

Kate Blystone - Fwd: Urging Support of Larrabee Springs

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Dear Whatcom County Council Persons,

Planning for Whatcom County's future growth is critically important to all county residents, but has been treated as a political football for the last six years to the detriment of our pastoral county landscape. Your council's non-compliance and lack of leadership have contributed to mushrooming pocket developments and agricultural degradation throughout northern Whatcom County.

With the Guide Meridian now improved past Laurel Road and new support infrastructure beneath it, the time is right to include Caitac USA's planned Larrabee Springs urban village into the Bellingham UGA.

You've seen the plans and you know it to be a brilliant, LEED certified, transit-friendly, modern neighborhood that Bellingham and Whatcom County will be proud of.

- existing neighborhoods would be preserved
- Lake Whatcom and Padden watersheds will be protected
- no ag land would be endangered
- public amenities are already in the plan
- it will provide real jobs and tax revenue far into the future

You also know that whether or not you vote on November 24th to include Larrabee Springs in the Bellingham UGA, it will be there someday. Exhibit your leadership and make it happen now.

Most sincerely,

Eric Russell,
Bellingham resident