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**Public Comment**

In the "Final Decision and Order," published by the Growth Management Hearings Board, last April the following was emphasized:

'Department of Commerce guidelines have long highlighted the risk that concurrency standards might be used to defeat growth goals:

"Counties and cities should set level of service to reflect realistic expectations consistent with the achievement of growth aims. Setting levels of service too high could, under some regulatory strategies, result in no growth. As a deliberate policy, this would be contrary to the act."

It has been clear from early 2018 and onward that the Council Majority has continued to subvert the goals of the Growth Management Act.

At a time when local government should be planning for our future, this Council has belabored dead-end policies that have not and will not pass the scrutiny of the GMHB or meet the goals of the Growth Management Act.

In the post-pandemic world we are facing, we will need safe and efficient streets – "complete streets." We will need a variety of housing that will make it possible for teachers, store managers and others who contribute to our city to live here. With more people working from home, we will need more services and an economy that serves the needs of all our citizens.

All of that was the goal at the core of the Town Center Plan. I would urge the Council to stop wasting time and money on arbitrary policies that no longer reflect the world we live in now.