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Honorable Dave Gossett, Chair
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Proposed Ordinance No. 09-079 relating to Urban Centers

Dear Chair Gossett and County Council members:

Save Richmond Beach requests the opportunity to comment on new substantive provisions in Ordinance 09-079 that were made available to the public for the first time today, after the public comment period closed.

The current draft of Ordinance 09-079 was released today, May 11, 2010. The County Council session to vote on this draft is tomorrow, May 12, 2010, and the record was closed several weeks ago. This draft contains new and substantive changes to the Urban Center code section 30.34A and associated provisions, specifically 30.34A.175, 30.34A.180, and 30.34A.210. Save Richmond Beach and other interested parties have not had the opportunity to comment on any of these changes.

We view this as a violation of the public participation requirement in the GMA. In order to avoid this violation we request that you continue the hearing and allow comments on the new materials.

In addition, the new language of section 30.34A.175 would appear to exclude the City of Shoreline with regard to the development agreement process for Point Wells. Is this what the County Council intends, despite the fact that the majority of the adverse impacts will be on the City of Shoreline? We view such language as a violation of the Growth Management Act including goal 11 which requires participation between neighboring jurisdictions.

Kind regards,

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