Comments on Executive Board amendments to the Draft VISION 2050 Plan

The Executive Board of the Puget Sound Regional Council received public comments on proposed amendments to the GMPB Recommended Draft VISION 2050 plan between March and July 2020. Background information on VISION is available on the project webpage.

The comment letters are organized by commenter affiliation: Organizations and Individuals.

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Sno-King Watershed Council

**Individuals**

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Eric Adman
Sno-King Watershed Council
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425-780-9731

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Dear Sheila,

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Sincerely,

Alice Armstrong
TO:

Sheila Rogers
Executive Assistant
srogers@psrc.org
206-464-5815

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Sincerely,

Community support is critical to protecting our Chinook salmon and Southern Resident orcas.

And here’s why we’re asking you to help us raise our voices at this critical time --

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Every twelve years the Puget Sound Regional Council updates the long-range plan for King, Kitsap, Pierce, and Snohomish counties. The Puget Sound Regional Council is made up of county and city elected officials from...
the four counties. The newest long-range plan, Vision 2050, is scheduled for adoption in May 2020. County and city plans must be consistent with Vision 2050, so this is a plan that matters.

The draft version of Vision 2050 focuses growth in existing cities and towns, like the recommendations of the Southern Resident Orca Task Force. Unfortunately, Snohomish County is proposing to amend Vision 2050 to double the population allocation for rural Snohomish County from three to six percent. This is growing out, not up and will hammer Chinook habitat, the main food source for the Southern resident orcas. It will also increase traffic and greenhouse gas pollution.

Signed,

Linda Dyann Arthur
Registered Voter

Mill Creek, WA

[Redacted]
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Unconscionably, the proposed Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050 does precisely the opposite. By _reducing_ the population allocations for Core Cities and Cities and Towns and _doubling_ the population allocation for Rural Snohomish County, Amendment Ex-1 will cause Snohomish County to plan to grow out, not up. This changer would benefit only those seeking long-term environmental destruction, and will HARM, not protect, the habitat of the Chinook salmon by reducing forest cover and paving over more of rural Snohomish County. Ex-1 will also increase traffic and air pollution and adversely impact rural farms.

As someone who cares deeply about the only environment we will ever have, I write to urge you to deny Amendment Ex-1 and all other similar unaccountable, short-term-profit-driven, and destructive efforts to increase "growth" in the rural areas of our region.

Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Sigrid Asmus
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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Baldwin
Hello there,

I’ve been meeting with Sam Low, Sharon Swan and Barbara Mock who share a similar vision in putting a stop to forest/open land development within the urban growth boundary boundary pushing it East into vacant, already developed land (aka no deforestation.) Trees should only be limited to harvest farms only which will reduce as more eco friendly building materials are favored by conscientious Millennial and Generation Y 2050 citizens. You will be leaving a temporary future based on present greed rather than a sustainable future rich with natural recourses this society and planet are in desperate short supply of during these strange times.

Please consider building up in the city allowing skyscrapers to take the place of would be forest development. Build up Aurora and 99 use open farm land that is not providing any sustenance to the environment but most important of all...

Reverse mitigate using development coins to save naturally occurring 100 year old plus parcels of forest remaining in the urban as well as rural areas.

In turn these forests will replenish watersheds around them as well as improved air quality. These remaining forests are the last which hold the key to our future.

Thank you,
Brandon Baugh
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Sent Thursday March 19, 2001

To: [Name]

Subject: 2050 Pan... needs to include more sustainable options

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-----Original Message-----
From: Brooks Bennett
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Cc: Kate Luceford
Subject: Oppose Amendment EX-1

Dear Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board:

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Brooks Bennett
Bothell WA

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We must be serious about "growing up" and not growing "out". The rural areas in the Puget Sound region need to be preserved, especially when there is plenty of room for growth in already populated areas. We can double heights of buildings and absorb most if not all of the growth while not touching our rural forests and farm lands.

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Wally Bubelis

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Sincerely,
Keiko Budech
From: Dr Burton and Doris Johnson
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:27 AM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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Aaron Clark
To Whom it May Concern:
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Nancy Dean

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Daniel Draheim
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We are all impacted by continued environmental degradation. I urge you to deny Amendment Ex-1 and other efforts to increase growth in the rural areas of our region.

