

Public Comments Received on the

# **King County Comprehensive Plan**

Via the Council's Web Site and Email  
November 28, 2016 – December 5, 2016

**From:** [Jensen, Christine](#)  
**To:** [CouncilCompPlan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Comment on Comprehensive Plan, Fairwood A Map Amendment  
**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2016 11:44:42 AM

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**From:** Compplan  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 9:58 AM  
**To:** Jensen, Christine <[Christine.Jensen@kingcounty.gov](mailto:Christine.Jensen@kingcounty.gov)>  
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**From:** Marilyn May [<mailto:m.j.may@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Friday, November 25, 2016 1:26 PM  
**To:** Compplan  
**Subject:** Comment on Comprehensive Plan, Fairwood A Map Amendment

Madams/Sirs:

I strongly urge approval of the rezone R6 to R 18 for Wesley Homes. I own a home in the Renton/Fairwood area and am familiar with the area of the subject property. There are no retirement communities and facilities in this area, and the need is great. The need for services for our seniors increases every year. Wesley Homes actively provides services not only to its residents, but also to the surrounding community. They are a good neighbor. Wesley Homes would be a positive, welcome addition to our community. Thank you for your approval.

Marilyn May

"Never believe that a few caring people  
can't change the world. For, indeed,

that's all who ever have."

Margaret Mead

**From:** [Jensen, Christine](#)  
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From: Compplan  
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To: Jensen, Christine <Christine.Jensen@kingcounty.gov>  
Subject: FW: Comment on Comprehensive Plan

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From: Porter, Kathryn [<mailto:Kathryn.Porter@kent.k12.wa.us>]  
Sent: Saturday, November 26, 2016 5:22 PM  
To: Compplan  
Subject: Comment on Comprehensive Plan

Comments regarding Fairwood A Map Amendment: I am in favor of re-zoning the area designated for the senior living facilities. Retirement communities are needed in our area. I do not understand why the apartment complex re-zoning was allowed to be lumped in with the retirement community plan. They are two different types of housing. We have a lot of apartments in our area. I am not sure we need anymore.

Kathy Porter  
18205 133rd Ave SE  
Renton  
Sent from my iPhone

**From:** [Jensen, Christine](#)  
**To:** [CouncilCompPlan](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Comment on Comprehensive Plan  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 1:09:16 PM

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Compplan <[compplan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:compplan@kingcounty.gov)>  
**Date:** November 29, 2016 at 10:35:33 AM PST  
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**From:** Joanne Flagel [<mailto:joflagel@comcast.net>]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 3:32 PM  
**To:** Compplan  
**Subject:** Comment on Comprehensive Plan

As a resident of Fairwood Greens, I understand the need for a care facility in the area. I do hope the part of the comprehensive plan that involves the rezoning of the necessary piece of property will be approved.

Joanne Flagel  
16038 160<sup>th</sup> PI SE  
Renton, WA 98058

**From:** [King County Council](#)  
**To:** [CouncilCompPlan](#)  
**Subject:** FW: King County Council consideration of 2016 Comprehensive Plan  
**Date:** Thursday, December 1, 2016 9:29:01 AM

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**From:** Highlands Neighbors [mailto:highlands\_neighbors@hotmail.com]  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 01, 2016 7:01 AM  
**To:** KCCouncil@subscriptions.kingcounty.gov  
**Subject:** Re: King County Council consideration of 2016 Comprehensive Plan

Hello!

Earlier in the process we submitted comments and non-rhetorical questions, but have never heard anything back. What is the correct process by which we would learn the answers to the questions previously submitted?

