

From: Council
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To Whatcom County Council Members;

My name is Darryl Roosendaal. I am part-owner of a 19.7 acre parcel of land situated in the southwest corner on the Proposed UGA on the East side of the Double Ditch Road in Lynden, WA. On behalf of the owners of this parcel, we would like to encourage the County Council to adopt the recommendation made by the City of Lynden in May, and if not that, the County Executive's recommendation.

I testified at the joint Whatcom County Planning Commission/Council meeting on September 17, 2009. My testimony is summarized as follows:

"As a property owner within the proposed UGA we strongly encourage the adoption of the recommendation before you from the City of Lynden for these reasons:

1. Our property is bordered on two sides by City of Lynden property.
2. The 19.7 acres we own has not been used as a functioning farm since 1974, and will never be used as a dairy farm again.
3. If we had not been able to lease to a potato farmer, we are not sure what the land would have been used for.
4. As the Planning Commission and Council heard on 09/17/2009, our land has only marginal value as farmland.

Therefore, it makes only logical sense that the UGA in the City of Lynden's recommendation be adopted and designated to accommodate the City of Lynden's future and anticipated growth."

Sincerely,

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