urban, suburban, and rural well beyond what is spelled out in the Comp Plan.</p> <p>The text and policy that I bring to your attention is in E.C.4 in the section titled, ironically, Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds. The text states: "The County also establishes a list of "climate-smart plants," which are native plant species currently, historically, or prehistorically found within the surrounding ecoregion that are predicted to maintain their abundance under climate change."</p> <p>Policy E-350: "King County should provide incentives for landowners who are seeking to remove invasive plants and noxious weeds, such as providing technical assistance or access to native or climate-smart plants."</p> <p>Background: The plants in the County's preliminary list of "climate smart plants" are with a few exceptions not native plants. The foundation of biodiversity is native plant species that turn the sun's energy into food. With few exceptions, insects do not lay their eggs on non-native plants due to toxins that cannot be metabolized. Insects co-evolve with the plants they eat. This phenomenon is known as host-specificity. About 90% of insects are diet specialists that are restricted to eating one or several plant lineages. When native plants are not present, there is little production of larvae and caterpillars that are, with few exceptions, the only food that terrestrial birds feed their young. Like human babies, nestlings cannot eat seeds and berries. Baby food for a nestling is essentially a caterpillar.</p> <p>Bird populations in North America are in severe decline. This loss will continue unless we make changes that protect ecosystems. Not only birds, but predatory insects, amphibians, fish, bats, and more rely on insect populations. Humans have depleted wildlife habitats and have disrupted the food webs that are the foundation of biodiversity. Let's not make it worse by government action.</p> <p>The Comp Plan commits to fostering conditions favorable to pollinators but does not explicitly discuss plant host specificity. The butterflies and moths have to have a place to lay their eggs after drinking nectar in order to continue their species. More emphasis is needed on host plants, especially those keystone plants that have an outsize impact upon the food web. The native garry oak is a</p>	Carolyn Boatsman	Climate Smart Plants	Written	11/17/2024
477	<p>In consideration of plans to review and possibly modify the comprehensive plan I would encourage you to look closely at the unintended consequences of major changes to the existing rural designation and town plan.</p> <p>Vashon Island is one of the few, perhaps the only, areas of King County's western edge that retains rural designation. Large areas of open space punctuated by heavy forest ringed with walking and hiking trails afford unlimited recreational opportunities for not only human kind but numerous other species of resident, migratory and transient wildlife.</p> <p>This is a rich (as nearly as possible on an urban / rural edge) natural environment that is continuously threatened with further development. The caution is against the "slippery slope" that we find ourselves negotiating in search of solutions to myriad problems that our human needs demand. Sacrificing more and more of the natural world seems a very high price to pay with little long term return on investment.</p> <p>A few zoning tweaks to the downtown core may seem to many a minor concession but may have exponential deleterious effects in the years, decades and millennia ahead as Vashon comes around again and again to review and modification of its designated status.</p> <p>There are times when little or no action may be the best action.</p>	John Rupp	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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478	<p>I am sad and dismayed regarding the proposed changes in the comprehensive plan for Vashon. You should know by now that Vashon has no infrastructure to support the plan, nor could I find out how KC would address the consequences of expanding our town. Our two policemen are not adequate to handle the results of an increased population. Ferries provide all our goods and services, but the reduced schedule, lack of reliable transportation has made it a hardship to travel on and off the island!</p> <p>This plan reminds me of the time Joe McDermott tried to push our island into accepting a marijuana production facility near our only high school! At least a meeting was held on Vashon to discuss the matter and he came to better understand our concerns.</p> <p>Zoom meetings are unacceptable in discussing comp plan changes-as are the pages of jargon in the document proposing the changes!</p> <p>Where are you, Dow? The rest of you? Face to face, with a translation of the proposed changes into layman's language and an in-person vote to discover what our concerns are, meeting to explain the impact on our island and how it would work would have been educational for all. And it would show us that we actually have a positive relationship with KC.</p> <p>I ask the Council to please re-examine the plan, look at the specific needs and priorities for Vashon, and come up with a clear plan that is not a "One size fits all" version for all unincorporated areas. Please restore my faith in you all. Thank you for reading this. I look forward to hearing from you.</p>	Kari Ulatoski	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
479	I hope you didn't remove all the new regs to the comprehensive plan for Vashon that allow for more affordable housing because of a few complaints by a few citizens.	Jane Neubau	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
480	<p>The Snoqualmie valley (the valley itself and east of the valley) is completely misrepresented in the comprehensive plan. The area is one of the least healthy and least environmentally friendly in the state. There are thousands and thousands of private plane training flights every year (estimate 4,000-7,000 a year). During flying weather, 25-40 planes a day is typical, with each spending 1/2 to 1 hour at a time out here. They incessantly shatter the quiet rural environment, gunning their essentially unmuffled aircraft engines up and down, and spewing toxic lead on the valley area residents. Private plane flight training businesses have destroyed the rural living environment with noise pollution and toxic lead from leaded aviation fuel. They completely ignore the intent of the comprehensive plan, and made it a sham for the valley area and it's residents. They own the living environment out here every minute of every day, and words on a piece of paper aren't going to change that.</p> <p>For the 10 year duration of the new comprehensive plan, 40,000-70,000 private plane training flights will spew incessant noise and toxic lead on valley area residents. I realize that King County has no authority over these planes. But, you need to be honest with the public. You need to correctly represent the environment out here and put a warning in the comprehensive plan of the heavy noise pollution and the fact that these private planes are using leaded fuel - banned for everyone else. Otherwise, you bear responsibility for misleading the public and the consequent health impacts for those that move out here based on the comprehensive plan.</p>	Unkown	Snoqualmie Valley	Written	11/18/2024

