

Whereas Point Wells is an unincorporated property in Snohomish County currently zoned Urban Industrial; and

Whereas the Snohomish County Council is considering amendments to its comprehensive plan that would designate Point Wells as an “Urban Center” capable of allowing up to 3,500 dwelling units; and

Whereas community participation is an integral component for the success of any development project and citizens and governments must work as an effective team to achieve worthwhile goals; and

Whereas the Shoreline Fire Department, the City of Shoreline Police Department and the King County Sheriff have sent letters stating that they will not provide urban levels of service to a project in unincorporated Snohomish County; and

Whereas the City of Shoreline and the Town of Woodway have indentified the Point Wells area as part of their “Potential Annexation Area; and

Whereas the City of Shoreline passed a resolution opposing the designation by the Snohomish County Council as an “Urban Center” on April 13, 2009; and

Whereas the (other cities + resolutions)

Whereas the only access to and from Point Wells is via a narrow, two-lane road through the Richmond Beach neighborhood of the City of Shoreline; and

Whereas the geography of the terrain between Richmond Beach and Edmonds is too steep and narrow to re-establish a second source of access/egress through the Town of Woodway; and

Whereas the Richmond Beach neighborhood and the City of Shoreline will bear all of the impact of an “Urban Center” designation at Point Wells, from emergency services, traffic, parks and schools without gaining any of the benefits of an increased tax base; and

Whereas any potential mitigation for development at Point Wells to the City of Shoreline will not cover long-term costs associated with increased traffic and other adverse impacts; and

Whereas the City of Shoreline, the City of Lake Forest Park, and the City of Edmonds have fewer parks or designated open space than other cities in King and Snohomish Counties; and

Whereas the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization is committed to watershed-habitat protection and environmentally sustainable development

Therefore be it resolved that the 32nd Legislative District Democratic Organization oppose the designation of Point Wells as an "Urban Center;" and

Be it further resolved that the Snohomish County Council, the City of Shoreline, the King County Council, the Town of Woodway, and the City of Edmonds should collaborate to ensure that any development in the Point Wells area retains that character of the existing neighborhoods, does not have any adverse impact to traffic or the quality of life to residents of the City of Shoreline, and provides needed recreational facilities to the residents of North King County and Southern Snohomish County; and

Be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be sent to each member of the Snohomish County Council, the King County Council, the Shoreline City Council, the Mayor of Woodway and the Town of Woodway Council, and the Edmonds City Council, as well as the President of the Richmond Beach Neighborhood Association and the President of the Save Richmond Beach Organization, and local media organizations.