



**Central Washington
Home Builders Association**

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners
Kittitas County Courthouse
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Dear Commissioner McClain:

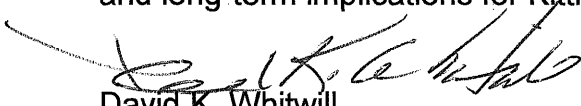
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The Central Washington Home Builders Association represents 789 member companies with approximately 10,000 employees throughout the counties of Central Washington. Approximately 1/3 of our member companies are located in Kittitas County.

In the short time available we have considered the revisions suggested by Community Development Services to attempt to comply with the Final Decision and Order for case 07-1-0014c for those issues NOT under judicial review and yet to NOT render moot those issues which are under judicial review. We believe that with respect to issue 10, the retention of Chapter 16.09 as it now is will be an adequate solution. However, we believe the changes recommended by CDS for issue 11 will cause our case to become moot for that issue. While we appreciate the effort by CDS to apply the Wisdom of Solomon and not have to split the baby, we believe that the suggested changes will provide fertile grounds for our legal opposition to till seeking to make this issue moot.

We believe that the best resolution is for the Board to take advantage of the twice granted Stay, once for case 07-1-0014c and again for case 07-1-0015 with respect to issue 11, Rural Land designations. We respectfully request that the Board withhold from making the following changes recommended by CDS: First, the deletion of 'Maximum acreages' in Section 17.04.060 of the Development Code (the addition of the new language is acceptable though it should be a second proviso), Second, the addition of 'Rural Land Use Designations' to Chapter 8.3 of the Comprehensive Plan, along with the deletion of the previously existing language. We believe that the Stays granted allow the Commissioners to elect to retain the respective current existing portions of the Comprehensive Plan and Development Code until the judicial review is completed.

In the interim period the revisions suggested by the Land Use Advisory Committee can remain available for review by the public in order to consider the significant changes and long-term implications for Kittitas County should the Board ultimately adopt them.


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