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481	<p>Having lived on Vashon Island for more than 45 years, I (John van Amerongen) and my wife Clare van Amerongen want to express our concern that the current provisions for affordable housing in the proposed Plan threaten the rural character of Vashon as well as the safety of its residents and the health of its natural resources and environment – the precise attributes that attracted us to move to Vashon and make it our home.</p> <p>Make no mistake, we support the creation of affordable housing to accommodate an island workforce of teachers, grocery workers, firefighters, and service employees whose earnings are 60% to 80% of the Area Median Income. That said, we believe that a target income threshold for such residents should not exceed 80% of that median.</p> <p>In that regard, we object to any use of Vashon’s legitimate need for “affordable housing” as a Trojan Horse for the overdevelopment of housing units that do very little to benefit those with real need for affordability. By setting a threshold of a mere 10% set-aside for target-income residents, such a plan would open the floodgate for a surge of new residents who earn far more than the population the project identifies as in-need. This fundamental misdirection of resources is exacerbated by proposals that might allow as many as 36 units/per acre, only 3.6 of which would be earmarked for the target group. Such low ratios would place an undue and unrealistic burden on island resources, infrastructure, and current residents in exchange for minimal benefit to those in legitimate need of affordable housing.</p> <p>Furthermore, allowing structure height limits in excess of 40 ft. within the “town boundary” invites future vertical expansion of population density within any allowed footprint. We strongly object to the construction of multi-story, moderate-income, high-density housing structures justified behind a disingenuous mask of creating “affordable housing” for so few.</p> <p>If the majority (> 50%) of newly built “affordable” units can’t benefit the Vashon population in real need of affordable housing, this plan fails to benefit Vashon Island.</p> <p>Please consider these concerns as you craft our island’s future.</p>	John Vanameron	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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482	<p>We represent Good Neighbor Vashon, a non-profit organization dedicated to promoting and protecting the needs of Vashon Island's residents. Good Neighbor Vashon's current focus is ensuring that the King County Council adequately considers Vashon's needs and limitations while engaged in the Comprehensive Plan update process.</p> <p>The King County Council should consider Vashon Island's unique characteristics before including the island in the "health care and residential care" suite of land use changes proposed in the Comprehensive Plan update and related development regulation amendments. Vashon is a rural community only accessible by ferry. As such, the island mandates special considerations. It cannot be painted with the same brush as its mainland counterparts. The island lacks critical infrastructure and utilities as well as basic medical services that render it incapable of accommodating some of the proposed land uses. Vashon should be carved out so that these new land uses are not allowed outright.</p> <p>Many of the proposed amendments to the Plan are geared towards providing emergency shelter and behavioral treatment services (e.g., substance abuse/addiction treatment). For instance, the Council proposes new land uses such as "crises care centers," "rotating shelters," "safe parking sites," and "emergency supportive housing." The Council also proposes allowing "psychiatric hospitals" and "social services" as outright permitted uses in the rural area. These proposed uses cannot function safely without quick access to medical services, law enforcement, and other services, including emergency trauma care and medical specialists. But Vashon Island lacks the critical infrastructure and utilities to meet the needs of its existing residents. The Council's proposal to include Vashon in the new "health care and residential care" land use category will make a bad situation worse.</p> <p>The island has limited affordable housing, as well as limited short-term options (hotels/motels) for visiting family. Vashon does not have a hospital or 24/7 emergency services, let alone a network of medical specialists. Currently, one prescribing psychiatric professional exists on the island. The vast majority of medical services are a ferry-ride away. To make matters worse, the ferry system has been plagued with recent failures which WSDOT and the legislature are years away from addressing. Vashon has no ferry service for four to five hours every night. The island is completely reliant on the County Sheriff for public safety. The Sheriff's office has been and remains short-staffed.</p> <p>In a nutshell, Vashon lacks the critical infrastructure and medical care to meet the needs of current residents, and the above-described proposed changes will add to the strain. This in turn risks the safety and well-being of the individuals served by these proposed land use categories (e.g., crisis care center residents).</p> <p>Experts with experience in psychiatric facilities have opined on the infeasibility of operating psychiatric residential treatment facilities on Vashon Island.¹ These facilities require immediate access to medical specialists and emergency medical services. Vashon has neither. These facilities also need police presence at a moment's notice. Vashon does not have that either. Without such readily available support services, Vashon cannot safely accommodate these types of facilities.</p>	Michael Rea	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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483	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 2024 Comprehensive Plan Striker. Overall, Futurewise supports the update, but improvements are needed to meet community needs and comply with the Growth Management Act (GMA). Our recommendations are summarized and then explained further below.</p> <p>Futurewise works throughout Washington State to support land-use policies that encourage healthy, equitable and opportunity-rich communities, and that protect our most valuable farmlands, forests, and water resources. Futurewise has members and supporters throughout Washington State including King County.</p> <p>Summary of our Recommendations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Do not allow mixed-use development in Rural Neighborhood Commercial Centers. These areas lack the public facilities and services to support this level of development. Please see page 5 of this letter for more information. ■ Do not rezone the R-1 zones to R-4 in the Vashon Town Center. Upzoning the area is inconsistent with the Water District 19 Water System Plan, will put additional pressure on limited ground water, and will increase the likelihood that onsite septic systems will pollute ground water. Please see page 6 of this letter for more information. ■ Do not add doctor's offices, outpatient clinics, social services, community centers, crisis care centers, and similar uses to the Rural Area zones. The Rural Area zones lack the transit, transportation infrastructure, water, and sewer facilities sufficient to support these uses. Allowing these uses in the rural area violates Multicounty Planning Policy (MPP)-RGS-13 which directs counties to "[p]lan for commercial, retail, and community services that serve rural residents to locate in neighboring cities and existing activity areas to avoid the conversion of rural land into commercial uses." <p>1 They also violate the Growth Management Act's (GMA) prohibition on urban uses in the rural area.2 Please see page 7 of this letter for more information. ■ The definition of industrial uses should not be broadened to allow industrial uses outside urban growth areas that are not currently allowed. The definition for rural industrial uses must comply with the GMA limitations on urban uses in the rural area. Please see page 8 of this letter for more information.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ The comprehensive plan and development regulation amendments must protect small wetlands and avoid paving over these areas. These wetlands play important roles in providing plant and wildlife habitats. The County must protect these wetlands. Policy E-412, which the County Executive proposed to delete and allows impacts to small wetlands, should be removed from the striker. Please see page 8 of this letter for more information. ■ The comprehensive plan and development regulation amendments need to address the impacts of additional rural development on surface and ground water and adopt development regulations consistent with RCW 36.70A.590 and RCW 90.44.050. This is necessary to protect salmon, fish, and wildlife habitat, and to comply with state law. Please see page 10 of this letter for more information. 	Brooke Frickleton	Miscellaneous	Written	11/18/2024
484	<p>I am a resident of Logn Term Bainbridge Island in Kitsap County, but commute to Seattle every day. My company has an animal sanctuary on Vashon that is very unique. Upon reading some of the things that the new zoning would allow, I felt the need to write to the counsel and the zoning folks.</p> <p>Vashon Island is very unique, a rural area accessible only by boat and close to downtown Seattle. It still has lots of farms and a relaxed atmosphere. Furthermore, the people of Vashon like it the way it is. I watched Bainbridge Island grow up, in a bad way, bringing homeless people, more garbage than ever, much higher taxes and big city problems we didn't need to have. If the proposed zoning changes are made to Vashon, it is a death sentence to the current lifestyle of the residents. It will bring a lot more costs to the government for the island, probably resulting in the need to incorporate eventually. Homeless car camping should not be allowed anywhere, for example. They don't want this, only the developer wants this to happen, because they will build their developments and leave the mess behind for the residents to clean up. Growth is not always necessary, and it is not always good.</p> <p>Please do not pass the zoning changes for Vashon as they currently stand.</p>	Jim Cairnes	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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485	I am opposed to the proposal as currently suggested as it is so vague as to be incomprehensible. While the euphemistic language may suggest nirvana it requires a lot of improvement before it can be vetted. Just offhand, the possible density is high, the number of units to be sold at market value high, building heights are literally too high and the other many impacts on Vashon remain unmentioned. The Council would be advised to resubmit.	Jerry Williams	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
486	I live on island with my wife and young children and I write this email to voice my disagreement for any new zoning that would allow for drug rehab clinics on Vashon. The last thing this community needs is more drug users being brought over. The emergency services are already starved and once this Pandora's box is open there is no closing it. No drug rehab clinic on island.	Samuel Anderson	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
487	<p>My Name is Spencer Lau, and I am a resident of King County District 8, a member of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan Update's Equity Workgroup, and the Finance Manager at the White Center Community Development Association (WCCDA). I am respectfully submitting this testimony in support of the Striking Amendment to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440, Version 2.</p> <p>We in the Equity Workgroup enthusiastically support this Striker except for the affordability thresholds related to Density Bonuses and Inclusionary Zoning. I support the Council's proposed increases in density bonuses, but encourage you to maintain the Executive's proposed affordability thresholds. I caution the Council on your proposed removal of Equity Impact Reviews for Council initiated upzones. Your well-intentioned efforts to incentivize participation by the market may result in unintended consequences that need to be documented, called out, and potentially mitigated.</p> <p>I support wholeheartedly the proposed workplans on MFTE and other issues. To ensure these are implemented equitably and thoroughly I request that adequate funding is made to the planning department. This will ensure continued participation from engaged communities.</p> <p>We in the Equity Workgroup thank the Council for maintaining our priorities in your review. Specifically, I appreciate putting equity front and center in this update. I welcome the acknowledgement of past marginalization of our communities in the Plan with clear policies to correct this. I strongly support prioritizing the unincorporated urban areas for new and ongoing public planning and investment. I wholeheartedly support the clear focus on increasing the supply of affordable housing but doing this within the context of being accountable for impacts of displacement of residents, local businesses and community and cultural anchors. Thank you for addressing the need to increase the supply of childcare facilities in our unincorporated communities.</p> <p>This updated Comprehensive Plan is historic not only in how race and social equity is explicitly acknowledged and analyzed within the body of the document but more importantly a web of equitable, community-driven policy changes embedded in detail from listening and accepting by King County staff. I am grateful for the leadership of the Executive, the Council's support, and the tireless and genuinely committed efforts of all levels of staff.</p>	Spencer Lau	White Center	Written	11/18/2024

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488	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the King County 2024 Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>As mentioned in our previous letter dated September 27, 2024, the proposed Ordinance (No. 2023-0440.2) and Comprehensive Plan contain language that disincentivizes property owners from investing private funds to improve their property. This seems counter to many of the County’s stated goals, specifically the goal on Page 23 of the Ordinance to “10. Allow for infrastructure in the rural area that requires a rural location or that provides or supports infrastructure of nearby residents”.</p> <p>We have been communicating with Council staff on this issue since our September letter. They noted that the Council agreed with Lakeside’s concerns and would propose a change to address our comment. However, the striking amendments released on November 14, 2024 did not correct this issue.</p> <p>The County’s proposed language is as follows:</p> <p>11/14/24 Full Council Striking Amendment to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440, Version 2, Page 497 (Section 21A.14.280.B.2): 2. Uses shall not require substantial investments in infrastructure, such as water, sewers, or transportation, or facilities that generate substantial volumes of heavy gross-weight truck trips.</p> <p>11/14/24 Full Council Attachment A – 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, Page 115 (Policy R-338 f.): Industrial uses ((requiring)) be sized to avoid substantial investments in infrastructure, such as water, sewers, or transportation facilities, or facilities that generate substantial volumes of heavy-gross weight truck trips((, shall be reduced in size to avoid the need for public funding of the infrastructure)).</p> <p>Both of the above-quoted sections must be addressed. In addition to the vagueness of this language (the code does not define “substantial” in this context), this change likely would not accomplish what the County seeks to achieve. While the County intends to prevent uses that result in substantial impacts, this language prevents substantial “investments” and infrastructure, thus precluding private property owners from making improvements that would ensure clean stormwater, better roadways, and protection of the environment. County code and the State Environmental Policy Act provide County authority to prevent significant impacts from industrial activity, but this proposed language would instead prevent significant infrastructure, even if that infrastructure provides positive benefits to the environment and the County as a whole.</p>	Kyler Danielson	Industrial Uses	Written	11/18/2024

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489	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to be heard today and, hopefully, again on November 19, 2024. My goal is to raise awareness about outdated zoning—a matter particularly important to me as I near retirement and consider the highest and best use of our property. After reviewing the agenda and attempting to navigate the comprehensive plan, along with the referenced ordinances and impacts, I found myself thoroughly confused. That’s why I decided to take action—by showing up, seeking clarity, and engaging in this process. My name is Leonard Fellez, and I’m here to discuss the comprehensive plan’s impact on my wife Maureen and my property located at 8601 308th Avenue SE, Issaquah/Preston, WA 98027 (Parcel #3224079005).</p> <p>As a property owner, I am committed to maintaining and enhancing my land in a way that benefits both my family and the surrounding community. I firmly believe in the importance of upholding property rights, which are fundamental not only to individual property owners but also to the overall vitality of our community. However, the current comprehensive plan poses significant challenges regarding my ability to change the plat density and subdivide my property.</p> <p>The current zoning restrictions on plat density prevent me from utilizing my land to its fullest potential, significantly limiting my ability to responsibly subdivide and develop it. This not only affects the value of my property but also restricts my capacity to contribute positively to the neighborhood.</p> <p>Several zoning and land-use attorneys have told me that pursuing a variance or rezoning is “impossible” or “has no chance,” which has been discouraging—but not deterring. Despite their opinions, I remain optimistic, given the logical and thoughtful approach I’ve taken to address this issue and the unique circumstances of my property.</p> <p>It is also important to note that the surrounding neighbors have lots that are much smaller than my one acre, and my proposed changes would not alter the flow, look, or feel of the neighborhood at all. Additionally, my property is on a septic system, but a precedent has been set in Fall City, where 16 homes share a community septic system. This was developed on a 4-acre lot that has now become a 16-unit subdivision with a single septic system, demonstrating that responsible development can be achieved with shared resources. (Plat 21-002). Subdividing my property could lead to thoughtful improvements that enhance the aesthetic appeal of the area, increase property values, increase tax base and support local economic growth.</p> <p>I believe there are solutions that can reconcile responsible development with community goals. I respectfully request that the board consider alternatives or amendments that would allow property owners like myself more flexibility regarding plat density and subdivision while still aligning with the broader objectives of the comprehensive plan. A variance could be a very effective vehicle to meet the needs of all parties involved, fostering community growth and stability while respecting the rights of property owners.</p> <p>My goal is to collaborate with the community, not against it, and I hope my request will be taken into account as you make your decisions.</p> <p>What would be the best next step in advancing the conversation to drive meaningful change for myself and others affected by these</p>	Leonard Fellez	Rural Areas	Written	11/18/2024

