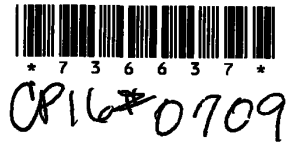


O'Donnell, Mary Beth

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 9:05 AM
To: 'Heather Tischbein'; Stewart, Jeanne
Cc: O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Subject: RE: please clarify property tax impacts of smaller lot size



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Hello Heather:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email letter to Councilor Stewart. I too was not sure but did not want to interfere with Mr. Van Nortwick's testimony/position on non-conforming lots and potential tax implications. His testimony is now into the record. Staff will docket your letter and index it along with the associated Columbian article as part of the comment into our plan update. Please, Mary Beth for the index. Thank you.

Best Regards,

Oliver

From: Heather Tischbein [<mailto:htischbein@wa-net.com>]
Sent: Thursday, April 16, 2015 7:53 AM
To: Stewart, Jeanne
Cc: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: please clarify property tax impacts of smaller lot size

Councilor Stewart,

I want to thank you for your strong, and successful, objection to including Councilor Madore's "clarification" of principles and values re Alternative 4 into the record on Tuesday. And I also want to thank you for attempting to get a clear and simple explanation from the assessor, Peter Van Nortwick, on what impact the changes in parcel size proposed in Alternative 4 would have on property taxes.

I have talked with Mr. Van Nortwick myself and found his explanations re property tax impacts to be very convoluted and confusing.

Below is a link to an article in the Columbian from last year in which Mr. Van Nortwick seems to be saying the opposite of, or at least something different than, what he was saying in Tuesday's hearing.

<http://www.columbian.com/news/2014/jan/22/county-studies-zoning-in-rural-area/>

I would very much appreciate your making available to the public and entering into the record of GMA proceedings a policy brief or issue paper of some sort from Mr. Van Nortwick, one that passes muster with your legal counsel and planning staff, that clearly explains the impact on property taxes of the changes in parcel size proposed in Alternative 4.

In my opinion it is critical to wise decision-making that we, citizens and our elected officials, all fully and clearly understand the property tax implications associated with the proposed Alternative 4. I will appreciate anything you can do to help improve everyone's understanding of this important aspect of Alternative 4.

Thank you,

Heather Tischbein