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RE: South Lake Stevens "Visioning"

Dear Mr. Medrud

I am writing to address the above-referenced process being conducted by the City of Lake Stevens with regard to their proposed UGA Expansion currently under consideration by Snohomish County Council.

I wish to make several simple points that you and the Lake Stevens City Council are requested enter onto the formal record as part of both your visioning process and the LS-1 comprehensive plan amendment.

1. This area is a Snohomish neighborhood, not a Lake Stevens area.
2. I know of no one in this area that wishes to be governed by Lake Stevens, regardless of what type of "Vision" you elect to dream up.
3. The residents in this area have already made several testimonies to the Snohomish City Council and the Snohomish County Council and in doing so have wholly and publicly rejected governance of this area by Lake Stevens and established "on the record" a preference for governance by the City of Snohomish.
4. The "Vision" of myself and my neighbors is to be governed by Snohomish.
5. US2 is not the "natural southern boundary" that Lake Stevens claims it to be. In fact, it is a trench dug in the 1980's that separated from Snohomish its northerly neighborhood dating back to the 1880's.

I am highly concerned that Lake Stevens is refusing to take a polite "no" for an answer and instead is using this "Visioning Process" concocted by your firm and

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the Lake Stevens Planning Director as an excuse to paint the wrong picture of how people actually feel about the issue of who should govern this area. If Lake Stevens does not like the answers it gets this time, will it invent another silly process that further wastes its taxpayer dollars to attempt to get the answer it desires?

Frankly, I am tired of the City of Lake Stevens, its mayor, council and administration continuing to ignore the wisdom and position of the people that live and own property in this area, and continuing to force Lake Stevens' governance onto us.

The City of Lake Stevens is engendering no respect by its actions and refusal to acknowledge the desire for people in this area to be governed by Snohomish. The people in this area do not want to be governed by a city that will not listen to the primary issue of the people – to be left alone and governed by Snohomish.

As a responsible third party consultant, it is your professional obligation to report the facts accurately and fairly, regardless of whether your client wishes to hear them or not. Please inform your client that no one in this area wants to be governed by Lake Stevens, regardless of what Lake Stevens "vision" is.

Lastly, please inform your client that it is time to start listening to what the people are actually saying, instead of throwing its weight around and attempting to change people's minds when their minds are already made up.

So the message is not lost and we hopefully will not have to repeat it again, this letter is cc'd to all elected officials at the County Council, PDS Staff and the city of Lake Stevens. Please ensure that this letter is entered onto the record of the environmental impact statement being conducted by the County and in the record of the final report of your "Vision"

Yours Truly,

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cc: County Council Chairman Dave Somers
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County Councilmember Dave Gossett
County Councilmember John Koster

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