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Subject: Whatcom County Council and Planning Commission population projection

To Whom It May Concern-

Due to work, I will be unable to attend upcoming public meetings regarding projected population, land use and environmental impacts.

I wish to urge the City Council to adopt the lowest feasible population projection, as I believe it will protect Whatcom County's best interests, as well as the world at large.

Whatcom County is losing its rural areas to sprawl at an alarming rate, and a lower population projection will support agricultural preservation, a tremendously important piece of keeping things local and healthy while also providing habitat for all of the fauna that call Whatcom County home, whether year-round or in migration. Whatcom County citizens strongly favor slower growth.

While it is important to factor in needs for a population that may still grow, it is by far the most important to focus on what is most necessary for the land, businesses and people of the county, and the lowest feasible projection is the one that will enable us to do just that.

Thank you,
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