

From: [LeClair, Kevin](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [AskLocalServices](#)
Cc: [Priya](#)
Subject: FW: Feedback regarding King County proposed land use update
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:59:55 AM

I am forwarding the email below, because it was sent to me as the only addressee. It was meant for the King County Councilmembers and Local Services, as well.

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From: Priya <sripriyas2001@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:46 AM
To: LeClair, Kevin <Kevin.LeClair@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Re: Feedback regarding King County proposed land use update

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To King County Mobility and Review Committee, King County Representatives of the Department of Local Services and King County Council-members:

I purchased my home relying on the current development conditions, which provide protections that disallow marijuana businesses, adult entertainment etc. While I understood that the UPD had an expiration date, it was clear to me that the guidelines upon expiration were to keep the protections in place. Changing the conditions feels like a violation of the use restrictions I agreed with and relied on when purchasing my home.

Again, I support amendments disallowing marijuana and adult entertainment businesses and asking for further amendments to carry on existing development restrictions into new zoning.

Regards
Priya

On Tuesday, June 2, 2020, 07:05:03 AM PDT, Priya <sripriyas2001@yahoo.com> wrote:

To King County Mobility and Review Committee, King County Representatives of the Department of Local Services and King County Council-members:

I am opposed to the new uses proposed for the Redmond Ridge area in the KC Comp Plan Update. Zoning should match conditions as they exist as this was the scope of work given by the Executive & promise made from numerous KC officials at numerous times in numerous formats. The new zoning should MATCH existing conditions & carry forward the uses allowed in the UPD Agreement. Conditional circumstances & situational obstacles are not protections & do not fulfill the mandate that the zoning would match. The new uses proposed for the Redmond Ridge Area must be removed from the Comp Plan Update.

Adding new uses is outside the scope given by the Executive, goes against the advocacy efforts of involved residents who testified against new uses in 2013, 2016 & now, & breaks public trust in our first

layer of local government. King County Council should not abandon its duty to consider the best interests of the Unincorporated Area resident before making regional considerations. To help KCC understand what constitutes our best interests, they should not ignore feedback & testimony from constituents most impacted by the shocking new use proposals. KCC should be sensitive to the complaints of "bait & switch" from stakeholders who were promised special zoning overlays to customize zoning to reflect the real look and feel of our community. Verbal assurances that possibly, perhaps, maybe the new uses won't come to pass are not satisfactory. Depending on variables to keep currently disallowed businesses that are inappropriate & unharmonious out of the community is not the same as zoning them as not permitted.

Regards
Priya

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Anuradha Ramanath](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond ridge rezoning
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:57:11 AM

Dear council members,

I am a resident of Redmond ridge for the past 13 years. My children have grown into young adults around this beautiful neighborhood. It is now tearing us apart when we are looking at the new zoning amendments. My family loves nature and are concerned about the environment when heavier industrial uses could be permitted in the large warehouses. [Examples from the County list include zoning for new uses such as:](#)

- Petroleum refining
- Primary metal industries
- Industrial launderers or dry cleaning plant
- Asphalt or concrete plant
- Fossil fuel or renewable energy generation facility
- Wastewater treatment, landfill, or transfer station

We urge you to not permit heavy industrial uses that can cause pollution which will be harmful to people and animals habitats.

Thank you

Anu Ramanath

From: [Devarajan KM](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Dembowski, Rod](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Krekel-Zoppi, Leah](#); [Calderon, Angelica](#); [AskLocalServices](#); [Taylor, John - Dir](#); [LeClair, Kevin](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge Zoning - Voicing our concern
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 9:52:46 AM
Importance: High

Respected King County Council members,

This letter is to voice my concerns to respond new Redmond Ridge Rezoning.

1. In the middle of Pandemic:

Respected sir/madam, we're in the middle of unprecedented Pandemic, conducting such a big zoning decision in the middle of Pandemic seems unconstitutional.

When the entire country is reeling in Pandemic and our state is still seeing daily cases raising, making a decision on Zoning doesn't seem wrong it looks like a **blunder**.

The entire society needs to be informed and involved, allow us to express voice in person before making such an impactful decision.

2. Senior citizens:

If you claim that we have been notified via letter, email and virtual town hall, voice your concern virtually. More than 30% of community is filled with Senior citizens.