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490	<p>Re; page 11-16 CP 126</p> <p>The Issue ; The county and LWS #414 purchased the property 1996 , changed the IP zoning to ES-PO5 School bus base. Then Leased it to Santa Inc Dump trucking from 2010 to 2020. Unreasonable Decision; The parcel 222506-9027 has no KCC / WSDOT legal Commercial access with left turn lane since it was lease in 2010. The Lawyers and even KC inspector did not look a public traffic safety.</p> <p>Jim ; You and I know this property 222526-9027. David Alskog LWS #414 attorney wanted me to purchase the parcel with the AS IS WHERE IS conditions. ES-PO5 David said it is 202 access. I own the Commercial Hwy 202 access. The school bus zoning and utility truck needs it. It required the left turn lane I built in 1991 . The county/LWS school knew they used public money to purchase this Northwest parcel 222596- 9027 . When the council in 1996 knew it is land locked</p> <p>The Santa Inc Lease which was to end in 2020 per the Hearing Examiner E1000730 in 2015</p> <p>Safety First ; is LWS #414 property or county liable for existing heavy truck access in and out on Hwy 202 and no left turn lane . It is also located next to a buried 26 inch gas line on the property going under hwy 202 .</p> <p>My exhibit 100 ,101 and 102 are the WSDOT driveway, left turn details . I had to build at the 228 intersection and Hwy 202 Keep this private</p>	Bob Thompson	Santa Property	Written	11/18/2024
491	I have an Equine Sanctuary on Vashon as well as a home. I oppose these ordinances for Vashon as I believe it will affect the island in a negative way. It will destroy a unique place and its way of life. This is not good for our beloved island.	Vivian Goldbloom	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
492	I live on Vashon island and moved her for its small community and quaintness. I am very concerned that the ordinances will truly hurt the community and way of life in the island. I oppose these ordinances as I believe they will change the island in a negative way.	Amanda Bowser	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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493	<p>Most Vashon Islanders would agree that no developers were attracted by proposals in the previous Town Plan that mandated 100% affordability in developments qualifying for density bonuses.</p> <p>Few Vashon Islanders would agree that going almost entirely the other direction---allowing as few as 10% of units to be affordable, and defining affordability as up to a range of 80% to 120% of the Area Median Income to qualify for incentives, and raising density to as many as 36 units/acre---is a reasonable alternative, given the broad middle ground of compromise that's available.</p> <p>Most Vashon Islanders would be surprised---and appalled--- to learn that, as has been recently revealed, building height limits inside the Vashon Rural Town boundary, but outside the Town core, are allowed to rise up to 60 and even 75 feet.</p> <p>Please read, when considering the above, King County's definition of Rural Area, and its promise to keep such areas rural in nature, as stated in the last Plan which you are now amending. Modest density for housing that's truly affordable to the workforce sector earning below 60% to 80% of the AMI, who keep the community going and who are most in need of options, may be appropriate for the Vashon Rural Town---one of only three in the County---in a Rural Area. Building height limits of the scale cited above and densities raised to 36 units per acre may be appropriate for an urban or urbanizing neighborhood. For Vashon, they are not.</p> <p>Regards,</p> <p>Richard Bard, Vashon rabard@comcast.net John Graffe, Vashon johng@jgkwm.com John E. Singer, Vashon johnsingervashon@gmail.com Carolyn J. Singer, Vashon carrisingervashon@gmail.com Suzanne Greenberg, Vashon suzanneggreenberg@gmail.com Charles Backus, Vashon cbackus@comcast.net Celia Congdon, Vashon crrbc@comcast.net Jerry Williams, Vashon williams.jerryb@gmail.com</p>	Richard Bard	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024

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494	<p>Thank you for your time on developing the comprehensive plan and for acting on comments from the community. I am a Vashon resident and have attended both of Teresa's zoom meetings specifically for Vashon.</p> <p>I am writing to object to several areas of the plan. The first is the rezoning that is written as:</p> <p>Modifies the minimum percentage of affordable housing required to 7% for rental at 50% AMI, 10% for owner occupied at 80% AMI, and 10% for rental at 60% AMI,</p> <p>Vashon needs affordable housing at the 100% level. This phrase if I understand it correctly allows development density to increase yet only provide for 27% at the most affordable and the rest at market rate. This is unacceptable and will only contribute to the degradation of the rural community which is what we all want to preserve. This is catering to developers and not the public need.</p> <p>I am opposed to allowing ADUs over 1000 square feet for the same reason. Not only does that basically take a 5 acre parcel and reduce it to 2.5 acre parcel, again ruining the rural nature of our island. It doesn't take into account that our water supply is constrained and over rides our existing zoning which is there to support our natural resources.</p> <p>I am opposed to the change to allow " R-24 through R-48 zone with development conditions limited to SIC Industries 8063-Psychiatric Hospitals" since this is written to allow Thunderbird to expand beyond their current zoning despite the many many public comments you have received from islanders concerned about the impact this center will have on our island.</p>	Ann Thorn	Vashon	Written	11/18/2024
495	<p>Dear King County Council & Victoria.</p> <p>Thank you so much for bringing these issues to our attention. Unfortunately, VMIHA is not able to organize a board meeting with a quorum on such short notice. However, we will make this issue a priority subject for our next executive board meeting (which takes place next week), so that it can be brought to discussion at our next scheduled board meeting in January after which we will be happy to provide written comments to King County Council. VMIHA supports whatever the King County Council determines regarding the sign code exemption.</p> <p>All the best, Gretta</p>	Gretta Stimson	Signs	Written	11/18/2024

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496	<p>Please DELETE the heritage trail signs exemption at striking amendment 21A.20.030 section I. Heritage trail signs located on Vashon-Maury Island.</p> <p>This striking amendment would remove the prohibition of those signs in the public right of way (21A.20.040 section D). This would be a safety hazard as well as detracting from the visual environment.</p> <p>Please do NOT exempt more signs. The previous exemption for historic site markers or plaques already allows for conveyance of information about our rich heritage without spoiling our current environment.</p> <p>Existing sign zoning standards in Title 21A were created to “enhance the visual environment of the county”. The existing exemptions allow for historic site markers or plaques - and this is sufficient, especially when combined with online resources, to convey all manner of information about our rich heritage without spoiling our current environment. We don’t need to allow construction of bigger signs on private property and public rights of way. The proposed new signs would create traffic and pedestrian hazards as well as visually blighting the environment.</p> <p>The Vashon-Maury Island Chamber of Commerce has rescinded their letter of support for the zoning change. The Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Museum has acknowledged they do not support the zoning change nor the proposed new signs. The Vashon-Maury Island Community Council motion supporting the zoning change was passed by a 29 to 13 vote which is not representative of the 11,000 people living on Vashon. I signed a petition along with 100’s of Vashon-Maury Island residents asking you to DELETE the heritage trail sign exemption in the new Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Sincerely, Robert Horsch, Vashon Island</p>	Robert Horsch	Signs	Written	11/18/2024

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497	<p>I am writing to express my concern regarding the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, specifically Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440. My hope is that this letter will be read at the council meeting on November 19, 2024 and that the council will seriously consider my comments.</p> <p>My concern centers on Section 160, subsection B.7.a.(3).(c), found on page 240, line 5168 of the Striking Amendment to Proposed Ordinance 2023-0440, Version 2. The current plan proposes striking the section that states:</p> <p>>>> "On a site zoned RA, if one transferable development right is purchased from the Rural Area or Natural Resource Lands under K.C.C. chapter 21A.37, the accessory dwelling unit is permitted a maximum heated floor area of one thousand five hundred square feet and one thousand five-hundred square feet of unheated floor area."<<<</p> <p>This change significantly affects my family and other families who are trying to build Additional Dwelling Units (ADUs) to assist our aging parents. My wife and I have been pursuing our own home build for three years, diligently following the county steps for septic evaluation, winter water table studies, and Critical Area Designation evaluation. Additionally, we have collaborated with the county to create a Forest Management Plan to protect the forest on our property. We have worked closely with Nicholas Bratton at the King County Department of Natural Resources to pursue a Transfer of Development Rights from one of our parcels to another, which under the current legislation would allow us to build an ADU large enough for our parents to live in so that we can help care for them as they age.</p> <p>After diligently completing these steps, we recently submitted our septic and well applications. However, due to the timing of the Department of Health's approval process, it seems unlikely that we will receive approval in time to submit our home building permit before the year's end. This means that despite our considerable efforts and expenses, we will no longer be able to utilize the TDR program to build an appropriately-sized ADU for our parents. I understand that this proposal has been under consideration for nearly a year, but our process has been ongoing for three years now. I am concerned that the council may not be fully aware of how these proposed changes would disrupt the extensive efforts and time commitments that families like ours have already invested.</p> <p>Many families like ours have been pursuing similar dreams of building ADUs to care for our aging parents who are part of an aging King County population, an issue I am keenly aware of as a Family Physician serving the King County community. I respectfully plead that the council reconsider this specific change so that my family and other families in similar situations can continue with the processes we have been working on for years to achieve.</p>	D.S.	ADUs	Written	11/18/2024

