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Sent: Thursday, July 15, 2004 1:47 PM
Subject: Critical Areas Ordinances



Dear Neighbor:

Please excuse this "form" response. I have received many thoughtful comments on the Critical Areas Ordinances (CAO) and Comprehensive Plan updates from residents across the county. Given the volume, it is impossible for me to provide individual responses. I want to assure you that I have read each email and appreciate you contacting me regarding your opposition to Executive Sim's proposal.

The Executive transmitted the CAO to the Council in early March. The package of ordinances was referred to the Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas Committee (GMUAC), where it has received extensive review over the last four months. The committee has actively solicited feedback on the proposal from county residents in a variety of ways, including conducting five public hearings in the rural areas and reserving substantial amounts of committee time for public testimony. I have forwarded your comments to the clerk of the committee so they may be included in the public record. In addition, GMUAC continues to collect public comment on the proposal. If you would like to submit additional information to the committee, you may do so here: <http://apps01.metrokc.gov/www6/mkcc/cao2004testimony.cfm>.

I want you to know that I understand your concern that the CAO may place additional restrictions on property use. I am committed to working with my colleagues to find sensible solutions for King County that provide individual property owners flexibility and incentives.

I will be sure to keep your comments in mind as we continue to consider this ordinance. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Carolyn Edmonds

Other Resources:

Department of Development and Environmental Sciences, CAO page:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/ddes/cao/>

Metropolitan King County Council, CAO page: <http://www.metrokc.gov/mkcc/cao/>

Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas Committee, homepage:

<http://www.metrokc.gov/mkcc/Committees/gmua.htm>