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Subject: 2012 KCCP Update, AZ-16, Sammamish Valley Staff Report--Proposed Move of Urban Growth Boundary

Our Rural Area UACs are concerned about a proposed move of the Urban Growth Boundary (UGB) in the Sammamish Valley to allow the City of Woodinville to annex several parcels. These parcels are along a rural road in the unincorporated Rural Area. They either abut the Sammamish Valley Agricultural Production District (APD) or include land within the APD.

This appears to be a classic case of slowly changing zoning in a piecemeal fashion. We have complained about just such examples in the past citing conflicts with the State Growth Management Act, the Growth Management Planning Council's Countywide Planning Policies, and the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP).

We strongly oppose such changes or setting of such precedents. Yet, all too often, we see these types of proposals surfacing up again and again in different parts of the County. As you can tell from past comments submitted by our Rural Area Unincorporated Area Councils (UACs), we do not like loopholes, special cases, sweetheart deals, spot-zoning, etc.

Clearly, the City of Woodinville does not lack land capacity to meet its population and housing needs. In AZ-16 DDES Staff has done an excellent job of outlining this issue and delving into important details. We strongly support Staff's recommendation to deny this proposed change.

During the King County Council's upcoming 2012 KCCP Update deliberations, should this proposal come before you, we urge you to shoot it down. This proposal is in clear violation of existing policies, sets a precedent, and is just plain wrong!

Thank you.

GMVUAC Chair Steve Hiester  
FCUAC Chair Peter Eberle  
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