

From: [Narender Chauhan](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Review of the Redmond Ridge and Trilogy UPD Comparison
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:05:36 PM

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

This email 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.

I do not support the proposed changes.

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.

A concerned parent, resident and community member,
Narender Chauhan

From: [Ashish Consul](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Reject New Zoning Proposal for Bear Creek Neighborhood
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 12:04:12 PM

Dear King County Council Members,

I am writing this regarding the proposed zoning for Bear Creek neighborhood which gives extensive leeway in opening up a primarily residential community to indiscriminate industrial usage.

Just a walk in the neighborhood will reveal to you many kids - teenagers, pre-teens, toddlers and babies, young parents and families. This neighborhood was result of your vision for an inclusive community within a planned system.

There are two elementary and one middle school right in the midst of the neighborhood. It is also home to several miles of trails in protected forests and wet lands. Twice before (in 2013 and 2016) there was an effort to bring marijuana industry in the business parks. With your openness to listen to the community, that threat was avoided.

Now with the proposed zoning, you are opening up the community for many harmful uses including:

- Marijuana retail and industry
- Adult entertainment
- Waste transfer stations
- Helipads
- Prison
- Sex offender support

We are genuinely concerned for the safety of the neighborhood, pollution (air, water, sound, ground) and increased traffic. Clearly this is not part of the vision and promises you have made to this community right from its creation.

Hence, please do not approve this new zoning proposal. You did the right thing in 2013 and 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Ashish Consul
650.868.5131

From: [Lana Rich](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Objection to Redmond Ridge Rezoning
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:35:20 AM

Hello, my name is Lana Rich. Redmond Ridge has been and continues to be my home since year 2000.

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. I saw the side-by-side comparison of new uses versus current allowable uses in Redmond Ridge. The new uses are showing many new potentially harsh and negative impacts on our community, and these negative uses are clearly in violation of KCC's promises that zoning would match our current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. My whole community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation in zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

Sincerely,

Lana Rich
Redmond Ridge resident
Registered voter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Nicholas](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Objection to Redmond Ridge rezoning plan
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:31:04 AM

Hello, my name is Nicholas Rich. I am 18 years old and will be voting for the first time. Redmond Ridge has been and continues to be my home since my birth.

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. I saw the side-by-side comparison of new uses versus current allowable uses in Redmond Ridge. The new uses are showing many new potentially harsh and negative impacts on our community, and these negative uses are clearly in violation of KCC's promises that zoning would match our current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. My parents, grandmother who also lives in RR, and I were all shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation in zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

Sincerely,

Nicholas Rich
Redmond Ridge resident
Registered voter

Sent from my iPhone

From: [Vikas Taneja](#)
To: [Clerk, King County Council](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Written comments for KC comprehensive plan/new zoning plan.
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:12:18 AM

Hello king county council,

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. This is a reversal from my earlier support in 2019 since the release In February, 2020 of the KC side-by-side comparison showing many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in violation of KC promises that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. The community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation in zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

Thanks for considering my opinion and I hope KCC will take it seriously.

Best,
Vikas

From: [satish periasamy](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#)
Subject: Objection to the KC zoning proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:01:27 AM

Dear King County Council Members:

Reaching out to express my concerns over the proposed zoning, I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. This is a reversal from my earlier support in 2019 since the release In February, 2020 of the KC side-by-side comparison showing many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in violation of KC promises that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. Our community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Request Council not to neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge
Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to

advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Requesting Council to remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must take into consideration that remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

Regards,
Satish Periasamy
(Redmond Ridge Resident)

From: [Aresu Swaminathan](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Fw: I object to the KC zoning proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 11:00:36 AM

Dear King County Council Member:

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. This is a reversal from my earlier support in 2019 since the release in February, 2020 of the KC side-by-side comparison showing many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in violation of KC promises that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. The community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the

current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

Regards,
Thirunavukkaresu Swaminathan.
(Redmond Ridge Resident)

From: morris358@zipcon.com
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Cc: [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Balducci, Claudia](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#)
Subject: Please unanimously support Councilmember Upthegrove's amendment 4 to the KC Comprehensive plan
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 10:06:31 AM

Dear King County Council,

As you know we are in the Covid-19 crisis which is a dress rehearsal for the Climate Crisis. We are already experiencing the climate crisis, but its impacts are less acute than Covid-19, but they are real none the less and they impact lower income communities and communities of color disproportionately. The state, the county and the city of Seattle have all adopted lofty climate goals and written plans and none of these entities are even close to being on track with meeting the goals of the climate plans. As with Covid-19 if you don't change your behavior (wear a mask, social distance), you won't see improved results. We are not addressing climate change because we are not significantly changing our behavior. We must stop digging deeper in our dependence on fossil fuels starting right now. CM Upthegrove has introduced amendment 4 to the Comprehensive plan and it directly addresses the use of fossil fuels in King County.

- Councilmember Upthegrove's proposed amendments strengthen the measures proposed by the Executive's office, ensuring a robust review process for any proposed fossil fuel facilities.
- The directive to consider and mitigate the full scope of environmental impacts, including lifecycle greenhouse gas emissions, threats to air and water quality, and public health risks, will ensure that the well-being of current and future King County residents is prioritized in any project permitting process.
- My family and I strongly support the requirement for demonstrated, early and meaningful consultation with Tribes; both because this is the morally right thing to do, and as the original stewards of this place, Native peoples understand how to care for the water and land in ways that ensure healthy environments for generations to come.
- We also support the County exploring fossil fuel risk-bonding as a proposed work plan item. Too often, taxpayers & local governments are left to foot the bill when fossil fuel projects leak, explode or simply need to be cleaned up after decades of pollution. As we face a growing economic recession and budget gaps at every level of government, measures like fossil fuel risk bonding - which hold oil & gas companies accountable for the costs of pollution - are increasingly important.

It is now possible to heat and cool homes with cost effective heat pumps and electric furnaces, it is possible to get around in electric vehicles. We need to make electricity our go to source of energy for our daily activities. Washington is moving towards 100% clean electricity thus if we electrify everything, we will be doing what we can do to mitigate

Climate catastrophe. We need to look at the full costs of fossil fuels to society and then move away from using them all together. CM Upthegrove's amendments take us in that direction.

Thank you for considering my view.

Sincerely,

Arvia Morris

4535 Thackeray Place NE

Seattle, Wa.

