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RE: Lake Stevens "Visioning" Process for RUTA Area West of SR9

February 2, 2008

Dear Mr. Medrud

I own property on Tom Marks Road, Snohomish Washington.

Please note the address: 'Snohomish', as it is important in regard to the visioning process your firm is implementing on behalf of the City of Lake Stevens.

I wish to establish a few basic issues for the record:

1. I lived in this area for 15 years and while I now reside elsewhere, never during the years of living here did I affiliate with Lake Stevens. I shopped, did my banking, went to the post office, etc. in Snohomish.
2. There are very important reasons why this area is called 'Snohomish' and 'Tom Marks Road'. If you do your research, you will find that among other things, the following facts are true:
 - a. Tom Marks, an early pioneer in the Snohomish community who originally purchased this area from the State of Washington, logged it and later subdivided it. His home is on Avenue D in Snohomish. Go, find it, and put a picture of it in your report. You'll see his name 'Tom Marks' right on the building, in Snohomish.
 - b. Review of historical plat maps in the Everett library acknowledges that the very first subdivision in this area was the "Sunnyside Acreage Tracts Addition to the City of Snohomish". The City of Snohomish.
 - c. A long time ago, the Beckmeyer family founded the Zion Lutheran church in Snohomish. The Beckmeyer family still owns property to the southeast of my property.
 - d. Many property owners in this area are 2nd, 3rd and 4th generation families who have attended schools in Snohomish, participated in Girl and Boy Scouts in Snohomish, played Little League in Snohomish, visited doctors in Snohomish, got married in Snohomish churches, served on Snohomish City Council and planning commissions, are members of the Snohomish Kiwanis, Snohomish Chamber of Commerce, and remain an integral part of the Snohomish business community.
 - e. A young man raised in the Joywood subdivision, who attended schools in Snohomish, now plays basketball for the University of Washington. His name is Jon Brockman. Perhaps you have read about him or watched him on TV. His father is the principal of a school in Snohomish.

- f. Another resident of the Joywood area is a coach at Snohomish High School.

If this was a Lake Stevens neighborhood or there were any historical ties between this community and Lake Stevens, would these things be true?

History ties this area to Snohomish. Present life for the citizens of this area is centered in, and around, the City of Snohomish. Future growth of the City of Snohomish should naturally include this area.

I respectfully request that the full history of this area as a Snohomish neighborhood be included in your 'Visioning Process' final report. If you, in fact, represent an unbiased consulting firm, then we, the citizens of the area you 'visualize' should be able to expect nothing less than a fair and unbiased analysis.

Are there historical facts that support Lake Stevens' claim that this is a Lake Stevens neighborhood? A rhetorical question, you'll find no facts, historical or otherwise, supporting this notion.

3. US2 is not the 'natural boundary' between Lake Stevens and Snohomish that former Mayor Walty and Mayor Little wish us to believe. For more than 100 years prior to 1980, US2 ran through Snohomish via Bickford Avenue. US2 is a man-made ditch that merely separates the Tom Marks Road / 87th area from Snohomish.
4. Myself and most of my neighbors have testified (both orally and in writing) before the Snohomish County Council in May 2007 that this area is a Snohomish neighborhood, always has been, always will be, and that we want to be annexed into, and governed by the City of Snohomish.

The elected officials of Lake Stevens (despite attending that hearing, in full) refuse to acknowledge our position on this matter. Instead, they hire your firm to put together a 'Vision Process'. An obvious attempt, to falsely rubber stamp this area as a 'Lake Stevens Neighborhood'. Beneath the sugar-coating, the facts remain the same. This is NOT a Lake Stevens neighborhood, and the property owners and residents here do NOT want to be governed by Lake Stevens.

As a woman, I do not endorse or accept behavior where anyone attempts to continue to force themselves upon others after they have been given a polite 'no'. This type of behavior is morally and ethically wrong. The same applies to politics and democracy.

The concept of democracy embodies the right of the people to choose their governance. It further requires that government, whether they like the people's will or not, accept and implement the will of the people.

The City of Lake Stevens should act in a more responsible manner and desist from attempting to force itself onto the people in this area. Our minds and positions will not change as the result of the City of Lake Stevens wasting considerable tax payer dollars on a 'vision process'. In fact, the more Lake

Stevens tries to push itself upon us, the more we will oppose their advances and make our voices heard, loudly, and more clearly.

Mr. Medrud. We the people of this area, have a 'vision' of our own:

- a. We want to be annexed into Snohomish, and remain a Snohomish neighborhood.
- b. We affiliate, now and historically, with the Snohomish community, and wish to be governed by the City of Snohomish.
- c. We do NOT want to be governed by Lake Stevens.
- d. We have no history with, are not presently affiliated, and have no interest in future affiliation with, Lake Stevens.
- e. We wish Lake Stevens would stop attempting to force upon us, its distorted 'vision' of acceptance, governance and unwanted land uses of this area.

I hope I have made these points enough times to make them crystal clear.

It is my sincere hope that the Lake Stevens City Council accepts our position, so that we may not have to voice it again. However, we will continue to do so, if necessary.

I request that this correspondence be placed on the record of the Lake Stevens 'Visioning process', the LS-1 proposal, and included in the environmental impact statement currently under preparation by the County.

Thank You,

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