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Ms. Smith,

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) cares deeply about providing a voice for our local citizens. As such, we believe the current structure of the six Unincorporated Area Councils (UACs) must be maintained.

To help you and your Strategic Committee devise the best way to meet the above stated goal, we have enclosed a GMVUAC "Values List." This list should give you a good feel for what value we have provided--and continue to provide--to King County, in general, and our local citizens, in particular.

These efforts have helped the citizens in our local communities interact with their "local" government--King County, to stay informed, and to contribute to the betterment of their quality of life. We want to maintain that all-important link, since we represent the Rural Area's only form of *direct* local government.

If you have any questions about the enclosed list, please contact our Corresponding Secretary, Peter Rimbo ([primbos@comcast.net](mailto:primbos@comcast.net)). Thank you.

Sincerely,

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## **Current Work**

1. Promote and provide unfettered access for local citizens to interact directly with their "local" government.
2. Promote and provide a forum for King County to discuss issues of mutual interest with their customers--local citizens.
3. Review and provide comprehensive comments and recommendations on the King County Comprehensive Plan on an annual basis with much more thorough reviews every four years on major KCCP Updates.
4. Review and provide comprehensive comments and recommendations on the King County Code on a periodic basis.
5. Conduct Opinion Polls that provide the GMVUAC and King County great direction unfiltered from our citizens on issues they consider important.
6. Provide consulting support to unincorporated citizens south of the GMVUAC around the Green River area to form their own UAC.
7. Participate in providing citizen input to the Ravensdale Park development to help mitigate differences between KC DNRP and Ravensdale.
8. Actively reviews conditional use applications in the Rural Area for compliancy seeking positive citizen input.
9. Actively helping Rural Area citizens around Black Diamond in voicing their concerns regarding the massive Master Planned Developments proposed in the City and acting as a liaison with KC officials.
10. Publish articles in local newspapers to keep people informed on all Area Council activities, meetings, speakers, and decisions.
11. Participate in Countywide Community Forums.
12. Attend and participate in WIRA Meetings.
13. Help promote local businesses used by rural residents, such as the Maple Valley Market.
14. Maintain an up-to-date well-recognized web site that can be accessed by citizens interested in any aspect of Rural Area affairs.
15. Provide public testimony on behalf of the UAC, as well as individually based, on our constituents concerns and our passion for keeping the Rural Area rural.
16. Organize and conduct an Annual Operating Model Train Show which generates local camaraderie and donations for non-profits organizations in the greater Maple Valley area.

**Past Work** (abridged list)

1. Directly worked with Gary Locke to put together the first Cedar River Basin Plan.
2. Helped to create the Citizens' participation Initiative.
3. Instrumental in the founding of the City of Maple Valley by funding the first incorporation feasibility studies.
4. Members of the first King County Committee investigating what parameters needed to be considered for buffer standards around Streams and Wetlands.
5. Directly worked with then King County Councilman Dow Constantine in re-vamping the original Critical Areas Ordinance.
6. Participated in the definition of Rural Character.
7. Directly supported the Cedar River Council.
8. Played a leading role in the establishment of the EOC in Sheriff's Precinct #3.
9. GMVUAC members sit on the Fire District 43 Citizens Advisory Committee and, in fact, a GMVUAC member serves as Chair.
10. A GMVUAC member served as a representative for Sheriff's Precinct #3 to the King County DARE Board. Later he was elected and served as Secretary of the DARE Board.
11. Directly involved in the Sheriff's Precinct #3 Citizen's Academies.
12. Participated in the improving the juvenile justice system.
13. Participated on the 2008 DDES Permit Review committee (monthly meetings for 7 months, 3 hours each).
14. Participated in a King County filmed documentation of the Ravensdale Park history and mitigation process.
15. Assisted local sports groups take-over of Gracie Hansen Community Center, thus taking a negative County expenditure off the County budget transforming it into a productive community facility.
16. Worked with King County Department of Transportation to rectify unsafe speed limit changes on Issaquah-Hobart Rd.
17. Helped to establish the Countywide Community Forums.

18. Worked with KCDOT on local unincorporated area road work that would be detrimental to local area businesses.

19. Established and run local