From: [Masuo, Janet](#) on behalf of [Clerk, King County Council](#)
To: [KCC - All Members \(Email Group\)](#)
Cc: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Pedroza, Melani](#)
Subject: FW: Letter supporting opposition to the Redmond Ridge re-zoning plans
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 9:39:32 AM

From: Venkatesan Meenatchinathan <24karat@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 8:46 AM
To: Clerk, King County Council <Clerk@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Letter supporting opposition to the Redmond Ridge re-zoning plans

Hello King County Officials,

My name is Venkatesan Meenatchinathan and I live in Redmond Ridge at 10071 240th Ave NE, Redmond, WA 98053 and have a wife and two young daughters in LWSD.

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. This is a reversal from my earlier support in 2019 since the release in February, 2020 of the KC side-by-side comparison showing many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in violation of KC promises that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious. The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. The community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation in zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions. Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write

zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

To summarize,

1. We oppose the current zoning proposal.
2. Kathy Lambert's amendments do not go far enough and have many loopholes.
3. The neighborhoods are densely populated with people from multicultural backgrounds and many small kids. We do not wish for increased crime, pollution, and decreased property values.
4. We don't want industries in the area due to the growing residential communities like RR, RRE and Trilogy. The house pricing has increased due to the residential areas developed and excellent schools...industries bring pollution, traffic and disrupts the tranquility of the area that I don't think neighbors were looking for when each of us bought our homes.

Please take the Redmond Ridge residents' concerns into serious consideration before making any permanent decisions on our behalf.

Thank you and Sincerely

-Ven

[Venkatesan Meenatchinathan]

From: [Saket Lal](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge Zoning proposal
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7:40:03 AM

Dear County members,

I am a resident of Redmond Ridge.

For the safety of my school going children and other small children in the neighborhood, I oppose the king county zoning proposal.

Please consider our request seriously for the sake of community and the future of the children.

Regards

Manjari

Get [Outlook for iOS](#)

From: [Ram Amand](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Oppose Comprehensive Plan for Bear Creek
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 7:27:12 AM

Dear Council Members,

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Bear Creek/Redmond Ridge (RR) area as many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in VIOLATION of King County's directive that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. The community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation In zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

From: [Jen Boon](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge area proposed zoning in Comp Plan
Date: Tuesday, July 21, 2020 4:00:16 AM

I do not support the zoning proposed in the Comp Plan for the Redmond Ridge (RR) area. This is a reversal from my earlier support in 2019 since the release In February, 2020 of the KC side-by-side comparison showing many new uses with known negative impacts are proposed in violation of KC promises that zoning would match current conditions.

KC created the UPD with strict protections and limited permitted uses. KC made Redmond Ridge Community and business areas with conditions dissimilar to standard KC zoning. KC made Redmond Ridge to be unique. Standard zoning doesn't fit because KC wanted the UPD conditions they wrote. The FCC agreement was put in place additionally highlighting that RR is and is intended to be unique.

KC then stated repeatedly and clearly that those unique conditions of the UPD and FCC agreements would be carried forward in customized new zoning using special district overlays and be sensitive to and inclusive of input from RR residents immediately impacted by the zoning. KC officials and KC Planners said they would follow the Executive's scope to match the real look and feel of the community in the zoning to replace the expiring UPD. The agreement would expire but the conditions would remain unchanged in zoning that was matching, congruent and harmonious.

The new zoning proposed does not match and carry forward conditions as they currently exist under the UPD and in reality. The community was shocked to find out the truth in February that the zoning is not harmonious and congruent to the UPD but written to allow many new uses in violation of KC promises and opposite of repeatedly expressed community feedback. Elected Community leaders discovered their advocacy, involvement and participation In zoning discussions with DLS was for nothing with zoning that ignores expressed community best interests. KCC goals of equity and social justice for other communities who never had the protections and special UPD agreement like RR had from inception does not excuse failing to keep their promises to RR nor justify the bad faith non adherence to the scope and published intent to zone to match the UPD conditions. The argument that it wouldn't be fair to treat RR differently from the rest of KC is negligent of King County's ongoing obligation to uphold the RR FCC agreement provisions.

Council must not neglect their duty to Redmond Ridge Unincorporated Residents to listen as we have no city council or mayor to advocate for us. Council should keep County promises to write zoning that extends the current conditions of the UPD. Council should remove the proposed new uses that are not congruent with the UPD conditions and real look and feel of the RR community. Council must remember RR is unique because KC made it to be unique, and promised it would remain that way.

From: [Aayushi Nalinaranjan](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Concerns regarding the current zoning proposal
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:53:55 PM

Hi Council members,

I'm a resident of unincorporated King County and am very concerned about the current zoning proposal including but not limited to Adult Entertainment and Marijuana production and processing.

My neighborhood has many kids, including several neighbors and my younger sister that go to preschool, baseball courts, and track and tennis courts adjacent to the business park (the proposed area for these businesses). Our community has numerous daycares, elementary schools, middle schools and parks for children and any zoning changes including the above would be highly detrimental to the social/emotional/physical impacts on school going children especially as grow up and have exposure to such businesses so close to our community.

These kind of businesses invite unwanted social elements in and around our community such as increase in crime rates, pollution, noise while also effecting out property rates. We would like to keep our community family friendly, heathy, pristine, and limit such businesses as such, especially considering the amount of small children and families living in this area.

Because of these reasons, I request the council members to please consider taking these points into account regarding new zoning.

Thank you for your time,
Aayushi Nalinaranjan

From: [Sheetal Chinoy](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Don't like the current zoning proposal
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 11:34:19 PM

Hello.

My name is Keyur Chinoy and I have permission to use my mom, Sheetal Chinoy's email to send my feelings about the proposal.

I am 9 years old and have lived in Redmond Ridge since I was 2 years old. I am sad that people want to take away being able to play outside safely. My parents worry about the huge trucks that we see a lot of now and crime that happens and the yucky fumes from the trucks which makes me and my friends not feel safe playing outside. This makes me sad because kids cannot be kids and play freely outside (especially the parks right now because of Covid). Don't you remember playing outside when you were kids? Please don't take that away.

Please stop thinking about bringing businesses here that will hurt our home and create pollution and not keep Redmond Ridge a kid friendly and peaceful neighborhood.

