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Whatcom County Council
311 Grand Avenue, Suite 105
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Dear Council Members,

We recently attended a thoughtful and thorough discussion of Larrabee Springs with other members of our local Chamber of Commerce.

The county's current position to accommodate growth seems destined to push development further out into more rural areas of the county thereby putting pressure to build where there is neither sufficient water and sewer nor roads and highways in place to handle proposed growth areas.

The details of the Larrabee Springs proposal seems well suited to fulfill major planning goals for both the county and city. Expensive infrastructure of water and sewer is already in place and it's located on existing major transportation lines which connect to many nearby basic services including medical, shopping, grocery and entertainment. Its completion would add important real estate taxes to local government budgets and satisfy an important outlet for future growth with minimum additional tax dollars.

Don't let another opportunity to fulfill growth planning requirements fall away again with more delay and inaction.

Thank you,

Gene Shannon

Connie Shannon

PS: A signed copy of this letter has been mailed to you.