They don't even comprehend what's virtual town hall means. Please postpone this decision until the pandemic is over and let everyone get back to normal and be involved in person.

3. Democratize Rezoning decision:

When a decision like allowing school bond comes in ballot, Rezoning decision which could impact tens thousands lives should put them in ballot and get the approval from the citizens.

This rezoning decision could decimate our entire lively hood. Please put this in ballot so that everyone in informed and voice heard.

4. Environmental Study Result:

In 2013 and 2016, we have expressed our voice for the same concern. The same leadership promised that they will perform independent study on whether we can allow Marijuana processing in the middle of highly populated residential area. Was this study conducted, where is the result of the finding?

Can any environmentalist, health professionals testify on the findings?

5. Marijuana Processing vs Retailing:

Let's not mix Marijuana processing and retailing, Marijuana processing is extremely dangerous to keep in the middle of highly populated area.

It doesn't belong to anywhere near human lives. Please stop even considering putting the processing industry in any of the neighborhood.

6. Marijuana Plant Facts:

If any of you consider that Marijuana is yet another plant, I would highly recommend you all grow a

small plant indoor at your home.

With in two weeks, even your new born baby will be tested positive for Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC).

With this proposal, you're technically allowing to grow a forest in middle of our neighborhood.

If our kids tested positive because your decision, who is going to be held responsible?

This plant would consume 90 gallons of water per day, which the size of industrial area you would require one swimming pool size water every single day.

Who is going to regulate the water comes out of the processing plant?

7. 1000 Feet barrier

If you're saying that Marijuana processing plant doesn't be come technically because of 1000 feet barrier. Can you promise that the 1000 feet barrier will never be changed in future?

How can we trust the leadership who promised that they will provide us responsible zoning and now it's been changed again.

8. Community Health

Marijuana processing/adult entertainment/shooting range or any other crap doesn't belong to any residential neighborhood. It should be moved to remote place.

Please make responsible decision by stopping this rezoning effort, we're already crushed by the Pandemic and don't crush more with the rezoning.

Let us breathe! Every Live matters.

Thanks,

Deva

Redmond Ridge Resident

From: [Jonathon Pinter](#)
To: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Cc: action@skywaycoalition.org
Subject: Invest in Skyway Now
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:38:02 AM

To All King County Councilmembers:

The Skyway community is 70% people of color, with 26% Black residents--the highest percentage in King County. This community has been advocating for its needs around transportation, housing, economic development, health, education, and more for nearly 30 years. The decades-long lack of investment and lack of movement by King County to act on the priorities the Skyway community has outlined--over and over--is systemic racism.

TO BRING EQUITY, HOUSING STABILITY, AND ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITY TO THE SKYWAY COMMUNITY, THE SKYWAY COALITION AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS REQUEST THAT KING COUNTY COUNCIL VOTE IN JULY TO:

- *Broaden the subarea plan to include more than land use and zoning changes by voting in favor of the Striking Amendment S2, in order to: 1) put aggressive anti-displacement strategies in place; and 2) build and execute a community-driven development plan by and for Black and POC who live here, not just for the land.
- *Allocate funding to high priority community needs in the upcoming biennial budget, with significant input from the community to prioritize the list.

ADDITIONAL DEMANDS:

- *Allocate marijuana tax dollars to invest in affordable housing and economic development in Skyway.
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Skyway has been advocating for the above community needs, and more, for decades without any significant action or investment by King County. The SWAP was finalized in October of 2016--which outlined the above priorities--was a process that was led by the community and garnered significant community input. This action plan affirmed and built on the recommendations of the 1994 West Hill Community Plan, the 2009 Community Agenda for Revitalization, the 2008 Skyway Park Community Vision, and the 2012 Community Center Visioning Process. The SWAP was developed *specifically* to inform King County's comprehensive planning, again, following multiple other similar planning efforts. However, although presented to Council in 2016, the recommendations included in the SWAP, representing broad community input, have not been adopted or acted upon. We demand action, now!

