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November 2, 2009

To: Whatcom County Council Planning & Development Committee

FROM: Troy Strong

RE: SUPPORT for City of Lynden's UGA & Growth Allocations

I feel very strongly that the City of Lynden has an excellent plan in place with the UGA and growth allocations.

The City of Lynden's proposal for the expansion of their urban growth area is based on sound population projections. The City has recognized the slowing growth trend and has incorporated those trends in their projection and in the land capacity analysis they have completed.

The compromise of an urban growth area and urban reserve area that was reached between the City of Lynden and the County Executive for population growth and mitigation of agricultural lands is fair and reasonable. It allows the City to continue their measured growth and provides opportunities for the City and the County to work together on issues that affect both jurisdictions.

The population growth of approximately 6,700 people over the next twenty years accounts for not only the Lynden population increasing, but movement of some rural growth from Whatcom County into the City. This has been a stated goal of Whatcom County in their Comprehensive Plan since its adoption.

I would encourage the County Council to adopt the Executive's recommendation for the City of Lynden as it has been amended and agreed to by the City.

Sincerely,  
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