Following comments were submitted online:

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Comments:
I want to express my concern that public comment on the proposed GMA update is nigh on impossible since the options keep changing. Changes made by Councilors without insight provided by the professionals in the Planning Dept and without analysis on the overall strategy of future retention of meaningful agriculture and forestry resources is meaningless. By adding options after a public input process on earlier alternatives render all the effort put forth by citizens on earlier choices meaningless. Even after the first meeting on the added Alternative 4 (where little or no description was given of the Alternatives 1, 2 and 3) had changed prior to the second meeting for public comment (in Hockinson). Long term planning is just that - it is not responding to the short term, individual or immediate problems. While I think a long term plan needs way to redress unintended consequences for existing land owners, changing the whole plan for the sake of the few is wrong. And it jeopardizes the long term preservation and viability of rural land in the county. Planning options need to be reviewed by professionals (and the SEPA process) for equity and balance. Reports that "Alternative 4 enthusiastically embraced" by participants at one meeting (Councilor Madore’s Facebook page); the posting of a new Alternative 4 A the very next day (Thursday PM, the Grid), the removal of the new option the very next day (The Columbian, Saturday) do not appear to follow the GMA process. Prior to February of this year, the process and progress was clear. It is now in disarray.

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