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Falefituoa Robertson](#)
To: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Cc: action@skywaycoalition.org
Subject: Invest in Skyway Now
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:18:23 AM
Attachments: [Outlook-t35i4arf.png](#)

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"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." 1 Peter 4:10

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From: [Arvind Kulkarni](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [AskLocalServices](#); [LeClair, Kevin](#)
Subject: Stop Rezoning Redmond Ridge Community
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 8:02:35 AM

Council Members of King County

We all want our voices heard as we feel they are not heard enough and we feel they are being politically suppressed. We Strongly OPPOSE REZONING.

REDUCING PERIMITERS DOES NOT give us any confirmation that pot growers, adult stores etc wont enter our beautiful and tolerant community. We live in great harmony here and our tolerance limits being pushed to absorb more and something we culturally also do not believe in. Our lives and our feelings matter.

We have NOT been provided any clear guidance or support by our council members uptil now and hence I question their interest in representing our interest vs their political/personal agenda. I am not sure why they are purposely trying to target our community for pot growers and trying to tell us that there is very low probability for such a business. We want 0 probability and community has said it loud and clearly. PLEASE HELP IS STOPPING THIS CHANGE.

Following is the email I had sent to Kathy and group for your reference.

I'd like to thank you for hosting the town hall yesterday regarding the topic of 2020 Rezoning. I am resident of Redmond Ridge community. I have been contributor to your election campaign and also proudly displayed yard sign for you.

You have been a stalwart supporter of RR/RRE and Trilogy communities through the years. You were someone we can trust.

I wish to tell you that I was extremely sad and disappointed over your suppression of the community voice during the meeting. The whole meeting was very contrived.

The whole notion of town hall is transparency. I am utterly shocked that you deliberately

- Suppressed our ability to see who is participating
- Denied our ability to see other participants' questions
- Cherry picked only some questions or parts of questions while deliberately avoiding more direct questions posted by my neighbors and myself
- You mauled the meaning of scope given by King County Executive. It was a nightmare listening to DLS explanation of the scope and the untamed interpretation.
- A particularly poignant instance was when you carefully avoided acknowledging RR community leaders while you did so with RRE and Trilogy. That is so divisive and untrustworthy.

This is not just my opinion but that of EVERYONE in RR/RRE/Trilogy communities.

King County, DLS, KC Executive and most importantly, you have promised us repeatedly about keeping the UPD consistent with the current scope. This is indeed the same scope the Executive has provided you. Yet you have managed to insert a number of possible uses without considering the community concerns. Now you are also refusing to hear our concerns. I hope you realize the mistakes you have made and hopefully continue supporting the community and restore the faith.

Thank you for your time reading my email.

Best regards,

Regards,
Arvind Kulkarni
425-224-5786

From: [JT Williams](#)
To: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Cc: action@skywaycoalition.org
Subject: Invest in Skyway Now
Date: Tuesday, July 7, 2020 7:10:10 AM

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We demand action, now!

Best,

JT Williams, M.Ed.
Skyway Resident

From: [Monica Acciaresi](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Opposing to the Proposed Ordinance 2019-0413 Area Zoning Changes impacting Redmond Ridge, Trilogy and Redmond Ridge East communities
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 11:09:53 PM

Hi Councilmembers,

I am a Redmond Ridge East resident and I'm opposing to the 2020 King County Comprehensive Plan Update (Proposed Ordinance 2019-0413 Area Zoning Changes) that impacts Redmond Ridge/Redmond Ridge East communities between some of them.

Redmond Ridge area is a large UR-zoned community of mixed housing, we have over 2000 families living in our neighborhood, this is a diverse community comprised of mostly professionals working in the most important companies in the region, such as Microsoft, Amazon, Expedia, Facebook, T-Mobile, Google, and Boeing.

Most of our neighbors aren't yet citizens, therefore they don't have right to vote, even if the county benefits from the money we pay on taxes their voices are never heard. That's how it really feels now, I keep on hearing that Redmond voted this or that, and no, for the most part Redmond (at least RR/RRE) did not vote. Few years back we had to get together as a community to bring awareness to the Council on this very same underlying issue twice, get our voices heard, however now here we are, trying to shout as hard as we can so that the Council listens to what the majority think, once more and hoping the last one.