Thank you.
Keyur Chinoy
9 years old
Redmond Ridge

Get [Outlook for Android](#)

From: [Rashi Prasad](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Concerns about proposed zoning plans
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:35:12 PM

Dear King County Council Members,

I am a resident of Redmond Ridge for 4 years now and we love our community and have enjoyed every bit of it. I have a 2 year old son who loves the community and parks as well.

I would like to re-emphasize that I am concerned and distressed about the new uses that are made possible by the proposed new UPD. As you heard from my neighbors, Redmond Ridge, Redmond Ridge East communities are characterized by diversity, young families, thousands of school going children and people who love nature.

I strongly oppose any language that would implicitly allow the proposed uses including and not limited to:

1. Helipad
2. Sex offender support facilities
3. Prison
4. Solid waste dump facilities
5. Marijuana sale and distribution
6. Marijuana manufacturing
7. Adult entertainment

These are not congruous to the community character. They will cause pollution and increase crime. It will seriously hurt our property values. Like many of my neighbors, I invested my lifetime savings into my house and am very worried about the irreparable damage it will create to my home value.

In 2013 and 2016, you have worked with us and did not let marijuana business force their way into the community. In the ensuing years you have repeatedly assured us that any UPD update will preserve and protect the original intent and keep the community safe. Please do not go back on your promises.

As such, we do not have any local governance or representation. We do not have the same executive muscle as incorporated cities do. We have very little law enforcement coverage and services. Yet we are being stymied time and again with proposals that will destroy the community safety and health.

As you also heard from Skyway residents, their suffering should tell you, that a mistake was made. You cannot correct a mistake by making two or more same mistakes, which you will with the proposed UPD. Instead you should use current UPD of RR/RRE/Trilogy as a model to emulate across the entire county and make it a vibrant, peaceful and prosperous county. I do not wish any community to go through the suffering and irreversible damage.

Council Member Kathy Lambert has introduced some amendments to restrict marijuana and adult entertainment. However, these are:

1. Neither adequate nor comprehensive
2. Have serious loopholes
3. Can be easily overcome with wicked intent

I hope you will see the issue with the best interests of community residents as the top priority and protect their property values and preserve the character of the community for the foreseeable future. Please remove any implicit proposed land uses that are detrimental to the community.

As I conclude, I'd like to ask you to engage with the community and the owners' association openly and not suppress their opinions. For a while now, we have seen disengagement and rejection by the council.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Best regards,

Rashi

From: [Divya Nalinaranjan](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 10:18:20 PM

Hi Council members,

I'm a resident of unincorporated King County and am very concerned about the new zoning changes proposed including but not limited to:

Adult Entertainment

Marijuana production and processing

My neighborhood has kids, including me (15) that go to school and baseball fields, track and tennis courts adjacent to the business park which is the business areas proposed. It is a community that has daycare, elementary schools, middle schools and any zoning changes including the above would be highly detrimental to the social/emotional/physical impacts on school going children.

These kind of businesses would invite unwanted social elements in and around our community, especially considering the amount of small children and families living in this area. We would like to keep our family friendly community healthy and pristine.

I'd request the council members to please consider taking these points into account regarding new zoning.

Thanks in advance!

Divya Nalinaranjan

From: [Jennifer](#)
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: Vote YES to Broaden the Skyway Subarea Plan and Fund Skyway Community Priorities
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:51:07 PM

To All King County Councilmembers:

Today I'm writing to ask you to support the Skyway community's demands for equity, housing affordability and stability, and economic opportunity in the Skyway Community. Specifically, I urge you to vote YES on the following:

*Broaden the Skyway subarea plan to include more than land use and zoning changes by voting IN FAVOR OF THE STRIKING AMENDMENT S4 TO 2020 KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE [THE SECTIONS RELATED TO SKYWAY], 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.

*\$10 million - invest in purchase of one Skyway property for affordable housing.

*\$55 million - invest in the development of a multi-service community/cultural center for programming and social services. Plus \$5 million additional support for operating costs for Black and POC-led community-based organizations in Skyway to manage the center.

Community has been advocating for this since 2008.

After decades of disinvestment in our community, we the people demand that you invest in Skyway today.

Thank you,
Jennifer Wooten
Skyway resident

From: [Sarah Chambers](#)
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: Skyway Subarea Plan & Skyway Community Priorities Funding
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:42:27 PM

To All King County Councilmembers:

I'm writing today to ask you to support the Skyway community's demands for equity, housing affordability and stability, and economic opportunity in the Skyway Community. Specifically, I urge you to vote YES on the following:

*Broaden the Skyway subarea plan to include more than land use and zoning changes by voting IN FAVOR OF THE STRIKING AMENDMENT S4 TO 2020 KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE [THE SECTIONS RELATED TO SKYWAY], 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.

*\$10 million - invest in purchase of one Skyway property for affordable housing.

*\$55 million - invest in the development of a multi-service community/cultural center for programming and social services. Plus \$5 million additional support for operating costs for Black and POC-led community-based organizations in Skyway to manage the center.

Community has been advocating for this since 2008.

After decades of disinvestment in our community, we the people demand that you invest in Skyway today.

Thank you,
Sarah Chambers
29666 43rd Pl S
Auburn, WA 98001
253-985-7550
sarah.rose.chambers@gmail.com

From: [Vidhya K.P](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge Zoning
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 5:36:49 PM

Respected Sir/Madam,

We live in Redmond Ridge and we oppose the current zoning proposal . We have two kids who go to school here - our daughter is 10 years old and our son is 5 years old. They both were born here and grew up in this community and we look forward to them completing elementary and middle school in this safe, tranquil and great community. We love this neighborhood and we are here because of how family oriented it is. I am writing to please request you to not let industries be permitted here. This neighborhood is densely populated with people from multicultural backgrounds and many small kids. We do not wish for increased crime, pollution, and decreased property value.

Thanks
Vidhya

From: [Pranali Parikh](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: King County Zoning Changes
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:50:18 PM

Hello,

We oppose the current zoning proposal
Kathy Lambert's amendments do not go far enough and have many loopholes
The neighborhoods are densely populated and have many small kids. We do not wish for increased
crime, pollution, and decreased property values.

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Meredith Dodd](#)
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: Vote YES to Broaden the Skyway Subarea Plan and Fund Skyway Community Priorities
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:47:31 PM

To All King County Councilmembers:

Today, as a leader in the faith community, I am writing to ask you to support the Skyway community's demands for equity, housing affordability and stability, and economic opportunity in the Skyway Community.