Thank you,  
Gwendolyn High  
CARE President

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**From:** King County Council <KCCouncil@subscriptions.kingcounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 22, 2016 3:32 PM  
**To:** highlands\_neighbors@hotmail.com  
**Subject:** King County Council consideration of 2016 Comprehensive Plan

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### **King County Council consideration of 2016 Comprehensive Plan**

The King County Council is currently reviewing the proposed 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan (KCCP) and the 2016 Real Property Asset Management Plan (RAMP). A public hearing on these items is scheduled for **Monday, November 28 at 1:30 p.m.**, which will be an opportunity to provide public comment on any aspect of the proposed 2016 KCCP and 2016 RAMP. A final vote by the Council on both items is scheduled for **Monday, December 5**. The scheduled vote on December 5 will include potential action on:

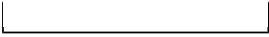
- Proposed Ordinances 2016-0155 (KCCP) and 2016-0159 (RAMP), and
- Amendments to 2016-0155, which includes changes to the proposed 2016 KCCP, technical appendices, Skyway-West Hill Action Plan (SWAP), development code updates, and land use proposals.

Draft versions of the amendments that are currently proposed can be found on the Council's Comprehensive Plan [website](#); these are subject to change. More amendments may also be proposed up until final action.

Both the November 28 and December 5 meetings will take place in the Council Chambers on the 10th floor of the King County Courthouse, at 516 3rd Ave, Seattle, WA. If you are not able to attend these meetings in person, they can be viewed live on KCTV cable channel 22 or [online](#).

Online public comments are also welcome at any time prior to final action, which can be submitted from the home page of the Council's Comprehensive Plan [website](#) by clicking on the "Submit online public testimony" button.

*The full schedule for the Council's 2016 Comprehensive Plan update process can be found on the Council's [website](#). If you have questions, please email [CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov](mailto:CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov).*



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**2016 Comprehensive Plan Comments from Council Web Site**  
**Received September 20 through November 28, 2016**

Name	District	Comment
Jim	Harris	<p>December 3, 2016 King County Councilmembers RE: 2016 Comp Plan Zoning Proposal - Fairwood Area Dear King County Councilmembers: Please deny the Fairwood rezone requests. If approved, this rezone would result in the most dense, and tallest development in all of the Fairwood area. The proposed rezone would allow up to five story complexes, adjacent to existing single-family on three sides. This is not compatible development. This does not provide a sense of community or a sense of place. Listen to the paid County staff that originally recommended to not approve these rezone requests. The Schneider rezone request on the most southerly parcel is out of character, and out of place, and should be denied. Do not buy into the idea that this could be a transit oriented or transit dependant multi-family development. This letter represents my comments on the proposed Fairwood Area collective comprehensive plan designation and zoning change. I live in Fairwood Firs, a single family neighborhood across 140th Ave SE from the proposed rezone area. I believe the County Council should deny the request based on the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•The allowed density in the requested UH Comp plan designation and corresponding R-18 is much higher than the allowed and existing density in the R-6 zoning on three sides of the subject rezone area. The properties to the east, south and west are all zoned R-6 and have a UM comp plan designation. Approval of the request would result in the subject properties being the southerly most zoned R-18 properties in Fairwood, and inconsistent with surrounding zoning and surrounding existing single-family uses.</li> <li>•As requested and proposed, the applicants have requested to move the R-18 zoning and comp plan designation line further to the south than in the surrounding area. R-6 and UH designations should not be approved south of the east-west line which currently separates R-6 and R-18 to the east and west of the subject proposal. In this scenario, the northerly most parcel in the rezone area, may qualify for R-18, however the three southerly parcels should remain R-6.</li> <li>•The proposed height of 65 feet and/or 68 feet is incompatible with surrounding areas. Buildings 65 plus feet tall would be out of character in Fairwood and incompatible with the suburban character of the area. The tallest buildings in all of Fairwood area are three stories, approximately 35 – 40 feet in height. Rezoning to allow buildings up to 65 and 68 feet in height as proposed would be inconsistent with the directly surrounding single-family area on three sides, as well as out of character of Fairwood.</li> <li>•The Schneider parcel (southerly most parcel) currently has approved permits for a four-story, 28-unit condominium project under existing R-6 zoning. If constructed under the existing permits, this would be the most southerly multi-family development (non detached single family residence) project in all of Fairwood. This parcel should definitely not be allowed a higher density and taller height, as it is adjacent to existing single family residences on three sides. The proposed 68 unit and 50 foot tall structure would be inconsistent with the directly</li> </ul>



