

BOILERPLATE LETTER REQUESTING SUPPORT FOR DELAY IN ZONING /UGA DECISIONS

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Dear Council members,

I am writing to request that any decision regarding Yew Street zoning/ UGA reinstatement status be deferred until the results of two Lake Padden water quality studies and a Padden watershed land use study currently being conducted at Lake Padden by a citizen's initiative, *People for Lake Padden*, are completed and presented to the public and the Council. The data and analyses from these studies will provide sound recommendations to inform a knowledge-based decision making process by the County.

People for Lake Padden believes that the health of Lake Padden can be protected and improved by using the best scientific methods to measure water quality and lake health, by government agencies adopting best management practices in pollution prevention and land use, and by increasing community awareness of the lake's value and engagement in its stewardship. Their efforts are all by citizen-volunteers, assisted by Western Washington University interns and academic oversight. They are cooperating with various government partners in the City of Bellingham, Whatcom County, and the State Department of Ecology to exchange information, ensure scientific integrity, and provide quality assurance.

Thank you for your time and your consideration of my request.

Sincerely,

If you also wish to call them, their telephone numbers are:

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Kathy Kershner: 220-7535

Pete Kremen: 734-3802

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