I serve as pastor of Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church, which has served the people of Skyway for over one hundred years. Our church provides shelter for those who are homeless, sponsors community yard sales, after-school tutoring programs and will soon house a nonprofit helping those affected by mass incarceration. We love our community. And we are happy to serve.

I am dismayed, however, when I see that our small church which struggles to pay the bills has invested in the community in a way that our government has not. I am dismayed that when I meet with parks department officials, my church is asked to provide volunteer labor necessary to maintain a neighborhood park, since my government will not provide any staff. I am dismayed that, when I ask city recreation officials how many Skyway children they served last summer, the answer is ONE. I am dismayed and heartbroken when I read Councilman Dembowski's comments that such systemic disinterest in a neighborhood of color was a deliberate strategy to force annexation. As a pastor, I take a vow to serve the people of my parish, no matter how inconvenient their voting patterns are. I had thought that my elected officials would have done the same.

Because I love the people of Skyway, I urge you to vote YES on the following:

*Broaden the Skyway subarea plan to include more than land use and zoning changes by voting IN FAVOR OF THE STRIKING AMENDMENT S4 TO 2020 KING COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE [THE SECTIONS RELATED TO SKYWAY], 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. Nothing could be more important to me than this.

ADDITIONAL DEMANDS:

*Allocate marijuana tax dollars to invest in affordable housing and economic development in Skyway.

*\$10 million - invest in purchase of one Skyway property for affordable housing.

*\$55 million - invest in the development of a multi-service community/cultural center for

programming and social services. Plus \$5 million additional support for operating costs for Black and POC-led community-based organizations in Skyway to manage the center. Community has been advocating for this since 2008. The church I serve is interested in a similar project. However, it took us YEARS to raise \$20,000. We cannot do this without government support!

You have divested in this community for decades. I plead with you to avail yourself of this opportunity to do right by the people you serve.

May peace be with you always,

Pastor Meredith Dodd
Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church
8016 S 116th St
Seattle, WA 98178

--

Peace be with you,

Pastor Meredith Dodd
Bryn Mawr United Methodist Church
8016 S. 116th St, Seattle, WA 98178
425-577-2446
she/her pronouns

From: [Beth Zimmerman](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: please oppose The Bear Creek portion of the Comprehensive Plan 2020
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:46:34 PM

Dear Council Members,

Please oppose the Beak Creek community portion of the comp plan and allow the current conditions to continue until the next update so the community can provide feedback for changes to our neighborhood.

The comp plan does not follow the county executive's scope and allowing new zoning like jail, transit center, sex offender housing, domestic violence housing, marijuana and adult businesses or multi-family housing units shows that the committee did not take into account the re-assurance from county employees John Taylor and Kevin LeClaire that Redmond Ridge residents would not have to worry about new zoning as the update would only continue the development pattern set in the FCC and UPD.

The proposed comp plan and any amendments to remove only a few of the new zoning changes is irresponsible of the county council. The Redmond Ridge neighborhood asks that the county rejects all new zoning changes for the Bear Creek area and engages in community input so the mistakes made in South Center won't be duplicated in Redmond Ridge.

Redmond Ridge Residents know our neighborhood best and can help the council from making embarrassing zoning mistakes that will have to be undone at a later date. Let us help YOU for a well thought out comp plan update for the Bear Creek community! But first, you'll have to reject the propose plan.

Regards,
Beth Zimmerman
Redmond Ridge.

From: [Auzins, Erin](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Fwd: Rural Forest Commission Comprehensive Plan Proposed Changes
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:43:21 PM
Attachments: [RFC Council Comp Plan Proposed Changes 07202020 Final.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Dahlstrom, Maureen" <Maureen.Dahlstrom@kingcounty.gov>
Date: July 20, 2020 at 4:39:13 PM PDT
To: "Balducci, Claudia" <Claudia.Balducci@kingcounty.gov>, "Dembowski, Rod" <Rod.Dembowski@kingcounty.gov>
Cc: "Miller, Ivan" <Ivan.Miller@kingcounty.gov>, "Smith, Lauren" <Lauren.Smith@kingcounty.gov>, "Auzins, Erin" <Erin.Auzins@kingcounty.gov>, "Pedroza, Melani" <Melani.Pedroza@kingcounty.gov>, "Taylor, John - Dir" <John-Dir.Taylor@kingcounty.gov>, "Baldi, Josh" <Josh.Baldi@kingcounty.gov>, "Martin, Richard (DNRP)" <Richard.Martin@kingcounty.gov>, "Constantine, Dow" <Dow.Constantine@kingcounty.gov>, "Lambert, Kathy" <Kathy.Lambert@kingcounty.gov>, "Kohl-Welles, Jeanne" <Jeanne.Kohl-Welles@kingcounty.gov>, "Zahilay, Girmay" <Girmay.Zahilay@kingcounty.gov>, "Upthegrove, Dave" <Dave.Upthegrove@kingcounty.gov>, "von Reichbauer, Pete" <Pete.vonReichbauer@kingcounty.gov>, "McDermott, Joe" <Joe.McDermott@kingcounty.gov>, "Dunn, Reagan" <Reagan.Dunn@kingcounty.gov>, "True, Christie" <Christie.True@kingcounty.gov>
Subject: Rural Forest Commission Comprehensive Plan Proposed Changes

Dear Councilmembers Balducci and Dembowski,

On behalf of the King County Rural Forest Commission, The Executive Committee respectfully submits the attached comments about proposed changes to the King County Comprehensive Plan.

