

Joint Team

Rural Area EPCA, FCUAC, FoSV, GMVUAC, GRC, GV/LHA, HHA, SCAR, UBCUAC, V-MICC
Urban Unincorporated Area — FCG, SC, WHCA

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To: Chris Jensen
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Subject: Draft Ordinance—Proposed Changes to the Planning Schedule

Chris,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the subject Draft Ordinance—*Proposed Changes to the Planning Schedule*. Several of our Joint Team organizations already have expressed concerns with overlapping Subarea Plan schedules—even before we knew about the proposed *accelerated* schedule for the 2029 Mid-Point Update.

Although we expect you already know this and really can't do much about it (Susan, cc'ed, knows it too), we would like our Comments noted for the record. Overlapping Subarea Plan schedules always have existed in the overall planning schedule, but given the current lack of Subarea Planners due to recent turnover and bringing new people on board and up to speed quickly, we are concerned the Public must deal with work on subarea planning and the mid-point KCCP update *more* overlapping than usual.

For example, the **GMV/CR CSA Subarea Plan** (the GMVUAC has been deeply involved in this, including yours truly, who is coordinating its efforts) has been ongoing for over a year, but recently experienced a ~6-mo delay due to the personnel turnover just described, while the **Fairwood Potential Annexation Area Subarea Plan** (the FCG is involved here) was started this year.

To be clear, we are *not* complaining about the people—every Subarea Planner, from Susan on down, the GMVUAC and FCG have worked with knows their stuff and are working hard under difficult circumstances—that is *our* description, as they have been professional and *not* complained to us. In addition, Joint Team organizations, which have worked on *already-adopted* Subarea Plans in the past, also have found Subarea Planning personnel to be dedicated and top notch.

Our organizations take Subarea Planning seriously, as it is really the only time each organization has a *direct* opportunity to try to identify and propose solutions to *local* issues of importance to their respective areas and the people who live in same, as well as look towards infrastructure improvements, etc. We strongly support Subarea Planning and, as a result, want to ensure sufficient time and resources are devoted to each Community Service Area's Subarea Plans.

At the same time, as you well know, we take KCCP Updates very seriously. We have worked on many, many cycles of KCCP Major Updates, as well as the 2020 Mid-Point Update, and devote a tremendous amount of time to each to ensure key issues of import are identified and addressed. We

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have some people who have worked on local planning since the early '80s. We have some people who have worked on KCCP Updates for over two decades. So, both local and regional planning are very important to us.

In closing, we see no simple solution to our concerns enumerated above, save for the Council deciding to devote more money (i.e., heads) to support all these levels of very necessary planning. However, we also understand there are many worthwhile areas to which to devote money, some of which we ourselves have requested (e.g., Code Enforcement, Road Services, Parks, etc.).

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