Few years ago, due to the astonishing lack of planning/coordination between the City of Redmond and the School district we had to go through a school boundary change, for a community that pays what we pay in property taxes to have to have our children go through the stress of switching schools 'just because' was upsetting. Now, with these changes that some of you support (and push for over and over) we feel that we are getting slapped again. Once more, our voices DO NOT COUNT for you.

Luckily, most families have the means to move and go out of the county; after all, if our voices are not heard why would I stay? Yes, this is the place we chose to raise our families, in our case since 2010, but at what cost? Having industries on my backyard? Just 'because'? Only because a few of you surely feel that nothing will change, after all, these guys do not vote... Well, that might also change, our communities are between 8 and 15 years old. Most of us are becoming citizens soon (yes, it would be wise to do a quick poll to find out what type of people live in RR/RRE, those remaining will be able to express what they really think, we won't forget and we will support those of you that really stood up for the community).

King County has invested a lot on preserving our natural resources and promoting healthy living. You kept monitoring our wildlife habitat for possible adverse effects from the development, you've built trails and parks to make our neighborhood environmentally friendly and prosperous. Because of your investment and effort, we became one of the most populated communities in this county.

Introducing more businesses and large-scale polluting industry into this high-density residential area will damage our environment, will threaten our wildlife, will put our children's safety in danger, will harm our property value and will make your previous effort and investment a waste. Don't forget that my investment also is affected. If the Business Park affects our lives right now, what we can expect with the area zoning changes? Thanks to the 2016 proposal the RR business park grew and we had warehouses built outside non-incorporated business hours behind our backyard in RRE. We had to call to the Sheriff due to the

loud construction noises happening from 4 am to 7 am.

I don't see our KC representatives checking the emission of loud engines noises in the current business park and how this has been impacting us and the environment in the last 6 years. We cannot leave opened our windows in summer like we could do in 2010, for example. You can still hear the engines with the windows closed outside the non-incorporated business hours.

Additionally, we have been reporting to the non-emergency number car skidding at any time, car speeding and the use of the business park for fireworks on July 4th.

How this will be handled by the KC with the area zoning update proposal if it is not being handled and corrected right now?

You are our local government and we are relying on you to make the right choice for us. Please, don't think that your desk represents the King County. I will suggest you to drive and walk King County and see how the different communities are changing day by day and re-connect with the families living in it. During the past three years, our neighborhood has grown even larger and denser.

You've made the right choice back in 2013 and 2016, please do the same now. Please vote NO to the proposed amendment/ordinances impacting RR/Trilogy and RRE!

Thanks in advance for your time and attention we really appreciate it.

Sincerely,

Monica C. Acciaresi

From: [Arti Teredesai](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge- Resident Comment on Comp plan
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 9:13:28 PM

Council members,

I am a resident of Redmond Ridge community and a registered voter.

Our RRROA, Community leaders, and community members were told unequivocally that businesses known to bring negative impacts would not be permitted so the zoning proposal should be amended. I oppose proposed zoning changes by King County Council that will make negative impact on our community.

I understand that King County is scheduled to hold public comment on comprehensive plan tomorrow (July 7) at 1PM.

Redmond Ridge is a residential community with 3 schools in our neighborhood. This community has hundreds of families living in with young and teenage kids. Redmond Ridge is not a place to put marijuana, adult entertainment, prison, or any other businesses that will bring negative impact. Zoning proposal should be amended.

Thanks,

Arti

From: [Larissa Ruiz](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Amendment to re zoning comprehensive plan.
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 8:58:52 PM

Hello Council members,

I have read CM Kathy Lambert 's latest communication on her plans to add amendments to the comprehensive plan, but I'm concerned because I don't see any specific mention to the Market Place. Will the amendments be applicable to the Market place also? If so, why doesn't it mention it?

Please take this concern into account.

Thank you,

Larissa Ruiz

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From: [Eve Ong](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Review of the Redmond Ridge and Trilogy UPD Comparison Chart with King County Code Chapter 21A.08
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 6:16:55 PM

To King County Mobility and Review Committee, King County Representatives of the Department of Local Services and King County Councilmembers:

This letter is in response to the review of the Redmond Ridge and Trilogy UPD Comparison Chart with King County Code Chapter 21A.08 – Permitted Uses, and Striking Amendment S1 to proposed ordinance 2019-0413.

