



King County CAO Referendum Drive

We need your signature to help restore democracy to unincorporated King County.

In the wee hours of the morning on October 26, 2004, the urban representatives to the King County Council, ignoring the objections of the representatives of the areas actually affected, voted to prevent many rural property owners from using 50% to 65% of their property. They also imposed increased buffers and hundreds of pages of new regulations on unincorporated King County residents. Because most of their constituents do not have to live with the new restrictions, they were able to enact their "solution" to a "problem" they have never been able to identify.

By signing the petitions for the three referenda, you will enable yourself and others who must live with the ordinances to vote on whether they should go into effect. The voters in the urban areas where the ordinances do not apply will not get to vote, unlike their representatives to the King County Council.

Listed below are some of the restrictions that will go into affect if the ordinances become law:

- ◆ Owners of previously undeveloped properties lose forever the use of 50% to 65% (depending on size) of their property.
- ◆ Stream buffers increase to 165 feet on each side. Wetland buffers can be as large as 300 feet.
- ◆ Each red-tailed hawk nest will consume 4.6 acres while a spotted owl nest will eliminate all use of over 980 acres.
- ◆ Independent analysis of the science used by King County does not support the conclusions reached by the promoters of the ordinances. See the Science Analysis on our web site.
- ◆ Wildlife corridors will connect other wildlife buffer areas. You may lose use of your property even if you have no actual "critical areas" on it.
- ◆ Unelected bureaucrats will decide many of the specific rules you will have to abide by and which consultants you can turn to for help.

Please sign the petitions to place these ordinances on the ballot and then use the time until the election to really study the ordinances and how they affect you and your neighbors.

We expect a legal fight in order to retain our referendum rights provided by the King County Charter. It will take considerable funds to do that. We also need money to fund the campaign to win the vote once we are on the ballot. Please send us a donation in the accompanying envelope.

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