Maureen Dahlstrom ([pronouns she/her/hers](#))

Program Manager

Rural and Regional Services Section~Water and Land Resource Division

201 South Jackson Street~Suite 600

Seattle, WA 98104

Phone: 206.477.4777

<https://kingcounty.gov/depts/dnrp/wlr.aspx>



King County
Rural Forest Commission
Water and Land Resources Division
Department of Natural Resources and Parks

King Street Center
 201 South Jackson Street, Suite 600
 Seattle, WA 98104-3855
 206.477-4800 Fax 206.296.0192

- King County Rural Forest Commission Members*
- Monica Paulson Priebe, Chair**
Faculty, Green River College
- Amy LaBarge, vice-Chair**
Forest Ecologist
- Laurie Benson**
WA Dept. Natural Resources
- Jeff Boyce**
Forestry Consultant
- Andy Chittick**
Forest Landowner
- Wendy Davis**
Forest Landowner
- Wyatt Golding**
Attorney, Ziontz Chestnut
- Steve Horton**
Forest Landowner
- LiWayHsi**
Forest Landowner
- Mari Knutson**
Forest Landowner
- Steven Mullen-Moses**
Snoqualmie Tribe
- Grady Steere**
Forester, Campbell Global
- Martie Schramm, ex officio**
US Forest Service
- Brandy Reed, ex officio**
King Conservation District
- Brendan Whyte, ex officio**
WSU Forestry Extension

July 20, 2020

The Honorable Claudia Balducci
 Chair, King County Council
 516 Third Ave, Room 1200
 Seattle, WA 98104

The Honorable Rod Dembowski
 Chair, Mobility and Environment
 Committee
 516 Third Ave, Room 1200
 Seattle, WA 98104

Dear Councilmembers Balducci and Dembowski,

On behalf of the King County Rural Forest Commission (“Rural Forest Commission”), The Executive Committee respectfully submits the following comments about proposed changes to the King County Comprehensive Plan (“Comprehensive Plan”). Although staff from the Executive’s Office had previously notified the Rural Forest Commission of proposed Comprehensive Plan changes, and the Commission was in support of those changes, we were given very little time to consider the impacts of the recent, significant changes proposed by Council. Specifically, the Rural Forest Commission would like to express its concern about the Council’s Non-Resource Industrial zoning changes included in Striking Amendments S2 and S3 to the Executive’s proposed 2020 Comprehensive Plan Update (Ordinance 2019-0413) and ask that those changes be pulled from consideration during this Comprehensive Plan review period. Our opposition is based on the following three primary concerns:

- 1) The changes potentially impact RA-zoned areas county-wide, which is a significant Comprehensive Plan change and is more appropriately considered during the 8-year review period;
- 2) The magnitude of impact on the RA-zone (potentially tripling the footprint of industrial-zoned property within the RA-zone) should trigger a comprehensive EIS to examine potential cumulative impacts; and
- 3) The RFC was not given sufficient notification of the proposed changes and has been unable to adequately perform its advisory role to the King County Council and King County Executive on issues affecting forestland in rural King County.

The purpose of the Rural Forest Commission is to “advise the Executive and Council in their efforts to encourage forestry in the rural area.” We review and comment on policies and programs that may affect rural forests or the practice of forestry in King County. Within this responsibility, the Rural Forest Commission wishes to express its concern about the proposed Non-Resource Industrial zoning changes.

Proposed amendments to Comp Plan policies R-512, R-513 and R-515 will open up unintended impacts to forest lands within the Rural Area and negatively impact the environment. We agree with the findings in the July 6 Updated SEPA Addendum, which identified major concerns about allowing “new [*industrial*] sites anywhere in the Rural Area geography that meet newly defined criteria.” Additionally, corresponding Map Amendment #9 (Pacific Raceways Land Use and Zoning) is troubling because it 1) expands greatly lands eligible for industrial use; 2) removes the p-suffix from Pacific Raceways and adjacent property to allow rezoning of over 330 acres to Industrial; and 3) eliminates the 2012 requirement to place a conservation easement on a portion of Soos Creek, which was a condition for rezoning a parcel adjacent to Pacific Raceways (initially proposed in 2000 Map Amendment 5 and reinforced in 2012 Map Amendment 7).

The proposed changes to Non-Resource Industrial zoning in the Rural Area threaten multiple forestry initiatives within King County that strive to protect forestland. Forests are a finite resource as once they are converted to industrial uses or development, they cannot be recovered without substantial effort or cost. Since the inception of the Rural Forest Commission, we have performed our advisory role consistent with the Growth Management Act and the King County Comprehensive Plan sections that conserve and protect forestlands and support forest landowners. Forests in the Rural Area buffer and protect more expansive forest in the Forest Production District (F-zone) and provide valuable ecosystem benefits, including water resources, air quality, habitat protection, recreation, carbon sequestration and timber while also contributing significantly to human health and wellbeing and the quality of life that King County residents cherish.

As outlined above, the Rural Forest Commission is greatly concerned by the proposed Comp Plan changes that expand Industrial zoning in Rural Areas. Equally troubling is the fact that such significant changes to the Comprehensive Plan are being considered during a global pandemic when public participation is hindered, and the appointed commissions with advisory roles were not notified of the proposed changes in a timely manner nor allowed to meet and consider this new business item. The Rural Forest Commission was made aware of the Council-proposed changes at its July 16 meeting, which was the first scheduled meeting of the Commission under the relaxed state public meeting restrictions. Thus, we have been unable to adequately review the proposed changes and potential impacts to forestland and forest landowners in the Rural Area. Although we have performed as complete of a review as possible, not all proposed Council changes could be assessed the time allotted, including the proposed changes to the 4:1 program, which has been a program the Rural Forest Commission has strongly supported in the past. Insufficient notice and restrictions on public meetings have reduced participation by the public, which undermines the high standard for public involvement that King County typically strives to achieve.

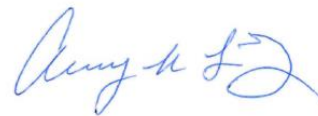
For the reasons stated above, the Rural Forest Commission respectfully recommends tabling consideration of the Rural Area industrial zoning changes during the current Comprehensive Plan update. This postponement is advised so that the Rural Forest Commission, landowners, stakeholders and members of the public can participate in the review process during the next major Comprehensive Plan update scheduled for 2024.

