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Dear Members of Whatcom County Planning Commission,

Please add my voice to those urging the adoption of the lowest possible 20 year population projection. My understanding is that this number is around 220,000.

In general I favor compact, well planned cities, and the preservation of our farmlands, forests, parks and open spaces. I greatly value our local and regional agriculture, salmon streams, and lakes. And I'm not in favor of more loss of these forests and agricultural lands to development and the additional roads, bridges, schools, commerce, water/ sewer systems, police and fire systems that accompanies sprawling development.

Can we use the current downturn in the economy to reevaluate the many virtues of Less rather than More? Please keep Whatcom County free from the nightmare of the Seattle megalopolis.

Sincerely,  
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