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Subject: URGENT:Request for extension for public comment and record (Blaine City Council, Planning) Re: Creekside and Avista development applications

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To Our Responsible Leadership:

As a resident of Blaine, Washington, I am devastated at the lack of planning and forethought, expanding 'residential offerings' of the City of Blaine. There will be many 'costs', not just tax dollars.

1. Management of the City of Blaine, has, at times, denied the civil rights of its citizens by removing the ability for Public Comment, to allow the citizens to be heard by our voted leadership. Extending the time frame for environmental evaluation, commentary and amenable solutions to the issues is paramount. Once the Environment is destroyed, it is gone forever.

2. What is the overall impact these projects are going to create to the water supply and habitat, let alone the stresses on our infrastructure? Recently, I saw how all the trees are removed, Earth scraped away, and huge boulders removed. What is left of Nature?

3. Bring the agencies to evaluate Environmental Impacts/water management/wild life protection. Advocate for the civil rights of our citizens, including Birch Bay, which gets 20% of their water from Blaine.

The larger picture of residential expansion should preserve the integrity of Nature as well as a safe place to live, which provides quality and quantity of safe drinking water through our watersheds and rivers. I am concerned about our infrastructures re water quality and the ability of the sewer waste water systems. And run off from vehicles, lawn maintenance, not to mention, how will our wild-life be 'managed?'

These developments are happening all around the world. The Pacific Northwest has been one of the few places left where there are water and flora/fauna to support water and wild life, and our farms and people.

4. Habitats provide homes for all manner of creatures, as well as humans. Some creatures are endangered species. Has there been any review of that issue? Without the trees and other plants there is no place for our wild creatures. The bears are wandering our roads. What is proposed? (Recently on the Blaine/Birch Bay page it was suggested to use bottle rockets on the Bears.) Euthanized Nature? Poisons? Traps? How about all the petrochemicals washing into the soil, maintenance of landscaping chemicals seeping into Dakota Creek and our watershed?

Prevent extinctions; preserve Life!

Thank You,

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P.S. I am 76 years old, and fled Seattle after my husband died. We are planting trees on our almost 5 acres.