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David Driskell

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Sean Edmison
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Bothell WA
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Rachel Ferm
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While I don't know all of what you were envisioning with this allocation, it is critical to endorse development that reduces car trips in whatever form that can take. I endorse village models outside of cities, but 5 acre parcels rarely permit clustered village development, thusly encouraging sprawl. Please take animal and plant populations into consideration, and also the concerns of air quality and global warming.

If Ex-1 will go against these principles, I urge you to deny Amendment Ex-1 and other efforts to increase growth in the rural areas of our region.

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Lynn Guttmann
From: Karen Guzak
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:42 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Dorothy Hall
Dear Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board:

I am a Snohomish County resident. As such I oppose the proposed amendment which reduces the population allocations for core cities and towns while doubling the same for rural Snohomish County.

This amendment will cause Snohomish County to grow out, instead of up. Chinook salmon will be harmed by paving over more of Snohomish County and reducing the forest cover.

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The final report from The Southern Orca Task Force recommended "to increase affordable housing and reduce urban sprawl by growing up instead of out". This action was deemed necessary by the Task Force to save our local Orcas.

I implore you to deny Amendment Ex-1 and any other legislation that would similarly harm the rural areas in my-our region.

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Cathie Hamilton
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David Hirst

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June Hooper
From: Carolina Johnson <SRogers@psrc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:38 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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Annie Kirk
From: Wendy Kliment  
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:27 PM  
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>  
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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Sincerely,

Julie Langabeer

[Address redacted]
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:33 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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From: Megan McDonald
To: Sheila Rogers
Subject: Oppose Amendment Ex-1 of the PSRC Vision 2050
Date: Saturday, March 21, 2020 8:04:30 PM

Sheila Rogers
Executive Assistant
206-464-5815

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Carmela Micheli

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Jon Morgan
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Lynnwood, WA
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Terry Nightingale
From: Bruce Nourish
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:39 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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From: Sheila Rogers <Sheila.Rogers@psrc.org>
To: Liz Underwood-Bultmann
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Contact Us
Date: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:41:33 PM

-----Original Message-----
From: Andi Markley <AMarkley@psrc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:26 PM
To: Paul Inghram <PInghram@psrc.org>; Erika Harris <EHarris@psrc.org>; Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>; Josh Brown <JBrown@psrc.org>; Mark Gulbranson <MGulbranson@psrc.org>; Rick Olson <ROlson@psrc.org>
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From: Puget Sound Regional Council <website-no-reply@psrc.org>
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:22 PM
To: Andi Markley <AMarkley@psrc.org>
Subject: Form submission from: Contact Us

Submitted on Thursday, March 19, 2020 - 14:21 Submitted by anonymous user: 24.22.167.152 Submitted values are:

Your Name: Amanda Olson
Email: [redacted]
Question or Comment?
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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 2:36 PM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,

Patricia T. Ramsey
From: David Reid
Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:36 AM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
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Dear Sirs:

Thank you for the Open House in Bothell and also to keep me in the loop.

PLEASE DO NOT APPROVE SNO COUNTY AMENDMENT #1
(we don't want density increased in rural areas)

Thank you
Sharon Kay Ricketts
(Sharon Kay Ricketts)
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Peter Rimbos
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Janna Rolland

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celia schorr
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Sincerely,

Laurie Schreiber
Snohomish County Resident

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Sent: Thursday, March 19, 2020 8:25 AM
To: Sheila Rogers <SRogers@psrc.org>
Subject: Deny Amendment Ex-1 to Vision 2050

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"Dear Puget Sound Regional Council Executive Board:
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Steven N., Trautwein

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Thank you for considering my comment.

Sincerely,
Tim Trohimovich

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Sent from my Samsung Galaxy smartphone.
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Cynthia Wheaton
Everett Resident

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Also, as a resident of rural Snohomish County, I oppose the plan to spread the growth to the rural areas. Cities have the infrastructure already in place to absorb the growth. Our rural areas do not.

Our neighborhood has already been negatively impacted by the Angel of the Winds casino, hotel, gas stations, and bowling alley that the Stillaguamish Tribe was allowed to build in the middle of a rural residential area that is zoned R-5. We’re dealing with out of control development by this Tribe due to the absence of any regulations on tribal trust land, and the County’s unwillingness to oppose any new fee-to-trust conversions.
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Julia Winchell

Arlington, WA
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