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Subject: Population Projection

Dear Whatcom County Council and Planning Commission,

Please, please, when you are discussing the plans for the future of Whatcom County, plan to adopt the lowest feasible population projection for our county. Our county has already grown to a point where it is losing its beauty and causing detriment to the environment, not to mention to the quality of life. We have a choice in this matter and there is no reason in the world (except for greed on some people's part) to choose anything but the lowest projection of growth. Whatcom County is already advertised everywhere as the perfect place to retire. More and more retirees come and out of bordon, they get jobs that young people who have grown up here can't get. The housing goes up in price as the County grows and taxes go up to pay fro infrastructure from new developments. Our farm land dwindles, wetlnands get comvered up and our salmon streams become endangered. We can do something to avoid too many changes in the county. We can limit the projection for growth. We cannot grow and grow forever. Now is the time to decide our destiny. Do the right thing for all of us and for our future.

Sincerely,

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