Based on this detailed comparison chart which includes the Draft Comprehensive Use plan and new zoning changes, specifically referencing the Redmond Ridge Residential Owners Association and Master Planned Community, we would like to reiterate our position that it is imperative that the intent and the tested protections of the current UPD guidelines remain intact.

The only means to maintain the vitality of our community is to prevent negative business impacts and to preserve property values by upholding current UPD use restrictions for businesses.

Based upon King County Code 21A.38.100 Special district overlay - commercial/industrial. A. The purpose of the commercial/industrial special district overlay is to accommodate and support existing commercial/industrial areas outside of activity centers by providing incentives for the redevelopment of underutilized commercial or industrial lands and by permitting a range of appropriate uses consistent with maintaining the quality of nearby residential areas.

We strongly encourage the comparison chart's newly allowed uses be:

- 1) removed from the comprehensive plan, and/or
- 2) the adoption of an additional special district overlay to ensure the integrity of the UPD be maintained, and the land use remain consistent with maintaining the quality of the nearby residential areas, per K.C.C. 21.A.38.100.A.

We believe that this request is also consistent with King County Council's Motion 15329, Attachment A, Section II. Area Zoning and Land Use Proposals, which states: In advance of the expiration of development agreements for the Bear Creek Urban Planned Developments (Redmond Ridge, Trilogy, and Redmond Ridge East), review and establish the comprehensive plan land use designation and zoning classifications in a manner consistent with the development patterns in said agreements and reflecting current conditions in the area.

Thank you for your time and consideration of the above requests and recommendations.

Yours Truly,

Eve Ong

Resident at Redmond Ridge

From: [Amey Teredesai](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge Zoning- Comment on Comp plan
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 4:46:18 PM

Dear Council member,

I am a resident of Redmond Ridge community and a registered voter. I understand that King County is scheduled to hold public comment on comprehensive plan tomorrow (July 7) at 1PM.

I am writing to let you know that I oppose proposed zoning changes by King County Council that will make negative impact on our community. RRROA, Community leaders, and community members were told unequivocally that businesses known to bring negative impacts would not be permitted so the zoning proposal should be amended.

Redmond Ridge is a residential community with 2 elementary schools and 1 middle schools in our neighborhood. This community has hundreds of families living in with young and teenage kids. Redmond Ridge is not a place to put marijuana, adult entertainment, prison, or any other businesses that will bring negative impact. Zoning proposal should be amended.

Best Regards,

Amey Teredesai

From: [Leona Phelan](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Krekel-Zoppi, Leah](#); [Calderon, Angelica](#); [Compplan](#)
Cc: [Peter Eglick](#)
Subject: Comments on Behalf of Friends of Sammamish Valley on Winery/Brewery/Distillery provisions in the proposed 2020 update to the 2016 KC Comp Plan (Proposed Ordinance 2019-0413)
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 3:46:35 PM
Attachments: [FOSV Comments on King County Comp Plan 070620.pdf](#)

Good afternoon:

Please find attached herewith comments on behalf of Friends of Sammamish Valley et al. on the Winery/Brewery/Distillery provisions in the proposed 2020 update to the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan (Proposed Ordinance 2019-0413) and related documents.

Thank you.

Very truly yours,
Leona Phelan



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July 6, 2020

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The Honorable Claudia Balducci, Council Chair
The Honorable Rod Dembowski
The Honorable Reagan Dunn
The Honorable Jeanne Kohl-Welles
The Honorable Kathy Lambert
The Honorable Joe McDermott
The Honorable Pete von Reichbauer
The Honorable Dave Upthegrove
The Honorable Girmay Zahilay
King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104

Dear Council Chair Balducci and Council Members Dembowski, Dunn, Kohl-Welles, Lambert, McDermott, von Reichbauer, Upthegrove, and Zahilay:

Subject: Comments on Behalf of Friends of the Sammaish Valley et al. on the Winery/Brewery/Distillery provisions in the proposed 2020 update to the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan (Proposed Ordinance 2019-0413) and related documents

This office is counsel for Friends of the Sammaish Valley (FOSV) and the co-petitioners (except for Futurewise, which has its own counsel) in *FOSV et al v. King County*, Growth Management Hearings Board (GMHB) No. 20-3-004c. These comments are submitted concerning the “proposed 2020 update” noted above in light of the May 26, 2020 Order in the FOSV GMHB appeal matter.