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Name	District	Comment
Rich	Waltenburg	<p>I am writing on behalf of a large group of community members that are seriously concerned about the proposed "Reserve at Covington Creek" Map Amendment #11. I am deeply disturbed that such a proposal is even being considered. This is a rural community that is quickly being swallowed up by the money driven hands of urban sprawl. Areas such as this were set aside and zoned as "Urban Reserve" areas for a reason. In reality this parcel should probably be set aside completely and kept as a wildlife sanctuary and greenbelt. I have lived in the area most of my life and I for one cannot believe the level of reckless development going on around me. All in the name of the all mighty dollar. I am not against growth or development as long as it's done with some common sense, at what point does that start? When do the States, Counties or Cities begin to look past the mark of revenue and begin to look at what's truly best for the residing community and the environment within. Soon there will be no such thing as rural communities. I am not sure how much actual research the County has done on this particular parcel of land but I can tell you first hand that if this parcel doesn't qualify as "Urban Reserve" than nothing does. Aside from the obvious community impacts such as overcrowded road conditions, schools and public services. The parcel in question is home to an abundance of wildlife, Covington Creek with it's endangered salmon run flows right through the middle of this parcel, eagles and osprey hunt and nest in this location, deer, elk, bear, cougar, fox, and many other species all use this area as home and/or a traveling corridor. You are once again driving out the very people and wildlife that have maintained a life and called these rural areas home for generations. Granted they will be replaced by the more urban cultures but what becomes of the rural natured folks and what of the environmental impacts of all this? It's very difficult to un-ring the bell. We ask you to seriously consider the impacts to the existing members of the community before you move to add more. If you do a little homework on the area you will find that there is already a considerable amount new developments on the books in the area. Yarrow Bay, Quadrant and several other developers with deep pockets have and are continuing to swallow up everything in their path. Another very big and very obvious problem it that traffic is already at unbearable levels in the area, especially on the main arterials such as Kent-Kangley Road, Maple Valley Hwy and the surrounding Covington &amp; Maple Valley areas. This isn't the wild west, at some point this senseless condensed version of urban sprawl has to cease. Another very real and very major concern is that with urban sprawl comes additional crime, something that we in the area had rarely experienced up until the addition of the "Kentlake Highlands" and a few other "affordable housing" developments. Theft for us in the area has become a serious and dangerous problem. The often overlooked addition of noise pollution needs to be considered as well. Not just the daily thumping of car radios, and squealing of tires, but during such times as the 4th of July it is like a war</p>

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Name	District	Comment
Elke	Lewis	<p>I am Elke B. Lewis and I reside at 2618 - 271 Avenue S.E., Issaquah, WA, 98029 (Duthie Hill Notch). I am a neighbor of Robert and Peggy Braeutigam and Vince and Martha Learnard. I, the Braeutigams, Learnards, and others in the "Notch" continue to oppose the revision of the Urban Growth Boundary to include the Duthie Hill Notch within the UGA which would open us up to annexation and development. We religiously watch the telecasts and review the King County Website. We respectfully make our concerns known to those involved with the Comprehensive Plan. We value our lifestyle here in the Duthie Hill Notch. We believe our area is unique in that our setting offers the perfect environment for wildlife with a pond and wetlands and game trails in our rural landscape. To alter this area in any way would shatter such a rural, private location and would forever negatively impact our lives and the wildlife that call our Notch "home". If you are not familiar with this area, please make a quick trip up to the Plateau. You will be amazed at what seems to be uncontrolled development going on almost everywhere you look. Trees are being removed by the thousands, land leveled and houses and businesses being constructed. It's all quite remarkable and alarming at the same time. I was reading an article in a past Issaquah Press newspaper written by a lady who lives in Issaquah. Even she is concerned about the rate of development here commenting her concern that Lake Sammamish just might be cemented over in order for more development! Thank you very much for your consideration. I believe the "Duthie Hill Notch" is a gem that needs to be preserved as is and not fall victim to those just concerned in land they see as dollar signs. The Notch is a very special haven to our wildlife and those of us who treasure our special lifestyle here. Respectfully, Elke B. Lewis</p>