

## Monica Lusk

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**From:** Monica Lusk  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2010 12:33 PM  
**To:** 'Chestine Edgar'  
**Cc:** Craig Knutson; Lisa Clausen  
**Subject:** RE: City Council Packet Dec. 8, 2010

Thank you for your message to the Burien City Council. It will be included in Correspondence for the Record for the December 13 Council meeting.

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City Clerk

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**From:** Chestine Edgar [[mailto:c\\_edgar2@yahoo.com](mailto:c_edgar2@yahoo.com)]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, December 08, 2010 11:55 AM  
**To:** Monica Lusk  
**Cc:** Craig Knutson  
**Subject:** City Council Packet Dec. 8, 2010

Hello Monica,

I am attaching a copy of a letter for the City Council packet on Dec.8, 2010.

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1. The first part of the document discusses the importance of maintaining accurate records of all transactions and activities. It emphasizes the need for transparency and accountability in financial reporting.

2. The second part of the document outlines the various methods and techniques used to collect and analyze data. It includes a detailed description of the experimental procedures and the statistical tools employed to interpret the results.

3. The third part of the document presents the findings of the study. It includes a series of tables and graphs that illustrate the key results and trends observed during the course of the research.

4. The final part of the document provides a conclusion and discusses the implications of the findings. It also offers suggestions for further research and practical applications of the study's results.

December 8, 2010  
To the Burien City Council

Members of the Lake Burien Neighborhood made a specific appointment with a representative of the Puget Sound Regional Council (PSRC) to discuss the specific issue of Burien's Growth Management target numbers. According to the PSRC, Burien is in no way 5 to 6 years behind in its target numbers. In fact, Burien has 684 residential units beyond what will be required for the time frame extending to 2022. So even if the number 79 units were needed annually, which is not the way the Growth Management Numbers are allotted or even reported, Burien would have enough residential units to reach beyond the year 2030. The PSRC only suggests that cities do their planning in 20 year projections but further suggests that planning be updated in 10 years intervals.

Additionally the PSRC and Vision 2040, place a higher value on the protection of the environment/critical areas as a land use pattern versus the use of residential units for a movie theater. Plainly stated the environment and critical areas on Lake Burien should take priority in protection and preservation and not be traded for a movie theater. Vision 2040 specifically speaks to changing the old kind of land use patterns that degraded or destroyed the environment for a new vision of how to protect these lands. As Burien is a member of the PSRC, it seems that they would want to be good stewards of the land and coordinate their efforts with the rest of the county and the PSRC.

It was mentioned that the Lake Burien Neighborhood was a closed community by one of the Council Members. In fact this is not correct. A closed community by definition is one that is gated or fenced and has a guard system monitoring entry. In order to enter a closed community, a membership card, membership pass or identification number must be shown. Gated community has a screening process for membership, require fees and frequently have a background screening process that must be met before membership is allowed. The Lake Burien Neighborhood has none of these things are requirements to live in the neighborhood. As the Comp Plan and The Shoreline Master Plan both state, there are several visual access points to Lake Burien for public visual access. This is not typical of closed communities. Anyone who wants to buy a house in the Lake Burien Neighborhood has the right to do just that and there are no gates restricting entry into the neighborhood. In conclusion the Lake Burien Neighborhood is not a closed community and this cannot be used as an argument not to follow the criteria for land use.

However, even if it was a closed community neighborhood such as places like some condo complexes are, it would still have the rights given in the Burien Comp Plan to request that the procedures in the Comp Plan be applied to it such as the protect of the neighborhood character and the environment in that neighborhood. The Comp Plan per the Growth Management Act is supposed to be the guiding document to how the city operates and must be consistently applied. It should not be based on which neighborhoods a council or council members personally like or dislike.

The city's plan for increasing the density in the Lake Burien Neighborhood by 66% without considering the impact to the lake, following the mitigation in the 1997 EIS or

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even failing to discuss or reconsider it in the update to the Comp Plan is not in line with the requirements of the Growth Management Act. To simply state that the numbers that might be involved are too small for the council to even bother with is capricious in attitude and purposely ignores the intent of the Comprehensive Plan for the protection of critical areas, water quality and public health and safety. The argument that the city does not protect or even consider any of its critical areas per the low density residential designation criteria in the Comprehensive Plan suggests a purposeful disregard for the requirements of the Growth Management to identify and set up mechanisms for their protection. This is also a blatant disregard for coordination with county efforts to protect and preserve these areas.

Lastly, under the Growth Management Act, citizens are allowed the right at least once a year to request changes to the Comprehensive Plan. In spite of numerous requests for information about the process and timelines for the process, we were told by the city staff that this would not be allowed for a citizen to do or were delayed the information. In spite of the staff's resistance to allow this, we filed. On the filing date, we were told that we had to file a rezone or our application would not be accepted. We did not want to file a rezone but finally filed one just to get this request for a change to the land use map brought forward. Since that filing date, we have been denied public information and have been treated rudely and dismissively by some city staff members, advisory board members and City Council Members. Our request is to be judged on the criteria set forth in the Comprehensive Plan. At both the Planning Commission level and the City Council level, some members have suggested that we have no rights under the Comprehensive Plan or the Growth Management Act to even consider bringing forth this request. Again this request is allowed under the Burien Comp Plan and the Growth Management Act and should not be treated with public disdain and disregard by the City Council. Threats of what are the rights of the Master Builders Association or the Realtor's Association per this request should also not be a part of this conversation and is not a their right under this criteria.

The Lake Burien Neighborhood is requesting that the Comprehensive Land Use Map be corrected to resolve an inconsistency between the text and the map. This is a benefit to the community in that it provides internal consistency to the document protects critical areas and protects public health and safety. Dismissing a four month long toxic algae bloom as of non-importance is dangerous and irresponsible to the issue of water quality and public health and safety. Again it seems to be a purposeful disregard for the intent of the Growth Management Act.

As you state you intend good stewards of the public trust. Please consider this issue per the criteria outlined in the Comp Plan and the zoning ordinance. Please consider the public rights and good over some would be developer's rights who do not even live or pay taxes in this neighborhood. The neighborhood has come forth requesting that their character, water quality, critical areas and health and safety be protected by making this change to the Land Use Map to show the Neighborhood as low density residential.

We are requesting that the Council members consider our request based on the Comprehensive Plan policies and text, the requirements of the Growth Management Act, logic of the request and scientific information that has been presented to you. A transparent form of government operates that way. As a neighborhood, we have been courteous and respectful to you, played by the rules, followed the intent of the Comprehensive Plan and deserve like treatment for the city staff and City Council. That is the way a transparent, responsible form of government operates. Chestine Edgar