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498	<p>Please vote to DELETE the heritage trail signs exemption at 21A.20.030 section I. "Heritage trail signs located on Vashon-Maury Island."</p> <p>Because the exemption would give unfettered license to signs that will undermine the Island's rural character, blight its visual environment, and create unsafe conditions for pedestrian and vehicle traffic, please take time to read this comprehensive message.</p> <p>The proposed exemption lacks support; false information led to it being proposed; and, as a fiscally sponsored 501(C)(3) nonprofit organization, the heritage trail signs group should never have engaged in its substantial lobbying for the proposed sign code exemption legislation.</p> <p>THE APPEARANCE OF ISLAND SUPPORT FOR THE EXEMPTION IS DECEPTIVE, in fact:</p> <p>The Vashon-Maury Chamber of Commerce has not endorsed the sign code amendment or the heritage trails projects.</p> <p>The Vashon-Maury Island Heritage Museum has stated that "the board has not voted one way or another on an "endorsement" of the amendment. The Burton and Ellisport Trail Sign Projects are not projects of the Vashon Maury Island Heritage Association."</p> <p>The Vashon-Maury Island Community Council was duped into passing the resolution that prompted our King County Councilmember, Teresa Mosqueda, to include the sign code exemption in the Comprehensive Plan. Because the Community Council's 29 to 13 vote to pass the resolution was based on false and inadequate information, a motion to rescind the resolution will be presented at the next Community Council meeting. The vote was flawed because:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. We were told the Vashon-Maury Chamber of Commerce had issued a letter endorsing the proposed exemption, but it had not. Last week, the Chamber rescinded a letter written by a former staff member that falsely stated the Chamber endorsed the proposed sign code exemption. 2. We were falsely informed that the Burton and Ellisport communities welcomed the signs and had been notified about the project by a flier in every mailbox. Ellisport may have received fliers but canvassing established that Burton did not get fliers, was not informed, and does not want the heritage signs exempted. [Incidentally, conversations with four Ellisport residents, separately and randomly encountered, revealed that they, too, were unaware of the signs project. Another two were informed because each had an immediate 	Victoria Barr	Signs	Written	11/18/2024

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499	<p>If the County allows development in sensitive areas, the impacts of such construction should be mitigated. I am requesting that King County stop allowing developers channeling drainage water onto my property located at 17817 SE Jones Road. These are my concerns:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Uncontrolled, unmitigated, and unnatural drainage. The drainage water from the top of the hill is not a natural salmon bearing waterway. The course has been artificially altered as indicated by County maps. See Project #3-46532 (4-2147). 2.Destruction of salmon and fish habitat in a natural creek below in the valley. Drainage and garbage are flowing into a natural salmon bearing creek that empties into the Cedar River and runs all year round. The increased debris and toxins are not natural but fill materials and other signs of construction. They are destructive to the habitat. 3.Flooding. Waters flood properties and the road with attendant rocks, debris, and garbage which is deposited on my property, endangering my home as well as downstream neighbors. See attached picture of flooding. 4.Clogged Culvert - The County employees have regularly cleared the culvert of material clogging the pipe. As recently as November 2020, the road crew cleared the almost totally obstructed pipe to approximately 8 inches below it. This year, the crew cleared an almost totally full pipe. 5.Landslides. Destabilization of the hillside above my home promoting potential landslides. The Washington Department of Natural Resources (DNR) developed a map through the Geologic Information Portal that gives residents an idea of which areas around the state could be susceptible to landslides. See https://geologyportal.dnr.wa.gov/2d-view#natural_hazards?-13593289,-13592038,6017583,6019904?Landslides,Post-2017_Landslide_Inventory,Scarps,Scarps_and_Flanks,Landslide_Deposits,Fans,Streamlined_Landslide_Inventory_Protocol-Fans,Streamlined_Landslide_Inventory_Protocol-Landslides,Deep_Susceptibility,Shallow_Susceptibility,Study_Areas,Areas_Not_Analyzed,Landslide_Compilation,1:24,000-scale_Landslides_from_Geologic_Mapping,1:100,000-scale_Landslides_from_Geologic_Mapping,Miscellaneous_Landslides,Watershed_Analysis_Landslides,Reconnaissance-level_Landslide_Mapping,Salish_Sea_Landforms,1:24,000-scale_and_Watershed_Analysis_Study_Extents 6.The County has agreed that the slopes above my property are classified as landslide hazard areas. Considering the dangers from landslides which are common along Jones Road, why does the County continue to allow construction into the hillside and on the edge of the hill overlooking the valley? 7.Potential legal issues that upstream polluters should release drainage water, rocks, garbage and sewage on downstream residents. 	Maureen Wojewodzki	Drainage	Written	11/18/2024

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500	<p>Here's a comprehensive summary of why accessory dwelling units (ADUs) are widely regarded as a solution to the housing crisis, supported by multiple sources:</p> <p>Key Benefits of ADUs as a Housing Solution:</p> <p>1. Efficient Use of Existing Space: oADUs utilize underused land in single-family neighborhoods, such as garages, basements, or backyards, to increase housing density without significant neighborhood disruption. They are ideal for cities with strict zoning laws or limited space for new development</p> <p>2. Affordability: oADUs provide cost-effective housing solutions by offering smaller, energy-efficient units that are cheaper to build and maintain compared to traditional homes. This affordability benefits renters, low-income residents, and first-time homebuyers</p> <p>.</p> <p>3. Flexibility: oADUs accommodate diverse living arrangements, including multigenerational housing, aging-in-place options for seniors, and transitional housing for young adults or those in need of affordable rents. Cities like Los Angeles have used ADUs to meet various housing needs</p> <p>.</p> <p>4. Increased Supply Without Urban Sprawl: oBy integrating into existing neighborhoods, ADUs can help alleviate housing shortages without requiring large-scale developments, preserving the character of communities while addressing population growth</p> <p>.</p> <p>5. Policy and Incentive Programs: oLocal and state governments are actively promoting ADUs through streamlined permitting, financial incentives, and grant programs. For example, California has seen a surge in ADU construction due to regulatory reforms</p> <p>.</p> <p>6. Economic Opportunities for Homeowners: oHomeowners benefit financially by renting out ADUs, creating supplemental income streams and improving housing access simultaneously. This dual benefit supports both individual and societal economic goals</p> <p>.</p> <p>Supporting Case Studies and Examples: •California's Success: Statewide legislation eased restrictions, leading to tens of thousands of new ADUs. Los Angeles incentivized</p>	GoodNeighborVashon	ADUs	Written	11/18/2024
501	<p>I've lived on Vashon since 2014. Changing zoning on vashon to allow more large development is NOT the answer for our community. Preserving the rural heritage of Vashon for all of King County to enjoy is the answer. Limiting nightly rentals will improve access to affordable housing on the island. Please do not approve zoning changes on vashon that allow more density. Rebecca</p>	Rebecca Kloberdanz	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
502	<p>Pramila Jayapal has said that the allocation raised for SIHB is for Native Americans and Alaskan Natives. SIHB has said that they are pre-buying beds so they can control who goes in them. If addiction patients are coming from other states, that means beds for King County or even Washington State will not be increased by 62%.</p>	GoodNeighborVashon	Seattle Indian Health Board	Written	11/19/2024

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503	<p>In extensive review of critical areas guidance and specific to critical aquifer recharge areas (CARAs) and associated policies these are insufficient to protect both surface and groundwaters of the county and beyond in violation of the GMA. These policies and the mapping and underlying methods determine what uses may be allowed on a given property or not and also the conditions and limitations in other cases where considerable expense and matters of equity and justice, such as in requirements for on site septic systems (OSS) for properties within CARAs (and the impact of these requirements is an additional reason to not adopt the Comprehensive Plan as stated). OSS are further part of some new development helping the county and cities to achieve its growth and housing goals; existing OSS no doubt sustain properties and housing and commercial enterprises with them; keeping these affordable aids in housing affordability, reduced cost of living, and is further a social justice issue given OSS are concentrated in less affluent areas and may have resulted from past racial injustice (see 4). If a property is not within a CARA it is not subject to certain limitations; if it is it is subject to limitations or conditions of use. Unfortunately the 2024 BAS review (see 1) has incorrectly concluded no update to mapping is needed. Land use and other policies and other regulations need update to permit use of the superior available science, methods, and adaptive management where it is available versus the proposed 2024 approach to support the goals regarding social justice and equity, environmental protection, housing affordability, economic growth and sustaining existing economies, and health especially where OSS affected.</p> <p>Michael Thomas North Bend WA</p> <p>The following are noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The critical aquifer recharge area maps are considerably out of date and not updated in tandem with adoption of the 2024 Comprehensive Plan. It is clear these maps do not incorporate fundamental changes such as updates to wellhead protection areas, wells added, wells moved since last update to the plan. The shapes of the areas in the map do not correspond to these areas. This is important in that wellhead protection areas form the basis of CARAs; when those CARAs are not correct the underlying restrictions on land use meant to protect ground or surface water associated with being in a CARA may not be applied. There are considerable additional items such as hazardous waste spill management depending on the land use that can be impacted. - One of the key methods by which a wellhead protection area is defined is known to underprotect or overprotect. From a 2019 presentation made by Washington State Department of Health Office of Drinking Water "WHPAs created with the 	Michael Thomas	Septic	Written	11/19/2024
504	<p>Good morning. I am in support of zoning that will enable a small neighborhood market to inhabit the former Vashon-Maury Grange Hall on the north end of Vashon Island. I am one of multiple households on the northend who desire to have access to basic goods in an otherwise food desert. As a commuter of 23 years, I am also eager for the opportunity to grab a cup of island brewed coffee to fuel my and many others' daily journey into the city.</p> <p>The former Grange hall was abandoned by the fraternal organization who previously inhabited it since the early 1970's. In the last decade, the hall has fallen into serious disrepair and had become a blight on the neighborhood.</p> <p>Repurposing this building as a cozy grocery store and coffee shop is the best and highest use for this once-beloved structure. The zoning change being sought is the epitome of adaptive reuse, which is the sustainable idea that old buildings can and should be renovated rather than demolished once they've outlived their original purpose.</p>	Jennifer Potter	Grange Hall	Written	11/19/2024

