

April 14, 2008

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners  
205 West Fifth Ave, Suite 108  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

Re: Final Recommendations from the Land Use Advisory Committee

Dear Commissioners:

The purpose of this document is to forward to you the final and unanimous recommendations of the Land Use Advisory Committee (LUAC) regarding the compliance issues of the Kittitas County Comprehensive Plan.

These recommendations represent a cumulative effort of hundreds of hours of individual committee members' time over the last eight months. As a group we took our charge seriously and with considerable sense of the importance of this effort to the County for the next 20 to 100 years. We thank you for the opportunity and for your foresight in having this diverse group of people consider the future of Kittitas County and the ability to offer our final recommendations for balanced and sustainable growth.

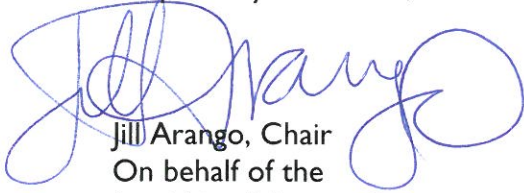
These final recommendations represent consensus of the committee members identified below. Although there was much discussion on several issues, there was also significant agreement and collaboration on the resulting document. Committee members believe that we are a representative cross-section of our community and that the work we have undertaken together is a sincere attempt to be a part of the solution for the serious issues now facing our county – water resources, population growth, critical areas, and economic options for our landowners.

The committee strongly feels that the Rural Land Use designations we have created represent an incentive-based, market-driven, sustainable and balanced approach to the growth that our county needs. We believe that we have created a document that will be flexible enough to allow for thoughtful growth while at the same time providing options and incentives to landowners who may experience a change in their land use designation.

LUAC members have agreed to stand behind these final recommendations, and behind you, Commissioners, as you take them forward to the public and to the state for review.

We would like to thank you for the commitment of staff time to assist us in this effort – with special thanks to Joanna Valencia, Mackenzie Moynihan, Mike Elkins, and Scott Turnbull. We also appreciate the effort and consideration that was extended by Community Development Services Director Piercy in support of LUAC.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jill Arango, Chair  
On behalf of the  
Land Use Advisory Committee

Members in agreement

Chad Bala

Valeria Barschaw

Roger Weaver

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