March 19, 2018

Dear Planning Commission Members:

Thank you for your work as Planning Commissioners. Planning is such an important element of having livable communities and I thank you for your service in providing your expertise and time to make Olympia a better place to live.

I write in support of the land use changes that are currently under consideration. I am a strong supporter of the Growth Management Act and I believe the changes being contemplated adhere to the principles behind the GMA.

It is clear that our community is going to grow in the next few decades and visionary planning is needed to ensure that our currently developed areas become denser for these reasons:

1. Density is essential to continue working toward a robust public transit system.
2. Building density in urbanized areas protects our rural areas from unnecessary sprawl.
3. Denser urban areas create more pedestrian friendly neighborhoods and more affordable housing.
4. If we are to work toward the greenhouse gas reduction goals the City has adopted, we must work to create denser urban areas to accommodate growth. This is one of the best ways to decrease commute trips and utilize already built infrastructure - two ways we can significantly reduce greenhouse gases.

I moved to Olympia both for its small town feel and its larger city amenities. I live in an historic neighborhood that is mixed use, with a number of duplexes and large apartment complexes. I am within walking distance of downtown and enjoy the small town feel while taking advantage of the many amenities our city has to offer.

I believe these changes will maintain that feeling while also protecting our rural areas from sprawl and reducing greenhouse gas emissions.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Representative Beth Doglio
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