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506	<p>My name is Carolyn Boatsman. I am a resident of Mercer Island where I serve as a Volunteer Forest Steward. I wish to bring to your attention a policy that is contradictory to the County's commitment to biodiversity. It also contradicts other policies and the best available science report. The policy is this: developing a list of plants that will be termed "climate smart", inaccurately defining these plants as native plants; and providing incentives to landowners to obtain and install these plants. The text and policy are in Environment, part III.C.4 under Invasive Species and Noxious Weeds. I am opposed to County incentives to access non-native plants for land restoration. I am opposed to the obfuscation of the definition of a native plant by the County, to whom many look for leadership on this topic. The County should continue to foster biodiversity in urban, suburban, and rural areas, where valuable ecosystems exist inhabited by human beings who need nature. Native plants are the foundation of the food web. Local insects, with few exceptions, will only lay their eggs on native plants. Birds, with few exceptions, only feed their young larvae developing from those eggs. No native plants? Nests fail and bird populations continue their decline. (And that's just birds. Bats, fish, amphibians, small mammals, and more depend on insects.) The proponents seem to have forgotten about the ecological science of plant-host specificity. Even the Best Available Science report does not discuss it. The text turns the definition of a native plant on its head, by stating that "climate smart plants" are native plants because they are native someplace else. The definition further states that some of the plants are native because they used to grow here - 2.6 million years ago. Suffice it to say, this does not match accepted definitions of native plants, including those offered by federal and state land agencies. I recommend that the County remove the "climate smart plants" approach from the Comp Plan, provide public information on how to plant the right plant in the right place, and follow best available science regarding climate stress on ecosystems. The food web should not be sacrificed in the pursuit of policies to respond to climate change. Thank you.</p>	Carolyn Boatsman	Climate Smart Plants	Written	11/19/2024

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507	<p>As a long-time resident of Vashon Island who is deeply invested in environmental protection, climate action, preservation of rural character, and establishing a strong foundation to address critical housing and support service needs within our community, I am writing to express my strong support for the current version of the update to the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>I also want to express my appreciation for the tireless work and leadership the Council has demonstrated throughout this long and challenging effort, with special gratitude to Councilmember Mosqueda. Navigating the complexities of community needs on Vashon is no small feat, and the commitment to finding solutions deserves recognition.</p> <p>This comprehensive plan update represents a significant step forward in ensuring that Vashon Island remains a thriving and supportive environment for all residents. I urge the council to move forward with the passage of this legislation. Adopting these critical updates reflects an understanding of the challenges we face and a commitment to the well-being of our community.</p> <p>Thank you for your continued dedication to making Vashon Island resilient and vibrant.</p>	Amy Carey	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
508	<p>Maintain Agriculture Land Use Designation</p> <p>As homeowners on Green Valley Road for over 25 years, we strongly oppose King County Comprehensive Plan Proposed ordinance 2023-0440 in the rezoning of parcels on Green Valley Road currently zoned as Agricultural to a designation of Open Space. This is an agricultural community, and the potential use of any of these parcels for recreational use would be a major disruption to homeowners in this community. Residents chose these properties based on the quiet, family-and nature-oriented environment. Green Valley Road is narrow with many winding curves, and traffic has already been negatively impacted by the increased volume with development of nearby communities like Ten Trails. Individuals regularly speed through the neighborhood with zero regard for speed limits or noise ordinances. Trying to enter and exit a driveway becomes more hazardous every day. Adding recreational areas would just increase this problem.</p> <p>The current open area next to the Coates Tree Farm is becoming more and more of a traffic hazard. It's on a 25 mph curve and people are parking in very dangerous positions - partially blocking the road in order to park, standing in the road to unload passengers and fishing equipment - all for the open access to go fishing.</p> <p>The current homeless crisis has led to many people searching for a place to create a makeshift home space with access to water and room to park a temporary-lodging vehicle or set up a tent. We can already see major problems with trash accumulation at the Green River access point at the corner of Auburn-Black Diamond Road and SE Green Valley Road. Desperate conditions may lead some of these folks to go searching nearby for something they could sell or trade to support their survival. Certainly we need real solutions to the crisis, but in the interim we need to consider that open recreational spaces in residential communities may just compound these problems.</p> <p>It may be in the best public interest to sell certain county-owned parcels to help fund maintenance needs of existing public access recreational areas.</p> <p>In the interest of neighboring properties in the community, we oppose changing the land use designation/zoning classification of these Green Valley Road parcels identified in proposed ordinance 2023-0440 from Agriculture to King County Open Space System.</p>	Pat and Shannon Pinatiello	Agriculture	Written	11/19/2024

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509	<p>Dear Coucilmembers and Executive -</p> <p>We have more than enough signatures to prove that the MAJORITY of Vashon Islanders do not want the island Urbanized as you are proposing.</p> <p>Using Cochran's Formula we need approximately 371 signatures from a population of 11,000 to estimate majority support with 95% confidence and a 5% margin of error. Subtracting the out of state signatures...</p> <p>We have, as of this moment, 397 signatures and they are still coming in!!!</p> <p>We have more than enough signatures to prove that the MAJORITY of the Vashon community does NOT want the new zoning you are proposing.</p> <p>(Cochran's formula is widely used in surveys, polling, and petitions to ensure the results are statistically representative of the larger population.)</p> <p>Please listen to the people of this community and do not pass this zoning as it is written now. There are other solutions for low income housing that make more sense - like ADUs.</p> <p>On behalf of hundreds of islanders, please listen to the people. Vote NO.</p>	GoodNeighborVashon	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
510	<p>My name is Whitney Nakamura and I am writing to give the statement on behalf of the Equity Workgroup (EWG) who have been working with KC Planning staff over the past two years on the Comp Plan Update.</p> <p>The Workgroup enthusiastically supports this Striker except for the affordability thresholds related to Density Bonuses and Inclusionary Zoning. We support the Council's proposed increases in density bonuses, but we encourage you to maintain the Exec's proposed affordability thresholds. We caution the Council on your proposed removal of Equity Impact Reviews for Council initiated upzones. Your well-intentioned efforts to incentivize participation by the market may result in unintended consequences.</p> <p>We support the proposed Workplans on MFTE and other issues. We request that adequate funding to the planning department is made to ensure that the process and outcomes will be implemented thoroughly and equitably with continued participation from engaged communities.</p> <p>The EWG thanks the Council for maintaining our priorities in your review. Specifically, we appreciate putting equity front and center in this Update. We welcome the acknowledgement of past marginalization of our communities in the Plan with clear policies to correct this. We strongly support prioritizing the unincorporated urban areas for new and ongoing public planning and investment. We wholeheartedly support the clear focus on increasing the supply of affordable housing but doing so within the context of being accountable for impacts of displacement of residents, local businesses and community and cultural anchors. Thank you for addressing the critical need to increase the supply of childcare facilities in our communities.</p> <p>This updated Comp Plan is historic not only in how race and social equity is explicitly acknowledged and analyzed within the body of the document but more importantly a web of equitable, community-driven policy changes embedded in detail from listening and accepting by KC staff. We are grateful for the leadership of the Executive, your support, and the tireless and genuinely committed efforts of all levels of staff.</p>	Whitney Nakamura	Inclusionary Housing	Written	11/19/2024

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511	Dear Councilmembers and Executive - See the screen shot from this morning. I have had so many people thank me for speaking up because so many are afraid to. Just look at this post from this morning. Good Neighbor Vashon has more support than you may think. Fear is silencing the people.	GoodNeighborVashon	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
512	[attached list of names]	GoodNeighborVashon	None listed	Written	11/19/2024
513	Verbal comment at this link: https://king.granicus.com/player/clip/10665?meta_id=698445	Carolyn Boatsman	Climate Smart Plants	Verbal	11/19/2024
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539	<p>On behalf of the SnoValley Chamber of Commerce, we would like to make a statement, as you consider the 2024 King County Comprehensive Plan, we urge you to prioritize policies that preserve and support small, locally owned businesses, promote economic diversification, and address affordable housing in collaboration with nearby rural cities and unincorporated areas.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Infrastructure improvements, including the inclusion of SR18, SR202, SR203, and I-90 in freight corridor planning and investments in electric vehicle infrastructure, are essential for regional connectivity and climate action. •We also advocate for the protection of the Valley's cultural and historical sites, enhanced collaboration with local chambers and stakeholders, sustainable tourism development, and programs that align workforce skills with economic needs. •Additionally, we emphasize the importance of environmental stewardship, climate resilience, improved access to health and human services, and land use policies that preserve the Valley's rural character while accommodating necessary growth. •We fully support our cities in their efforts to seek necessary exemptions for the Snoqualmie Valley. <p>These recommendations will ensure the Snoqualmie Valley thrives economically, culturally, and environmentally, aligning with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan. Thank you for your time and consideration.</p>	Kelly Coughlin	Snoqualmie Valley	Written	11/19/2024
540	<p>I strongly support the zoning reform for Vashon Town as communicated by the County in the latest Striking Amendment and the 11/12 "Vashon Inclusionary Housing Community Discussion" conducted by Council Member Teresa Mosqueda:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.Changing the (P-suffix) two-story height limit to three-story for Vashon Town's CB zoning. 2.Changing the (P-suffix) 8 du/ac density limit to 12 du/ac base density for Vashon Town's CB zoning. 3.Improving the existing Residential Density Incentive program (which has been ineffective) with the new Inclusionary Housing Program by increasing incentives for both non-profits (100% to 125%) and market development (50% to 100%). 4.Including Vashon Town's residential and CB multi-family zoned properties in the County's improved Inclusionary Housing Program. <p>I'm a long-time housing advocate and supporter of affordable housing. I'm a member of the Vashon-Maury Community Council and it's Affordable Housing and Town Plan Committees. I was recently the Chair of the Affordable Housing Committee for two years. I'm also a member and recent Chair of the Vashon-Maury Island Groundwater Protection Committee. In those roles, I've had a front row seat for the County's proposed Vashon Town zoning reforms with Comp Plan 2024.</p> <p>I'm mostly impressed with how the County has handled the Comp Plan 2024 proposed reforms and how they have been communicated with Islanders. The proposed zoning modifications listed above are a moderate step in the right direction to removing barriers and enabling the creation of more badly-needed Island multifamily housing. Is it enough? Will it move the needle given that current barriers resulted in no market multifamily housing being built in over 30 years, on an Island experiencing a severe housing crisis? Time will tell, but these zoning reforms are a necessary step in the right direction.</p>	Morgan Brown		Written	11/19/2024