Sincerely,

The Rural Forest Commission Executive Team:



Monica Paulson Priebe, Chair



Amy LaBarge, vice-Chair



Steven Mullen-Moses, Executive Committee



Wendy Davis, Executive Committee

cc: King County Councilmembers
King County Executive Dow Constantine
Christie True, Director, Department of Natural Resources and Parks
Josh Baldi, Director, Water and Land Resources Division, DNRP
Richard Martin, Commission Liaison, DNRP

From: [Amy Brockhaus](#)
To: [Balducci, Claudia](#); [Dembowski, Rod](#); [Dunn, Reagan](#); [Kohl-Welles, Jeanne](#); [Lambert, Kathy](#); [McDermott, Joe](#); [Upthegrove, Dave](#); [von Reichbauer, Pete](#); [Zahilay, Girmay](#)
Cc: [Song, Ashley](#); [Logsdon, Kristina](#); [LaBrache, Lisa](#); [Cooper, Adam](#); [Brown, Dylan](#); [Bloom, Casey](#); [Foxen, Emlyn](#); [Navarro, Cyndee Joie](#); [Gayton, Chandler](#); [Cotten, Mike](#); [laurie.benson@dnr.wa.gov](#); [Smith, Lauren](#); [Matt Larson](#); [Tim Trohimovich](#); [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [mj-durk@msn.com](#); [timhatley@comcast.net](#)
Subject: Mountains to Sound Greenway | State Route 18 / Interstate 90 Interchange
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:42:10 PM
Attachments: [Greenway support - King County Council - SR 18 Interchange study.pdf](#)

Greetings members of the King County Council,

Please accept our attached letter about the proposed subarea study of the north side of the Interstate 90 / State Route 18 Interchange.

Thank you,

Amy Brockhaus
Deputy Director

Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

206.327.1732 c

amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org

#RecreateResponsibly

Let's all work together to keep each other safe and our lands open.

Learn more at mtsgreenway.org/covid-19-rec



President
Doug McClelland (*), Former Assistant Region Manager
Washington State Department of Natural Resources

Secretary
Josh M. Lipsky(*), Partner, Cascadia Law Group PLLC

Treasurer, Operations Committee Chair
Jason Broenneke (*), Partner, KPMG LLP

Fundraising Committee Chair
Ken Krivanec (*), President, Quadrant Homes

Board Engagement Committee Chair
Marie Quasius(*), Senior Port Counsel, Port of Seattle

Program Committee Chair
Cora Johnson (*), Geotechnical Engineer, GeoEngineers

Executive Director
Jon Hoekstra (*), Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust

July 20, 2020

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Erin Anderson, Partner, Van Ness Feldman, P.C.
Eric Artz, President & CEO, REI Co-op
Kristin Bail (X), Supervisor, Okanogan-Wenatchee National Forest
Jim Becker, Retired, Founder, SmartLab Toys and becker&mayer!
Laurie Benson (X), South Puget Sound Assistant Region
Manager for Conservation, Recreation, and Transactions, WA Dept.
of Natural Resources
Gary Berndt, Wildland Fire Liaison, WA State Dept. of
Natural Resources
Mark Boyar (*), President, Middle Fork Outdoor Recreation Coalition
Kevin Brown, King County Parks and Recreation
Susan Carlson, Chair, E3 Washington
Bill Chapman (*), Past President, Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Dow Constantine (X), King County Executive
Kitty Craig, Deputy Director, Washington Program,
The Wilderness Society
Deloa Dalby, Savor Snoqualmie Valley Leadership Team;
The Mountaineers Foothills Branch
Bob Ellis, Lifetime Educator and Cyclist,
Karl Forsgaard, Manager of Implementations, Thomson Reuters;
Alpine Lakes Protection Society
Kurt Fraese (*), Fraese and Associates, LLC
Hilary Franz (X), Commissioner of Public Lands, WA State Dept. of
Natural Resources
Kari Glover, Retired, Global Integration Partner, K&L Gates LLP,
Matt Grimm, Investment Professional, BMGI
Don Hoch (X), Director, WA State Parks & Recreation Commission
Laura Hoffman, Owner, Copper Ridge Farm; Microsoft
Warren Jimenez (X), Director, King County Parks
Andrew Kenefick, Senior Legal Counsel, Waste Management
of Washington, Inc
Melanie Kitzan, Associate General Counsel, Allen Institute
Janet Knox, President & Principal Geochemist,
Pacific Groundwater Group
Ken Konigsmark, Issaquah Alps Trails Club
Yvonne Kraus, Executive Director, Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance
Danny Levine, Retired, President, NationAd Communications
Sharon Linton (*), Marketing Consultant, SL Connects
Lorna Luebke, Assistant General Counsel/Director Environment
Program Services, Puget Sound Energy
Elizabeth Lunney (*), Former Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust
Interim Executive Director
Bob Manelski, Retired, Senior Director, 787 Program, Boeing
Ben Mayer, Associate, K&L Gates
Tod McDonald (*), Co-Founder, Valid8 Financial
Roger Millar (X), Secretary of Transportation, WSDOT
Chad Nesland, Director, Microsoft Procurement, Microsoft
Thomas O'Keefe, Pacific Northwest Stewardship Director,
American Whitewater
Amanda O'Rourke, CPA, Partner, Greenwood Ohlund & Co.
David Patton, Northwest Area Director, The Trust for Public Land
Kizz Prusia, Project Associate, Triangle Associates
Charles Raines, Director Cascade Checkerboard Project, Sierra Club,
Washington State Chapter
Janet Ray, Retired, Asst VP, Corporate Affairs and Publishing,
AAA Washington
Jim Reinhardtsen (*), President, Laird Norton Properties
Vik Sahney, Board VP, E&I Committee Chair, The Mountaineers
Meredith Shank, Social Venture Partners
Jill Simmons, Executive Director, Washington Trails Association
Al Smith, Partner, Perkins Coie LLP
David Sturtevant, Retired, Vice President CH2M HILL
Chris Thomas, Senior Director, Public Policy, Lyft
Harry Thomas, Chief Marketing Officer, AAA Washington
Leah Tivoli, Manager, City of Seattle
Alison Washburn, Bellevue Store Manager, REI Co-op
Jody Weil (X), Supervisor, Mt. Baker-Snoqualmie National Forest
Joel Yoker, President, Snoqualmie Valley Youth Activities and
Community Center

(* Executive Committee Member
(X) Ex-Officio {non-voting} Director

MTSGREENWAY.ORG

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 Dave Uptegrove
The Honorable Pete von Reichbauer
The Honorable Girmay Zahilay

King County Council
516 Third Ave, Room 1200
Seattle, Washington 98104

Re: Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust comments on the proposed 2020
update to the 2016 King County Comprehensive Plan, Snoqualmie Interchange
Study

Dear Council Chair Balducci and members of the King County Council,

The forests surrounding the Interstate 90/State Route 18 Interchange have
long been an area of focus in the heart of the Mountains to Sound Greenway
National Heritage Area. While a convergence of two major highways often
results in nearby commercial development of gas stations and mini-marts, this
major interchange remains forested along the Mountains to Sound Greenway
National Scenic Byway on Interstate 90.

