



Schroader, Kathy

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Monday, June 29, 2015 8:18 AM
To: Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; Anderson, Colete; Pearrow, Ken; Schroader, Kathy
Cc: Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: Letter from Jamie Howsley - OFM Growth Projection

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Here we go! Kathy for index. Thanks.

-----Original Message-----

From: Madore, David
Sent: Saturday, June 27, 2015 12:17 AM
To: Jamie Howsley; Orjiako, Oliver
Cc: Eric Golemo; Peter Watts; Joseph Schaefer; Avely Scarpelli
Subject: Re: Letter from Jamie Howsley - OFM Growth Projection

Jaimie,

I fully agree that it would be foolish for us to knowingly plan using numbers that are well documented to be grossly unrealistic.

I am asking Oliver to provide to the Board, the with necessary steps that we need to take in order to correct the fundamental error.

Thank you,

David Madore

> On Jun 26, 2015, at 10:58 AM, Jamie Howsley <jamie.howsley@jordanramis.com> wrote:

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> Dear David:

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> As you know Eric Golemo and I have been trying to push the County to address what we perceive a fundamental factual and legal flaw with the County's proposed GMA Comprehensive Plan, the growth rate. We have continued to supply the County documented statistical evidence for our position. We are trying to ensure that the County maintains an adequate supply of land for jobs, housing and shopping opportunities over the course of the next 20 years.

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> To illustrate the point I have included a letter that I sent to Oliver earlier this week citing new statistics from the US Census Bureau. This letter was sent ahead of Washington's Office of Financial Management (OFM) number that come out in June. OFM just released the numbers<<http://www.ofm.wa.gov/pop/april1/default.asp>>, as evidenced here in the Columbian this morning<<http://www.columbian.com/news/2015/jun/25/clark-county-2nd-population-growth-rate/>>, which confirms all of the information that we have been submitting for more than two years now, that Clark County will grow at around 2% annually. The County grew at 2.04% percent last year.

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> The fundamental flaw in the 2012 growth projections from OFM is that it is predicated on the prime recession years of 2007-2012 where growth slipped in some cases to less than 1%. Historically that was an aberration for the County and it

remains consistent with studies that we have submitted from the Brookings Institute and the Federal Reserve that pointed out migration across the US ceased (due to inability to sell underwater homes, the lack of jobs to move to and various other reasons cited in the studies).

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> We continue to request that the Board revisit this number because it is critical we get it right. As always I am available to discuss further.

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> Best,
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> Jamie

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> From: Lisa McKee
> Sent: Wednesday, June 24, 2015 3:10 PM
> To: 'oliver.orjiako@clark.wa.gov'
> Cc: Jamie Howsley
> Subject: Letter from Jamie Howsley - OFM Growth Projection

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> Hello,
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> Attached is a letter from Jamie Howsley with enclosure. If you have any trouble opening the attachment please let us know.

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> Thank you.
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