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541	<p>I am strongly opposed to the proposed zoning changes for Vashon Island.</p> <p>Why is the County endorsing a plan that would take the only rural Island in King County, accessible solely by boat, and force it to become another Federal Way, Tukwila, or Seattle?</p> <p>Vashon has no room or budget for more roads. Vashon town and the "highway" can not handle any further increases in density or use. Vashon has a very limited water source and a very fragile aquifer which would be destroyed by an increase in density. Why hasn't the County studied this and made any proposed zoning changes contingent on a positive EIS and a study that takes this into account?</p> <p>The Ferry Service to Vashon Island is the worst it has been since the Washington State Ferries took over from the Black Ball line in 1951. Lifelong Island residents are in agreement on this -- it is not an exaggeration. Given this fact, and with no realistic plan to improve Ferry Service for the next 10 years + why is King County putting in place a zoning change that would double the Island's population in less than 5 years? How does the County explain how we are supposed to access the Island once the Island has been transformed into a Seattle style city?</p> <p>There are many ways to provide low income housing in reasonable numbers that does not destroy a rural community's character and culture. Why hasn't King County taken that approach as opposed to out of control, rampant growth?</p> <p>The vast majority of Islanders are just learning about this massive zoning change -- the only significant input has been by special interest groups or a small, non representative, Island group -- including developers that stand to make millions of dollars at the Islanders ultimate expense. Why doesn't King County do an Island wide survey and listen to its real representatives -- the people themselves?</p>	Mike Lande	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
542	<p>I am writing to express my concern regarding the proposed development as described in the Nov. 6 edition of the Beachcomber. While I am supportive of and recognize the need for affordable housing, it is not at all clear whether this project will serve that need for Vashon residents, or simply attract people who currently live off-island. And directly related to this concern is the potential scale of the project, which apparently could be as many as 100 units.</p> <p>I am also concerned about the lack of transparency coming from King County. A development of this size would destroy the rural nature of Vashon. I appreciate the developer's stated commitment to "green" development, but this does nothing to address the limited infrastructure on Vashon nor a ferry system that is barely meeting the needs of the current residents. Vashon simply can't support an increase in population on the scale that is being discussed and remain a viable rural area.</p> <p>I understand that there are trade-offs in every plan to provide adequate affordable housing, but if the result is an oversized development in one of the few remaining rural areas of King County then this project is not supportable. I sincerely hope that you do a better job that you have so far informing Vashon residents of the planning process, and provide an open forum for our input.</p>	Noah Roselander	Regenerative Development Demonstration Project	Written	11/19/2024

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544	<p>I'm deeply disappointed to have missed the deadline for public feed back and feel that in any case I'm in the category of what I think doesn't matter anyway. I'm not a wealthy property owner or private developer who stands to profit off of the changes. I am a life long resident of Vashon Island who is terrified of what is about to happen, the onslaught of development and population growth, the diminishment of our water resources, and of turning Vashon into a city suburb.</p> <p>Already with the Airbnb industry and the increase of tourism that brings we've experienced the commoditization and sale of our privacy and quiet. I've heard council members talk of regulation but have only see the number of short term rentals skyrocket and remove rental housing from the community. In the community meetings as well as king county council meetings I've attended there has been in attendance a private developer who plan seems to be dropping a "green"city block of 95 townhomes and 200 apartments which would destroy our rural town, be built on wetlands and doesn't seem to have parking factored in as it's not required due to its proximity to public transportation. There will be a thousand cars looking for parking in an area that is already inundated with tourist vehicles adding to the part timers and those of us who live here full time. The rural town will no longer be rural.</p> <p>The island will be forever altered and turned into the city by such changes. I've been told "don't worry, the rest of the island will remain zoned rural". I'm worried. Homes are being sole to become more VRBOs and properties divided with more building happening. I very much hope king county is not selling out our home and our water supply to try and solve problems that cannot be solved with apartments and greater density. Perhaps that works and is necessary elsewhere but Vashon cannot support that kind of density. Nor do most of us, at least those of us for whom this is home, want it. Whether we like it or not, Vashon has been "found", the population increases, changes happen and I get that.</p> <p>I appreciate that there are problems and we're looking for band aid solutions to long term systemic issues. Middle class people can't live where we grew up. I've watched my island friends move away because they can't afford to live here. I don't have an answer either. I'm begging for someone to care and to protect this place from the developers who want to profit off our home but feel resigned to becoming another islander who'll have to leave eventually. I understand that I am overly emotional about this practical issue but here it is. If someone read this, thank you.</p>	Laura Clampitt	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
545	<p>The Muckleshoot Tribe wishes to express support for the Seattle Indian Health Board's efforts to build an inpatient treatment center next year on Vashon Island, at the site of the former Vashon Community Care building to address the fentanyl and opioid crisis. The Muckleshoot Tribe owns land on Vashon Island and submitting public comment as a community stakeholder. The Thunderbird Treatment Center is crucial for addressing the opioid crisis in King County and Washington state. The 92-bed residential treatment facility will be the largest of its kind in the state by increasing the number of inpatient treatment beds in King County by 62%. They will expand and integrate the use of Traditional Indian Medicine healing practices as well as offer additional medical and mental health care under one roof while providing the services and treatment that people struggling with substance use disorder need today. This facility will be available to the greater community but Indigenous people will receive high priority because the need is so great. Thunderbird will also provide a mobile dental clinic which doesn't exist today but will be implemented to support the entire Vashon Island community. On September 19, 2024 the Vashon-Maury Island Community Council voted to endorse the Thunderbird Treatment Center. We ask that the King County Council and the King County Executive also show their support by approving an amendment to the Comprehensive Plan.</p>	Muckleshoot Indian Tribe	Treatment Center	Written	11/19/2024

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546	<p>Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the comprehensive plan. I live on Vashon Island and am against the constant attempts to make Vashon more urban. In my opinion we have plenty of low income housing and do not need more. I am opposed to the zoning that allows Thunderbird Treatment center to operate as a residential treatment facility rather than a community residential facility. This zoning seems to be focused right at aiding SIHB since their property is the only property affected by this. Preferential favors like this is not fair to the island since we do not have the necessary infrastructure for a facility of this size, not do we want the infrastructure. I am on the same water supply as Thunderbird and received. Notice of short water supply in the summer of 2021 which was the last year the Community Center was in optionarion. I am very concerned that since Thunderbird will have about twice as many people as the Community Center did water shortages will become more of a problem in the coming years. I ask that you hold off on zoning changes allowing for both the expansion of Thunderbird and any other additional housing until a complete water study has been performed for the entire island.</p>	Mark Thorn	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
547	<p>The struck lines for agenda item #25 STRIKING AMENDMENT TO PROPOSED ORDINANCE 2023-0440, VERSION 2, starting on pg 388, line 7910 thru 8115 should be kept in place and not removed. The text replacing it is inadequate in its ability to abide by the intent of the KCCP, which is to protect our rural areas. It is not protection of the community in mind when you lower standards for battery energy storage systems that have proven to be dangerous and costly. This all being guided by the BESS ordinance 2023-0263 which was strongly opposed by community members. The required decommissioning and insurance and bonding capped at \$1 million is woefully inadequate. The text does not consider the multitude of known eventualities of misplacement of these types of lithium facilities.</p> <p>Just this month Fredericktown Missouri became a prime example of these risks, where a large lithium fire caused a fish killoff in 3 miles of stream and a miles long toxic plume. Multiple agencies responded in coordination with the local fire dept and I doubt that was less than \$1million in costs.</p> <p>The risks to humans is real although long term health effects aren't yet known. Are those risks only worth a million? I hear other community members ask for help with community healthcare, safety and the ability to build generational wealth via home ownership. Lithium battery energy storage systems are a risk to all of the above.</p> <p>The pace of implementation of these ordinances into our decades long planning code seems reckless and ill-intended when lithium tech is now commonly known to be inherently unsafe. Even OSHA has not been able to keep up with manufacturing standards. We've seen acid burns, toxic fume exposure and the obvious fire risks, as per a bloomberg law article from this year around EV battery safety.</p> <p>Where is the emissions data to show any of these measures have been effective? Where is the BAS study for BESS or information on how CAOs will consider where to place these? Who has deemed themselves a worthy judge of the safety and effectiveness of BESS in our neighborhoods? Next to our schools, homes, waterways/wetlands, wildlife and wilderness? We must know what it is that is compelling you to implement these changes despite our protests and evidence that it is not safe/equitable/financially responsible/sustainable or effective in reducing CO2 emmissions. We are tabulating your votes which show your credibility with the community and qualification for the roles you hold and choose to seek. Who do we have to get to tell you NO before you listen?</p>	Bonnie Helms	BESS	Written	11/19/2024