That GMHB Order rejected as noncompliant Code amendments adopted in King County Ordinance 19030, the Winery/Brewery/Distillery ordinance, due to gross deficiencies under the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) and coordinate Growth Management Act (GMA) requirements.

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July 6, 2020

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The GMHB May 26, 2020 Order did not just hold noncompliant Ordinance 19030 provisions subject to GMHB jurisdiction. It also took the additional step of invalidating them due to their pronounced violations, and set a schedule for County compliance. Whether the steps barely begun by the County will ultimately prove sufficient to establish compliance with SEPA and the GMA remains to be seen.

However, as of now there is no lawful basis under SEPA or the GMA for the County to adopt or re-adopt those provisions into its Comprehensive Plan or Code. Yet that is effectively what the proposed update before you now appears to do. See, e.g., document pages 103-24, 142 et seq. These proposed provisions must be stricken and the proposed re-adoption dropped until, if, and when the requirements of the GMHB Order and invalidation have been satisfied.

These comments by FOSV et al are submitted as part of our participation in the GMA and SEPA processes for the proposal, supplementing comments submitted by FOSV, along with other groups, on other aspects of the proposal. Therefore, these comments must be placed in the Record for this matter so that they will be available for citation in the event that the County proceeds and FOSV files a new appeal.

Thank you for your consideration of the above.

Sincerely,

EGLICK & WHITED PLLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Eglick', written in a cursive style.

Peter J. Eglick
Attorney for FOSV et al

cc: client

From: [Sara Smiley](#)
To: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
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Subject: Invest in Skyway Now
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Subject: Letter from Skyway Coalition - Invest in Skyway!
Date: Monday, July 6, 2020 1:21:47 PM
Attachments: [Skyway Coalition letter to King County Council 7.6.2020.pdf](#)

Dear King County Councilmembers,
In support of and *with* the support of a broad base of Skyway residents, the Skyway Coalition respectfully submits the attached letter to you all for your consideration ahead of your July 21 vote that will impact our community for decades to come.

The attached letter includes our requests and demands, to which 400 community members--and counting--have signed onto in agreement.

Sincerely,
Skyway Coalition

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Current coalition members: Renton Area Youth and Family Services, Renton Innovation Zone Partnership, Renton School District, Somali Parents Education Board, Urban Family, West Hill Community Association

Dear King County Councilmembers,

The Skyway Coalition, with support of 400 community members and counting, respectfully writes to you today ahead of your planned July vote on the Skyway-West Hill land-use and zoning subarea plan to present our concerns and requests and to ask you to take action to address our concerns and requests. The Skyway Coalition currently includes six organizations working with residents and families in unincorporated Skyway-West Hill; we are organizations led by community leaders who live or work in Skyway and are deeply committed to serving residents of the Skyway-West Hill community who have been most impacted by systemic oppression and racism.

One of our primary purposes for coming together as a coalition is to advocate for policies and funding that support anti-displacement strategies, affordable housing, and economic development in the Skyway community. In the face of widespread gentrification in King County and displacement of communities of color and families and residents with lower incomes, we seek development without displacement. We strive for community-led development and growth that also supports and protects our racial/ethnic/socio-economic diversity. We seek to preserve our history, diversity, and our right to be here.

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To bring equity, housing stability, and economic opportunity to the Skyway community, the Skyway Coalition and community members request that King County Council vote in July to:

- Broaden the subarea plan to include *more than* land use and zoning changes by voting in favor of the Striking Amendment S2.
 - To support aggressive anti-displacement.
 - To execute a community-driven plan by and for the people of color who live here, not just for the land.
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After a decades-long lack of investment in the people of Skyway, it's time for King County to invest in our community. Skyway needs the resources and the infrastructure to improve quality of life in our community and protect residents from losing their homes and businesses. We demand a thoughtful, coordinated approach to development without displacement. We are committed to working collectively to build our community. The time is now! On behalf of all those who risk losing their businesses, homes, and community, we implore you to work with us.

Sincerely,

The Skyway Coalition

From: [Craig Becker](#)
To: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
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Thank you for your time and consideration,
Craig Becker

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