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To: Hofweber, Tom

Subject: Comment re Update

Good Morning Tom,

Congratulations on the excellent work done so far on the General Plan Update.

I'll be out-of-town on the 15th and, unfortunately, will not be able to attend the hearing.

I do have one comment, however. I think that the guiding principles need to explicitly include sustainability as one of the plan's overarching principles. I suggest that proposed Guiding Principle 15- The plan must promote sustainable development be added to the list of guiding principles.

In the section discussing Alternative 2 the following rationale is offered as to while sustainability should not be included as a guiding principle- While the above concepts are contained in a number of specific policies throughout the plan in the preferred alternative, including them as guiding principles would raise their status in the plan. I would suggest that that is precisely why sustainability needs to be included as a guiding principle.

I realize that to some point this is all a matter of semantics. Sustainability by one name or another has always been a central organizing principle of public land use planning. That having been said, sustainability has become a touchstone of contemporary planning and should be explicitly included as a guiding principle of the Plan Update.

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