This did not happen by accident. Over the past three decades, the public has
made significant investments to acquire the majority of the forest lands on
the south side of the interchange in the Tiger Mountain and Raging River state
forests. State trust lands, recreation, and wildlife habitat are being connected
here for significant public benefits and improvements to ecological health of
the region.

The Washington State Department of Transportation will rebuild this busy
interchange to improve traffic flow and public safety and to provide active
transportation connections through the new infrastructure beginning in 2021.

As new infrastructure is added or development occurs, the Mountains
to Sound Greenway Trust strongly supports retention of public forests, a
significant tree buffer along both highways, and wildlife and recreation
connections through this important transportation hub.

The north side of the interchange, between Interstate 90 and Snoqualmie Ridge, represents a unique rural area location between to the city of Snoqualmie urban growth boundary and Interstate 90. A proposal to update the King County Comprehensive Plan has been submitted for a subarea study of this north side of the interchange.

The Greenway Trust supports the subarea study, with these specifications:

Significant conifer tree buffers must remain in place along the highway to retain visual character of the Mountains to Sound Greenway National Scenic Byway on Interstate 90, as well as along State Route 18 and Snoqualmie Parkway.

Any commercial development in the rural area (outside urban growth area) must adhere to **4:1 principles** – that is, four parts land conserved for one part developed – and will conform to current King County policies without using new or perceived "public benefits" in lieu of 4:1 principles.

A corridor for a future link of the **Mountains to Sound Greenway Trail** between Preston and Snoqualmie must be retained, connections must be made to new bicycle/pedestrian facilities in the Washington State Department of Transportation infrastructure improvements. This corridor will also serve as the cross-country route of the Great American Rail Trail.

If development is to occur on the north side of I-90, it should include creation of an attractive **"Gateway" to Snoqualmie** and adhere to city plans and design guidelines.

The subarea study of the Snoqualmie area is planned to begin in June 2021, and should be a collaborative process with Tribes, the Washington State Department of Transportation, the Washington State Department of Natural Resources, King County, Snoqualmie, and regional partners. The Mountains to Sound Greenway Trust is committed to being an active partner in this collaborative effort.

Please do not hesitate to contact us about planning for the future of this important regional location at amy.brockhaus@mtsgreenway.org / 206.327.1732, or mccmini@gmail.com / 425.222.6691.

Sincerely,



Doug McClelland
President



Amy Brockhaus
Deputy Director

cc: Mike Cotten, Regional Administrator, Washington State Department of Transportation
Laurie Benson, Assistant Region Manager, Washington State Department of Natural Resources
Lauren Smith, Director, Regional Planning, King County
Mayor Matt Larson, City of Snoqualmie
Tim Trohimovich, Futurewise
Jamie Durkan
Tim Hatley
CouncilCompPlan@kingcounty.gov

From: [Nishka Ramanath](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: concerned Redmond Ridge Resident
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:27:28 PM

Hello King County Council Members and staff,

I am Nishka Ramanath, a resident of the Redmond Ridge community and a rising high school sophomore. My family has lived in RR for most of my life and this is my home. Growing up I remember how much my family enjoyed the quality of life, the diversity in people and the nature.

In the last few years, I have noticed that my parents being repeatedly worried about lack of representation and limited governance for this community. I remember protesting against repeated attempts at forced introduction of marijuana industry. A lot of it I did not understand well in the past.

Now, as a high school student, I can read and follow the problem more clearly. At issue is the quality of life that the King County has promised us. This community is densely populated and has two elementary schools and one middle school. So lot of young families with little kids make this their home.

It is unwise and unjust for KC to introduce policies that may be used to bring in industries and businesses that not conform to the community fabric and introduce noise, air, and water pollution, and crime.

Speaking for my peers here, we fear the impact that it will have on kids particularly. I have already seen the destruction of forests and trails within the last few years. I can only imagine what the proposed uses can do.

We live in an enlightened world of social justice and equality. I urge you to be courageous and fight for bringing up the quality of life for everyone in King County rather than bring down the quality for everyone in the name of social justice.

Please continue to work with my community leaders and preserve the original intent.

Thank you for your time!
Nishka R

From: [Neha Ramanath](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 4:24:54 PM

Hello King County Council Members and staff,

I am Neha Ramanath. My family has been long time residents of this community. I grew up in this neighborhood attending the local schools.

I am a cross country runner and use the local forest trail systems extensively. In my young life, I have already seen the thinning of forests as woods gave way to concrete featureless buildings.

As a student of environmental sciences, I understand there is need to balance the growth and consumption with sustainability. There are serious consequences when we upset the balance beyond a limit.

With the proposed updates to the neighborhood planning documents, you have introduced legislation and policies that can justify the introduction of harmful industries to this area including marijuana production. It is also possible that businesses such as adult entertainment, waste dumps, sex offender support, jails, helipads to be set up.

I'm very concerned for the safety of people who live here, especially younger people because it will affect how they grow up.

I believe this community is among the model communities to emulate for rest of the King County system rather than slowly and surely degenerate the community. There needs to be social justice in this community and every community to ensure history doesn't repeat itself.

Please do not exclude my community member's opinions, and collaborate with them in driving a plan that will be beneficial for the community.

Thank you for your time!
Neha R

From: [Sneja Janaki](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update - Bear Creek UPD
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:54:06 PM

Hello,

I endorse what my fellow community member has said below and I agree to that 100%. Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sneja Balakrishnapillai

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Sai Ramanath <saipramanath@yahoo.com>
To: "councilcompplan@kingcounty.gov" <councilcompplan@kingcounty.gov>; King County Council Clerk <clerk@kingcounty.gov>
Sent: Wednesday, July 8, 2020, 11:27:46 AM PDT
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update - Bear Creek UPD

Dear King County Council Members

I am a resident of Redmond Ridge for 13 years and have raised my two daughters here.

Thank you for providing an opportunity to listen to my kids and neighbors yesterday during the public hearing.

I would like to re-emphasize that I am concerned and distressed about the new uses that are made possible by the proposed new UPD. As you heard from my neighbors, Redmond Ridge, Redmond Ridge East communities are characterized by diversity, young families, thousands of school going children and people who love nature.

