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Dear Councilors,

As a community leader and Blaine citizen for many years, I would like to make some final comments on the East and West Blaine UGAs.

East Blaine UGA:

Blaine readily agreed to reduce our UGA significantly, giving up a very large area around Drayton Harbor. However, it is important that we expand the industrial zone in East Blaine for job growth. This is the best and most logical place for job growth. It makes sense to include the school ball fields adjacent and the residential area north to H St. as it is a logical boundary line. Our Planning Director, Michael Jones, has addressed this in more detail in a separate letter.

West Blaine UGA:

We all agree that Blaine's UGA exceeds growth expectations. And so Blaine significantly retracted its UGA around the Daryton Harbor. That significantly reduced our growth area. However, for logical and practical reasons, Blaine needs to retain the West Blaine UGA. One important considerations is the fact that individuals bought property in this area on the assumption it would one day be annexed into Blaine. Their investments are at stake. For some, this is an important part of their retirement plan. It may be legal for the County to retract this UGA -but it is not fair, nor just.

General comments:

Blaine is working hard to revitalize our downtown district, and there are some exciting possibilities on the horizon. One of the keys to a successful commercial district is adequate population to sustain the businesses located there. We need some moderate growth for that to happen. West Blaine is the area most in demand and has the greatest potential for quality residential development.

At the outset of this countywide exercise, local self-determination was supposed to be an important criteria in working through the growth process with the County. Blaine has gone through an extensive planning process to determine what its growth patterns should be. As a community leader and long-time citizen of Blaine, I ask at this eleventh hour that you allow Blaine to determine what is best for its citizens and community.

Respectfully,

Bonnie Onyon  
Blaine Citizen