

In the fall of 1990, the leaders of the four caucuses of the House and Senate--or "four corners"--came together in agreement that they would pass additional legislation on growth management the following session in response to the challenge posed by Initiative 547. To pledge their support, they signed the following letter, as mentioned by Joe King in his interview:



## Washington State Legislature

Olympia

September 28, 1990

Mr. Richard Ford  
Chairman, Growth Strategies Commission  
1326 Fifth Avenue, Room 329  
Seattle, WA 98101

Dear Mr. Ford,

Please accept our thanks for the many months of intensive effort undertaken by the members of the Growth Strategies Commission. Recommendations in the Commission's Final Report will serve as an excellent framework for the 1991 Legislature as it follows through on the process started with passage of HB 2929, The Growth Management Act.

The Growth Management Act was carefully crafted to guide local governments in planning for Washington's growing population. The legislature placed new responsibilities on local governments to undertake comprehensive land use planning, to protect precious resource lands and environmentally critical areas, and to coordinate transportation planning on a regional basis. The Growth Management Act, however, was a first step.

In 1991, we will enter a new phase in planning for growth. Building on the policies in HB 2929, the 1991 Legislature must deal with measures designed to:

- ensure state agency compliance with state planning goals and local land use plans;
- provide a responsive governance process for resolving conflicts between among and between governmental units and affected citizens;
- ensure and encourage state and local government compliance with the goals and time frames outlined in the Growth Management Act, including the potential withholding of state funds; and,
- provide a process and incentives for the equitable siting of state and regional facilities.

While we cannot guarantee the outcome of the legislative session, as leaders we believe that the 1991 legislative session must deal with these issues and they should pass.

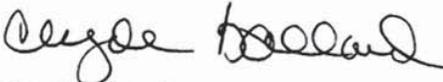
The Growth Strategies Commission recommendations provide the basis for establishing a less intrusive and more accountable and efficient growth management system than the alternative provided by I-547. The issues of governance and managing growth in the state require the open deliberative process that the legislature provides to ensure balanced solutions for the whole state. The recent Dwyer decision on the Metro Council demonstrates how complex governance issues have become and the need for thorough deliberations.

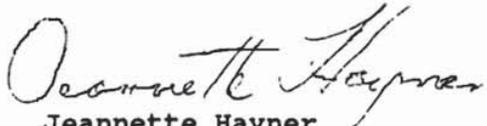
We believe that the legislature and the governor have responded in good faith by passing very substantive legislation. We believe that the citizens of this state would be well served by allowing the legislative process to continue to work on the complex issues of land use and growth management during the 1991 legislative session.

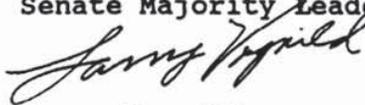
Again, our thanks.

Respectfully yours,

  
Joe King  
Speaker of the House

  
Clyde Ballard  
House Minority Leader

  
Jeannette Hayner  
Senate Majority Leader

  
Larry Vognild  
Senate Minority Leader