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Message from Sender:

Dear WC Planning Commission,

This is the article I read parts of to you tonight. Although your planning staff stated that non-text specific comments from the public aren't useful, I believe that a document such as this, covering the very issues you are working to avoid in Whatcom County are extremely useful as you review the policies and goals contained in the Land Use chapter.

Also, I will send a separate e-mail about your discussion regarding specific comments on the chapter. You have received very specific language changes (such as the entire UGA reserve section), and to goals and policies contained in several chapters from members of the public that have never been addressed and that do not appear anywhere in your documents. This is more than frustrating, perhaps demeaning, that some members of the public that have submitted comments with specific suggested changes have their text inserted into the document while others that have submitted similar comments have been ignored and not also integrated into the documents you are reviewing tonight.

Regards,  
Clayton Petree

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*by Ali Modarres*

Urban regions are significantly more important than any one city located within them. Housing, transportation, economy, and politics help produce uneven local geographies that shape the individual identities of places and create the social landscapes we inherit and experience. As such, decisions made within one city can ripple through the entire urban region. When affordable housing is systematically ignored by one city, neighboring cities become destinations for those who cannot afford higher housing costs.

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