

From: Council
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Subject: Fwd: Vote pending by County Council - Larrabee Springs

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Council people: Nelson, Kelly, Caskey-Schreiber, Crawford, Weimer, Brenner

I live in Bellingham and am on many City Boards and Commissions plus Co-President of the Guide Meridian/Cordata Neighborhood Association. This

decision to address all of you has nothing to do with my participation in those committees.

I fear that the wrong decision might be made during your Council Session on Tuesday, November 24 and put before you some of my personal thoughts.

In 2006 the Bellingham City Council voted to bring Larrabee Springs into the Bellingham Urban Grown Area.

It is a component of Bellingham's Comprehensive Plan. It wasn't done overnight it was a decision carefully analyzed over a period of five years. And has been in a Five Year Review Area for almost 15 years.

Bellingham is working with an Infill Tool Kit expressly conceived to aid Bellingham's Growth Plan. Larrabee Springs will fit within the confines of the Comprehensive Plan and use of the Infill Tool Kit.

Larrabee Springs is NOT Agriculture land and was so documented over fifty years ago that the land has poor quality soil.

Larrabee Springs has all the needed services such as water, sewer and roads i.e., Cordata Parkway, Guide Meridian and Smith Roads.

Frankly I do not understand the population numbers allocated to growth of rural areas of the County. Many of the farm areas in county are being sold to developers who want to put in homes. There are

many fields not worked and I am certain that some thought should be given to those areas and stop thinking about agriculture and sprawl next to Bellingham's city line. (Sprawl is used by people who don't agree with people of a different view.)

Thank you for reading my e-mail to all of you.

Sincerely,

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