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548	<p>No rezoning on my parcel .</p> <p>I would like for you to understand that I built the 228th and 202nd intersection for the public, as well as the entrance to my property at 22725 NE Redmond-Fall City Road, Parcel NO. 21-25-06, which is a storage yard zoned MPP. I just got the county's recorded information from your filed records. That was when I completed the work out here on the intersection, along with my Commercial Highway 202 access. My access that Northwest /school were in discussion.</p> <p>I have attached the County's Permit A92B1612, I would like to confirm that this property is zoned MPP -Storage Yard since 1991. I must have been confused when I used Light Industrial.</p>	Bob Thompson	Santa Property	Written	11/19/2024
549	<p>I appreciate the opportunity to make comments on the Comprehensive Plan. I have submitted these comments to Council member Mosqueda, since they relate to Vashon Island issues:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •These are the affordability levels of housing we need on Vashon? o60 - 80% is the target level to meet the housing needs of our grocery workers, teachers, health care workers and others who make our island's economic engine run. With routine delays in ferry operations, it is almost impossible for these workers to come from off-island. Importantly, we also want this diversity in our island community. It enriches all of us when these workers are knitted into our community, which is increasingly monochromatic in age and wealth. olt is important to realize that Vashon is a unique community in King County. While affordability may be found by moving further and further out of urbanized areas in parts of King County, there is no such opportunity for workers and families challenged by housing costs on Vashon; you are either on the island or a ferry ride away. oWe know that work force housing is a necessity, and affordability levels should be set to meet those financial tolerances. ol cannot see the sense of having "inclusionary housing" affordability levels set at 80-120% of the AMI. On Vashon, fixed levels make it clear what kind of housing needs we are trying to provide. •I fully support affordable housing on Vashon being added to the prioritization list for mandatory time limits in the permitting process. When the Comp Plan changes were first proposed, I believe I am correct in saying that market rate housing was given some relief in the permitting process. It is unconscionable that this would not be provided for affordable housing projects. I am assuming that adding them to the prioritization list is an even greater level of support for those projects. 	Donna Klemma	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024

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550	<p>A footnote to previous comment:</p> <p>The opacity of this Plan Update is marvelous. Virtually impossible for an ordinary human being with a reasonable computer to find the way through the thicket of P-suffixes and changing overlays to find out what existing zoning is, let alone what's coming. Case in point: the developer of a proposed Regenerative Demonstration Housing Project in Vashon's rural town has claimed a max density of 96 units per acre on one of his parcels. No one could corroborate this, not multiple folks' searches, not the Beachcomber's exhaustive article on the subject. Had to be a mistake, we all concluded. But now, in the latest striking amendments, we find that the base density in the CB zone was, indeed, 48 units per acre. So if a density bonus of 200% applied, 96 units per acre would be possible—scary as this is. That means the "demonstration" housing project could total 343 units. How on earth did this kind of density work its way into the plan?</p> <p>Second case in point: in a discussion with planners about the rising height limits in the Vashon Rural Town core, one casually mentioned that outside the town core, but within the Rural Town boundary, height limits were allowed up to 60 and even 75 feet, per the 2016 updated Plan. Again, it's impossible to find language in the ordinance that states this. How and when was this limit inserted into the last Plan, which as it would allow for 5- to 6-story buildings, would have been strongly opposed by the Vashon community, had it known.</p> <p>These two instances show how King County, applying its inexorable push toward density even into the Vashon Rural Area in ways that can't be detected by the residents, must be either deaf to the desires of our Island community, or choosing insidious tactics.</p> <p>During the last Update ten years ago, the County put on a thorough, un-rushed presentation at one of our schools, with large posters of zoning maps, development plans, and tables that showed pretty well what the proposed changes would be. Plenty of staff were there to answer questions, as folks browsed through the changes. It was a fair approach. This year, there was one somewhat similar presentation at the Vashon Center for the Arts, but there were only a few maps of specific, non-controversial changes to a small number of parcels. "Unhelpful" and "disappointing" were typical reactions. Since then, a huge raft of striking amendments came along, were resolved, and now there's another set. The County has made no attempt to share its intentions, other than a couple virtual meetings put on by Councilmember Mosqueda which, though helpful, were quite brief. Will the community only find out what's in store after the vote on the Update on December 3? it appears that's the case. So, please answer this: does this opacity represent tone-deafness? Or insidiousness?</p>	Richard Bard	Vashon	Written	11/19/2024
551	<p>I am completely oppose to changing the zoning laws of the down town core on Vashon to accommodate one developer. They say this is for low income housing, that is a lie, it is to sell 80+ town houses at market rate to mostly off island people further impacting our already small road structure, weakened ferry system, health care system and emergency response.</p> <p>Sure some development in the town core is good, but the zoning is in place for that already.</p> <p>A needed solution to improve housing through zoning changes consider it reasonable to increase ADU buildings on larger tax lots, less restrictions on building 1 or 2 add units. What that will do is increase work for local small scale builders, provide income for people living on island that have a hard time just keeping up with mortgage, provide reasonable housing alternatives for local workers and a lot more. Providing a zoning change for 1 man to build a large cluster of \$800,000 town homes, just wrong.</p>	Dan Gilbert	Regenerative Development Demonstration Project	Written	11/20/2024

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552	<p>I am belatedly responding to a sudden additional request for further commentary to the King Council comprehensive plan, regarding the section proposing to allow heritage signage in Ellisport, Vashon, WA.</p> <p>I have been involved with the Ellisport Trail development group since 2017, and attest that we have had massive support from our local residents for this project via a series of community meetings during that time, as well as via the Vashon Community Council, which endorsed the project after a June 20, 2024 discussion and 8/7/24 vote, attended by Councilmember Mosqueda via Zoom.</p> <p>I've learned that there has been a No Signage contingent from outside our community, spearheaded by someone angry about her walking view become obscured. This is a huge over-reaction, given the careful planning of placement on historic private properties, whose owners have guided us in this project. Small, accessible, informative signage in our turn-of-the-century neighborhood has been designed and approved by a majority of our residents.</p> <p>Please vote YES on this comprehensive plan. I am including below a letter from a Steering Committee member, Steve Bergman, which provides more detail. Thanks for your support, Lynn Carrigan 8006 SW 203rd St., Vashon, WA 98070; 206-229-2169 cell.</p> <p>Below is a letter to all council members on this subject from my colleague Steve Bergman, whose views and info I am verifying:</p> <p>Dear Councilmember: This letter is in support of a community-building effort on Vashon Island. Since 2015, Ellisport residents have been working on a three-part history project – first, a very successful exhibit at the Vashon Heritage Museum in 2015-2017, second, a re-creation of an historic Chautauqua Assembly in 2017, and third, a Hidden History Heritage trail (2018-2024). Thanks to King County for funding three grants for these efforts through the CSA, 4Culture, and Alan Painter Grant programs. Over 75 local residents have been involved and the projects have been very well received by the community.</p> <p>When we began to work on the sign host agreements for the Heritage trail last January, we discovered the King County Sign Code does not allow them, so this past year we have been working to obtain an exemption from the Sign Code. At the presentation to our Vashon-Maury Community Council this summer, there was some opposition from people who simply don't like any signs, even stating the new speed limit signs were cluttering their view, but they were out-voted. We did not realize how adamant the anti-signers were and they have not contacted us to discuss their issues. They do not live in Ellisport and, sadly, have been spreading false stories about our project in public meetings and in letters to our elected leaders!</p> <p>Please vote to exempt our Vashon Heritage Trail Signs from the Sign Code. We have spoken to many other neighborhoods on Vashon such as Gold Beach and Lisa Buela who are very interested in generating similar heritage signs for their neighborhoods. The signs are small and unobtrusive, do not block the scenery, and impart a surprising hidden history for the community to learn about and enjoy. Most importantly, they result in community-building, in contrast to the opposition who is sadly attempting to break down our community with their efforts.</p>	Steve Bergman	Signs	Written	11/21/2024
553	<p>Please exempt Vashon Island from the proposed King County Comprehensive Plan.</p> <p>Vashon is basically a rural area with many farms and small businesses.</p> <p>People have paid a premium to maintain this by way of high taxes, reduced services, higher costs of goods, inconvenient ferry access to the point of public safety, loss of health services and elder care.</p> <p>Information about the proposed changes has been difficult for most to access and understand.</p> <p>There's a community council that appears to support the changes but less than 1 % belong to it or support it and their recommendations.</p> <p>Vashon residents have been opposing bridges and increased density for many decades.</p> <p>There is not enough water to supply the existing population.</p> <p>The sewer district doesn't appear to be very good. Septic systems in some areas are polluting.</p> <p>Vashon needs a better police system, drug enforcement/elimination, healthcare, elder care, child care, not hoards of people on the already overcrowded roads and ferries.</p> <p>Just because some developers want to exploit the island and turn it into a mini- Singapore doesn't mean you should enable them to destroy what islanders have paid taxes and worked hard to preserve.</p> <p>Please exempt Vashon Island from the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p>	JL Braun	Vashon	Written	11/21/2024

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554	<p>I support the feedback you have received from the editor and writers of the Loop online newspaper regarding zoning changes on Vashon Island. Vashon should be exempt from the King County proposed zoning changes.</p> <p>Vashon does not have the infrastructure to support the proposed developments. There is still not enough water (water district 19 had restrictions this summer, Heights Water had leptospirosis warnings in the past, etc).</p> <p>The sewer has had multiple problems and there's already contamination from farming and inadequate septic installations.</p> <p>The ferry service is deplorable yet Islanders put up with it to ensure a better quality of life than the crime ridden overcrowded cities surrounding them on the mainlands. Islanders have repeatedly opposed bridges.</p> <p>Vashon is basically a rural community and the majority want to keep it as such.</p> <p>Islanders pay premiums in higher living costs to maintain this way of life.</p> <p>The so-called community council is a special interest group that clearly represents less than one percent of the voting population.</p> <p>Some affordable housing may be advantageous if done correctly. Support should be given perhaps to Vashon Household.</p> <p>Private developments such as the one proposed for West of the UGA supermarket complex will only add to the problems on the Island.</p> <p>Vashon desperately needs better law enforcement solutions. It especially needs drug enforcement as locals refer publicly to "the Dockton meth house" and others. This drug distribution has wreaked havoc on the community for decades yet nothing is being done to stop it.</p> <p>The human trafficking situation took years for the Federal Government to stop, yet I believe they didn't go far enough and there are similar situations.</p> <p>The elderly on the Island have limited resources especially in healthcare and they have become targets for crime and abuse.</p> <p>Vashon doesn't need or want huge numbers of people depleting the limited resources and requiring increased social services.</p> <p>Please exempt Vashon Island from the King County Comprehensive Plan.</p>	Kay Cook	Vashon	Written	11/21/2024

