

## Lisa Clausen

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**From:** Public Council Inbox  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 23, 2011 9:21 AM  
**To:** 'poitrasjohn@comcast.net'  
**Subject:** RE: QUESTIONS ON WHITE CENTER ANNEXATION

Thank you for writing to the Burien City Council. Your message will be included in the Correspondence for the Record for an upcoming City Council meeting.

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**From:** [poitrasjohn@comcast.net](mailto:poitrasjohn@comcast.net) [mailto:[poitrasjohn@comcast.net](mailto:poitrasjohn@comcast.net)]  
**Sent:** Monday, August 22, 2011 5:52 PM  
**To:** Public Council Inbox; Public Council Inbox  
**Cc:** Monica Lusk; Monica Lusk  
**Subject:** QUESTIONS ON WHITE CENTER ANNEXATION

Please enter this into the official public record so it can be accessed at a future date for further action if necessary.

It appears the City Council in collaboration with Mike Martin the city manager is taking the City of Burien off on a tangent that the vast majority of Burien residents are AGAINST!

The following are questions I would like answered:

An initial increase in the levy rate is allowed with annexation because the full value of the assessed value in the annexation areas is treated as new construction in the year of annexation-pages 9, 12-Berk Report.

What does this mean?

How will the levy rates be raised?

How much does the City plan to raise property taxes for everyone in the City of Burien to cover this annexation-of Area Y?

How much new construction is Burien planning in Area Y that will affect the tax rate/millage for the rest of the city?

How many years can this new construction tax increase go on?

Burien currently has one of the highest tax rates in King City-12.92- some these lands will become undesirable for new sale due to the tax rates. How does the city plan to deal with that issue?

It is my opinion that this city council by their imprudent actions are going to decrease property values in Burien while at the same time raising property taxes.. that are already too high.

Imo this is financial malfeasance and rather than waiting for a better time or asking for the approval of the residents of Burien they have an agenda that is not in the best interest of the residents of Burien.

As result of voting for annexation they will be voted out of office so they are trying to force this through at an inappropriate time.

GFR: 09/12/11

Best Regards,  
John Poitras