

Proposed Ordinance 2018-0153

Comprehensive Planning and Subarea Planning Restructure

Public Comment

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**CARE, FBL, GMVUAC,
GV/LHA, HHA, and UBCUAC**



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Re: Proposed Ordinance 2018-0153: Comprehensive Planning and Subarea Planning Restructure

PRE Committee Chairwoman Lambert and Members,

Please accept our set of detailed Public Comments on the subject Ordinance from King County's Unincorporated Area Councils (UACs) / Associations: Community Alliance to Reach Out & Engage (CARE), Friends of Bass Lake (FBL); Greater Maple Valley UAC (GMVUAC), Green Valley/Lake Holm Association (GV/LHA), Hollywood Hill Association (HHA); and Upper Bear Creek UAC (UBCUAC). We research and develop solutions on issues of interest to people who live in most of King County's unincorporated areas.

Each of our organizations considers its work on the King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) as one of its most important duties. As such, changes in the process for review, update, and approval of the KCCP are of importance to us and the citizens with whom we work to represent. It is with that sense of duty we have carefully reviewed the King County Executive's proposed changes and the proposed Striker.

Attached please find an item-by-item *Comparison Matrix* which includes processes for the Existing KCCP, Executive's proposed changes, the PRE Committee Chair's proposed Striker, and our collective UAC comments (yellow highlighting).

Our comments emerged from multiple meetings and conversations spearheaded by the undersigned. This effort has grown out of our commitment to facilitate citizen participation in local governance and affirm the fact that each community and each individual has valid needs and that no single statement will capture 100% of that vision for the future.

In general, we support the Executive's proposed change to an 8-yr major update cycle with a 4-yr mid-point update, but also agree with several of the proposed Striker changes. We also believe the Subarea Planning process should be accelerated, especially for urban unincorporated potential annexation areas.

We encourage you to consider our concerns and those of citizens throughout King County based on the expertise of daily lived experience in order to minimize unintended negative consequences in the implementation of the KCCP. We wish to continue an open dialogue with King County officials on the subject Ordinance. Thank you in advance for your careful consideration of our comments.

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