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555	<p>please reconsider.</p> <p>On Vashon Island there is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •NO Hospital •NO Walk-in Urgent Care •NO After hours medical business •NO Restaurants open after 8 or 9pm •ONLY Two operational hotels. The largest has 16 rooms! 16. •ONLY Two small Grocery stores that close at 8pm •NO Traffic lights •ONLY Two sheriff deputies (at best) covering 80 sq miles of island. (same land mass as the city of Seattle) •NO OB-GYN •NO Pediatric provider •NO MRI, CAT Scan or Lab •NO access on or off island after midnight •NO heliport •NO Starbucks, McDonalds, Taco Bell, etc. <p>But you are allowing a code change & permit specifically for a 92 BED ASAM 3.5 Rehab/Detox facility that includes pregnant women and their children on this island. In all seriousness - you know this is insanity. How could anyone think an extremely rural isolated island is a place to put a high intensity drug and alcohol rehab facility of this size?</p> <p>A 92 bed facility with a 45 day program will bring over 700 addicts a year to Vashon. Plus their support friends and family. Where will they stay and/or eat? The facility will be voluntary - meaning the patients can just walk off whenever they want. Where will they go on the island?</p> <p>I understand the vote is imminent, but please reconsider that this island community clearly can not support the people or the facility that the Seattle Indian Health Board is planning and you are allowing.</p>	Thomas Parobek	Vashon	Written	11/22/2024
556	<p>To all council members.... As a long time resident of Vashon (43 years) there have been a lot of proposals and different ideas over the years but it is a very bad idea to place a drug rehabilitation center here. The organization has done studies saying that their other facilities have had no negative impact on the surrounding community, but none of those studies have been from a landlocked island community. Our resources here are extremely stretched already in order to cover our community let alone our first responders having to deal with the people that the rehab would bring into the community that may have issues and needs from our first responders. Also, considering that our very flawed ferry system is not up and running with three boats already poses difficulties getting on and off the island as a current resident. Why would an organization ever want to add the element of a drug rehab to this island community? The organization also seems to change the verbiage of their intentions in order to fit inside of the zoning regulations. And the president has verbally said during meetings that they could always expand to other things that they are not allowed to do as of this point in time. That makes residents here very uneasy, as if they're going to get in there and do exactly what they want to do instead of following along with the regulations and zones of our community. I want to add, I live on the very north end above the ferry dock so I believe that the crime rate of those that are loitering around the area of the docks would put my home and safety at risk. Please I strongly recommend that this rehabilitation center or crisis center is not allowed to invade this small island community.</p>	MaraWyn Victor	Treatment Center	Written	11/22/2024

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557	<p>Dear Council Chair Upthegrove and Council Members Balducci, Barón, Dembowski, Dunn, Mosqueda, Perry, von Reichbauer, and Zahilay:</p> <p>As the County Council approaches its final decisions on the comprehensive plan update, Futurewise prepared this analysis raising legal concerns applicable to the policies and regulations outside of urban growth areas. These same concerns would apply to some of the rural issues raised by the Joint Rural Area Team.</p> <p>Thank you for considering our comments.</p> <p>If you need anything else, please let me know. [Attached comment letter available in accompanying PDF]</p>	Tim Trohimovich	Rural Areas	Written	11/26/2024
558	<p>I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed green energy special district overlay. I live in the adjacent Maple Hills neighborhood and oppose any modification to zoning that will put an additional burden on the health and safety of our community. The noise, odors, and toxic fumes that are emitted from both the Cedar Hills Regional Landfill as well as Cedar Grove Composting is already too much to bear.</p>	Mike Luedke	Green Energy Overlay	Written	11/26/2024
559	<p>My name is Janet Dobrowolski and I would like to submit additional public comments on the Green Energy Special District overlay being proposed.</p> <p>I understand the official comment period ended Nov. 17, but I would like to add some additional comments to the oral testimony I gave on that day, now, in my capacity as a resident of Maple Hills community.</p> <p>In regards to the Green Energy Special District Overlay, I respectfully request you not approve it at this time.</p> <p>If that appears to not be an option, then I request 2 changes.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> No landfill usage to support the regional solid waste system should be allowed. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If you are truly serious about reducing greenhouse gas emissions, then you should not be adding municipal solid waste landfills, ever again in King County. Having one of the largest landfills on the west coast is bad enough in terms of methane emissions. Landfills are considered the third largest source of human-caused methane emissions in the U.S., responsible for 14.3% of methane in 2021 and emitting the equivalent to the greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from nearly 23.1 million gasoline-powered passenger vehicles driven for one year, according to the EPA. This is the worst possible climate for landfills. EPA does not recommend municipal solid waste landfills be built in wet environments. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Landfills are a bio-reactor for methane. Bacteria that create methane thrive in water. The more water, the more methane. Abnormal amount of leachate is created. Methane capture is not full proof. CHRL has had problems with its collection pipes and are in the process of installing 50 more wells. In the meantime, where is all the methane going? They are certainly not collecting 95% of it. To see where it's going, check out some of these videos on this page. https://www.protectcrc.org/gallery Remove parcels 29230969078 & 2923069079 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2 KC Parks properties are part of the 8 parcel Belmondo Forest Natural Area purchased in December 2023 using the CTF funding. This is a taxpayer funded purchase with the expressed purpose of preserving open space. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> In discussions with KC Parks employees Taylor Sidoine and Judy Blanco, KC Parks is going to retain the forest habitat and restore forest health where necessary by removing noxious weeds and replanting. According to Taylor, the properties were purchased with the intent to preserve them in perpetuity as a natural area and the funding source (CTF) extinguished the development rights. As a taxpayer, I expect the CTF funds to be used as stated and properties not to be hijacked for other purposes, especially waste related. 	Janet Dobrowolski	Green Energy Overlay	Written	12/1/2024

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560	<p>Thank you for all your efforts developing the draft King County comprehensive plan! The draft is a tremendous body of work that clearly advances state, regional, and county policies on many fronts.</p> <p>PSRC provided the attached comment letter in April. The current amendments consider numerous changes to the draft plan, including several that make substantive changes to the rural area. In the April letter, we noted the county's anticipated rural growth and the policy from VISION 2050 (Multicounty Planning Policy DP-40-43) that directs reducing rural growth over time to maintain rural landscapes and lifestyles and protect resources lands and the environment.</p> <p>Protecting the rural area and reducing the rate of rural growth are fundamental parts of VISION 2050 and the Regional Growth Strategy. King County has done impressive work over several decades to consistently reduce rural growth pressure. The recently updated King County Countywide Planning Policies direct a rural housing growth rate of no more than one percent of overall growth, consistent with the Regional Growth Strategy.</p> <p>King County's draft plan amendments under consideration include several changes that would encourage additional residential and commercial growth in the rural area. To maintain consistency with the Regional Growth Strategy and the Countywide Planning Policies, King County's comprehensive plan should demonstrate clear strategies to maintain rural growth at or below one percent and to protect rural landscapes, lifestyles, and resources.</p> <p>We encourage the county to review the April PSRC letter to ensure that the comments have been fully considered in the final plan. We appreciate all the work the county is doing and the opportunity to review and provide comments. We are happy to continue working with you as the county nears adoption. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me at 206-464-7540 or pinghram@psrc.org.</p>	Paul Inghram (PSRC)	Rural Area	Written	12/1/2024
561	<p>Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this Subarea Plan (Appendix J).</p> <p>Line 290 states that the Plan is intended to guide future investments. Line 554.e includes the following Guiding Principal: " Preserve cultural and historic resources and landmarks."</p> <p>Sadly, this about the only mention of historic resources and landmarks included in the document. This is a serious omission.</p> <p>Specifically in reference to the Baring community (Lines 720-725), the Baring Bridge which is on the National Register of Historic Places is not included. It is, however, a defining characteristic of this community. County investment to preserve this historic bridge is essential.</p> <p>Lines 1972-1975 only indicate that the protection of historic landmarks are "of interest". No policy related to these resources is proposed. Line 4106 indicates that the preservation of historic landmarks is covered in the general Comprehensive Plan. This is not adequate to address specific resources of national significance that exist within the NE King County Subarea.</p> <p>Given the guiding statement in this document (lines 290 and 554) the County should add the following policy to the Open Space and Cultural Resources section:</p> <p>Expand County investment in the cultural and historic resources of the Subarea with emphasis on those of national significance as listed on the National Register of Historic Places.</p>	Patricia Warren	Cultural Resources	Written	12/1/2024

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562	<p>I see no mention, addressing man-made Industrial and Commercial areas, growing within residential housing areas. When my husband and I purchased our house; there were no Industrial and Commercial vehicles using 35th Avenue South as a thoroughfare to and from their self-made parking lot. I now have very large potholes in the dirt avenue, in front of my house. Including a growing dirt ditch, paralleling the west side of Military Road (traveling southbound). Other large vehicles, such as pick-up trucks, also fling dirt and gravel when entering Military Road. For whatever reason, these additional vehicles do not use 374th Street to enter Military Road. 374th Street has recently undergone a buildup and leveling, yet these industrial vehicles still use the avenue in front of our house to enter Military Road.</p> <p>I would like this continuing issue to be placed on record before the 'Comprehensive Plan in Unincorporated King County' is closed.</p>	Karen Campion	Industrial Uses	Written	12/2/2024