I strongly oppose any language that would implicitly allow the proposed uses including and not limited to:

1. Helipad
2. Sex offender support facilities
3. Prison
4. Solid waste dump facilities
5. Marijuana sale and distribution
6. Marijuana manufacturing
7. Adult entertainment

These are not congruous to the community character. They will cause pollution and increase crime. It will seriously hurt our property values. Like many of my neighbors, I invested my lifetime savings into my house and am very worried about the irreparable damage it will create to my home value.

In 2013 and 2016, you have worked with us and did not let marijuana business force their way into the community. In the ensuing years you have repeatedly assured us that any UPD update will preserve and protect the original intent and keep the community safe. Please do not go back on your promises.

As such, we do not have any local governance or representation. We do not have the same executive muscle as incorporated cities do. We have very little law enforcement coverage and services. Yet we are being stymied time and again with proposals that will destroy the community safety and health.

As you also heard from Skyway residents, their suffering should tell you, that a mistake was made. You cannot correct a mistake by making two or more same mistakes, which you will with the proposed UPD. Instead you should use current UPD of RR/RRE/Trilogy as a model to emulate across the entire county

and make it a vibrant, peaceful and prosperous county. I do not wish any community to go through the suffering and irreversible damage.

Council Member Kathy Lambert has introduced some amendments to restrict marijuana and adult entertainment. However, these are:

1. Neither adequate nor comprehensive
2. Have serious loopholes
3. Can be easily overcome with wicked intent

I hope you will see the issue with the best interests of community residents as the top priority and protect their property values and preserve the character of the community for the foreseeable future. Please remove any implicit proposed land uses that are detrimental to the community.

As I conclude, I'd like to ask you to engage with the community and the owners' association openly and not suppress their opinions. For a while now, we have seen disengagement and rejection by the council.

Many thanks for your time and consideration.

Sai Ramanath

Posted by: Anuradha Ramanath <anuramanath@yahoo.com>

[Reply via web post](#)

• [Reply to sender](#)

• [Reply to group](#)

• [Start a New Topic](#)

• [Messages in this topic \(1\)](#)

VISIT YOUR GROUP

Yahoo! Groups



• [Privacy](#) • [Unsubscribe](#) • [Terms of Use](#)

From: [Ashfaque Tumbi](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: Redmond Ridge UDP Zoning
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:51:58 PM

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for taking the time to hear the voices of those most impacted by the proposed changes to the communities of Redmond Ridge, Redmond Ridge East and Trilogy.

I, like most of my neighbors, feel very confused and upset by the proposed changes to our zoning. We chose this community for many reasons including its profusion of nature, abundance of children and families from differing cultures and socio-economic backgrounds, and quality schools. We felt it was a beautiful, safe and healthy environment in which to raise our family and believed it would remain so based on the agreements we understood to be in place. It was a surprise the first time we found ourselves having to fight to keep inappropriate businesses out of our residential neighborhood that includes critical and protected environmental areas. I was proud that our community, it's leaders and common sense prevailed. I was shocked when we had to go through it a second time. But when ultimately, a marijuana factory was not allowed to move in, reassured that our leaders understood and upheld the original intent, agreements and promises of our community – not only for the residents but for the protected wetlands and animals within. We thought we had laid the matter to rest.

When once again we learned that wildly inappropriate businesses were being proposed, we felt betrayed. We had heard so many promises that our agreements would be upheld. We have proven time and again that this is a residential community with protected wetlands and UPDs and zoning that defines and protects the original and promised intent of these communities. We were told, clearly and unequivocally that businesses known to bring negative impacts would not be permitted, so the current zoning proposal needs to be amended. We have three schools in walking distance and critical environmental areas surround us. There is no way that it is appropriate or acceptable in any way to allow the following in our community:

- Adult Entertainment
- Marijuana Processing
- Wastewater Treatment, Landfill, or Transfer Station
- Petroleum Refining
- Primary Metal Industries
- Industrial Launderers or Dry-Cleaning Plant
- Asphalt or Concrete Plant
- Fossil Fuel or Renewable Energy Generation Facility

They are a threat and a danger to the health and wellbeing of the nature, humans and wildlife, in addition to a violation of the intent and promises of the community we bought our home in.

I am asking that you vote to uphold and protect the current use conditions of our original UPD, zone the community accordingly and maintain the integrity of our community and your leadership as our representatives.

Sincerely,
Ashfaque Tumbi
Redmond Ridge Resident for 10 years

From: [Britt](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#)
Subject: No changes to Redmond Ridge area zoning
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:36:57 PM

As a Redmond Ridge resident I would like to express my opposition to any changes to the zoning of our area. The Redmond Ridge area has many walking trails parks walkable schools and natural areas. Changes to the zoning would greatly affect the wildlife, safety of children walking to school and teenagers who enjoy our parks and trails for recreation. The proposed zoning changes would bring noise and pollution which would harm our wildlife, and increase crime with marijuana and adult entertainment. Please protect our community by keeping the current zoning.

Thank you
Britt Clarke

From: [Anuradha Ramanath](#)
To: [Policy Staff, Council CompPlan](#); [Clerk, King County Council](#)
Subject: Fw: Concerns from a Redmond Ridge resident
Date: Monday, July 20, 2020 3:34:54 PM

Dear King County Council Members

I am writing this regarding the proposed zoning for Bear Creek neighborhood which gives extensive leeway in opening up a primarily residential community to indiscriminate industrial usage.

Just a walk in the neighborhood will reveal to you many kids - teenagers, pre-teens, toddlers and babies, young parents and families. This will be difficult with the new zoning proposal of marijuana, heavy pollution industries causing smell and harmful toxins in the air we breathe.

There are two elementary and one middle school right in the midst of the neighborhood. It is also home to several miles of trails in protected forests and wet lands- Imagine the things children will be exposed to adult entertainment and sex offender support?

Twice before (in 2013 and 2016) there was an effort to bring marijuana industry in the business parks. With your openness to listen to the community, that threat was avoided. Please listen and learn from the skyway community. Let's not make this the same mistake again. Let's keep these away from residential and schools- we have plenty of empty spaces in Seattle, WA.

We are genuinely concerned for the safety of the neighborhood, pollution (air, water, sound, ground) and increases traffic. Clearly this is not part of the vision and promises you have made to this community right from its creation.

Hence, please do not approve this new zoning proposal. You did the right thing in 2013 and 2016.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,
Anu