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KITSAP COUNTY DEPT OF
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November 24, 2015

Kitsap County DCD
Attn: Steve Heacock
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RE: DEIS Comprehensive Plan Update 2016-2036

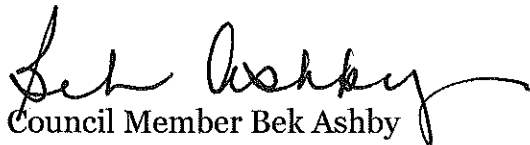
This comment letter has been drafted on behalf of a majority of Port Orchard City Council members in attendance at the Port Orchard City Council Meeting on November 24, 2015 in response to the draft supplemental Environmental Impact Analysis issued by Kitsap County on November 6th 2015.

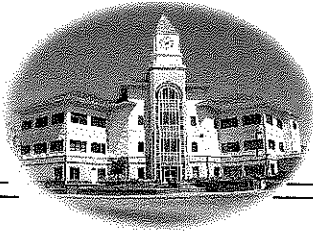
The Port Orchard City Council held its first discussion of the DEIS at its November 15, 2015 work study meeting. The City Council was surprised to see that the draft supplemental EIS contained alternatives that significantly alter the Urban Growth Boundary (UGA) associated with the City of Port Orchard. While the City Council has held discussions previously concerning possible amendment to the UGA boundary, the Council has not requested any reduction to the UGA boundary surrounding the City of Port Orchard.

The City Council and City staff has not had sufficient time to review the 374 page (plus 8 appendices) November 6, 2015 DEIS and respectfully requests an extension of the comment period. The Port Orchard City Council respectfully requests the public comment period on the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement be extended for a period of 60 days, until January 22, 2016.

In the event that the County is unable to provide the City with additional review time, the City Council must support Alternative 1, the "no change alternative." Of particular concern under alternatives 2 and 3 are the removal of commercial and mixed use areas from the Port Orchard UGA and the subsequent down zoning within these areas.

Respectfully,


Council Member Bek Ashby



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