Good afternoon. My name is Peter Rimbos. I live in the Rural Area outside of Maple Valley. I am a long-time member of the Greater Maple Valley Unincorporated Area Council and serve as it’s Growth Management Committee Chair.

First, I’d like to thank Staff for a good County-wide Planning Policies Public Review Draft. Today, I offer Oral Testimony on two chapters regarding the siting of Schools in the Rural Area to primarily not serve adjacent Urban needs. This is an extremely important issue to the GMVUAC and to all Rural Area UACs. I also intend to submit Written Testimony on the TRANSPORTATION chapter.

I fully support the excellent Overarching Goal of the DEVELOPMENT PATTERNS chapter to: “…protect rural and resource lands.”

Under its Rural Area and Resource Lands section I fully support the following four policies:
   DP-44 to: “...reduce the need for new rural infrastructure...”
   DP-46 to: “Limit the extension of urban infrastructure improvements through Rural Areas…”
   and “...to restrict uses appropriate for the Rural Area...”
   DP-48 to: “Prevent ... negative impacts of urban development on adjacent Rural Areas.”
   DP-49 to: “Limit public facilities located in the Rural Area to a size and scale appropriate to serve the Rural Area...”

In the PUBLIC FACILITIES AND SERVICES chapter under the Utilities section I fully support the following two policies:

First, under Sewage Treatment and Disposal:
   PFS-12 to: “Prohibit sewer expansion in Rural Areas...” as this will precipitate a domino effect on development.

Second, under Human and Community Services:

   PFS-18 to: “Locate ... educational services and facilities that serve urban populations within the Urban Growth Area...”

I encourage you to give careful consideration to fully adopting these Staff-recommended Policies. They are good. They work. They are needed.

Thank you.

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