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To: King County Council: [council@kingcounty.gov](mailto:council@kingcounty.gov)  
Subject: 2017 KCCP Docket Item #3 Request— “Reserve Silica near Ravensdale”

King County Council Members,

The Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council (GMVUAC) has reviewed the King County Executive’s recommendations on the subject request contained in the **2017 Docket Report** transmitted to you on Friday, December 1. We fully support the Executive’s recommendation:

*The requested change includes a number of elements that go beyond the Annual cycle’s allowance for primarily technical updates and corrections and amendments that do not require substantive changes. Given the scope and potential precedence of these changes, the action taken in the 2016 plan, and other substantive issues that would bear on the Executive position on whether to support this proposal, the proposal is classified as not eligible for consideration in the Annual cycle.*

We also share the Executive’s concerns regarding the ramifications of the subject request:

- (1) *De-designate natural resource lands to rural area;*
- (2) *Change the zoning in a manner inconsistent with the mineral land development standard provisions in King County Code 21A.22.081.C.2.a.;*
- (3) *Allow rural development directly adjacent to the Forest Production District in a location where none is currently allowed; and*

- (4) *Create twelve development rights on the site where none are allowed under existing zoning.*

We submitted detailed comments on the subject request to the Executive's Office on November 7 (you were cc'ed). For your convenience we have re-attached same for your review as you consider the Executive's recommendations on the subject request.

Both our Growth Management and Environment Committees conducted extensive research into the subject request, which helped form the basis for our comments. Our research was supplemented by convening several meetings which included discussions with the State Department of Ecology, King County Executive's Office and Department of Permitting and Environmental Review, and Seattle-King County Public Health, as well as the requestor, Reserve Silica, and its environmental consultants.

Our detailed comments reflect our review of the facts and data, as well as applicable State WACs and RCWs, King County Code, and King County Comprehensive Plan Policies.

We urge you to support the Executive's recommendations on the subject request.  
Thank you.

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