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Not sure who all to send this to. This is aimed at keeping some wording that was proposed to be deleted. What I have underlined is re-inserting text that was to be deleted.

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Proposed amendments to countywide planning policies:

A. Public Involvement

A3: The public shall be notified in a timely manner of opportunities to have input and key decision points in the planning process. This should include actions such as use of on-line resources, notification lists, use of telephone hotlines, notification to interest groups, pre-development meetings, early timely consideration incorporation of public comments, and broader notification of property owners and residents during a planning process, and as well as working more extensively with notification to community and neighborhood groups. The cities shall also develop a public participation process to solicit and consider incorporate comments from residents outside city limits but within existing and proposed Urban Growth Areas.

A6. ...to evaluate planning proposals and provide the ability to make accurate comparison of issues so appropriate trade-offs can be consciously made.

B. Urban Versus Rural Distinctions

B1. The county shall work with citizens to define a variety of types of rural areas based on the characteristics and needs of different areas.

B3. Impacts on rural character, critical areas and other economic considerations as well as the availability of capital facilities and rural levels of service must be considered before allowing infill in these areas.

B5. Whatcom County should undertake a public process to define rural areas and rural growth as distinct from urban areas and urban growth.

C. Urban Growth Areas

3a. The most current, accurate population projections based on a range provided for Whatcom County by the Office of Financial Management shall These allocations will be used to determine whether as the basis for determining that Urban Growth Areas shall include sufficient land capacity area to permit the urban growth that is projected to occur in the County for the succeeding twenty-year period.

G. Affordable Housing

7. Low income, multi-family, and diverse and supportive housing options shall not be concentrated in only a few communities or neighborhoods.