

Linda Christensen

Subject: FW: Bayview Ridge

From: Arlene French [mailto:a_bfrench@msn.com]

Sent: Thursday, November 07, 2013 10:53 AM

To: PDS comments

Subject: Bayview Ridge

To: Skagit County Planning and Skagit County Commissioners:

Bayview Ridge is a big mistake. You should not allow it to happen, at all, if you care about the future of Farming in Skagit Valley.

The growth coming to Skagit should be absorbed by all communities and not in a newly created suburb.

This is the fatal mistake that California made in the 1950's through 1980's. When I was a small child, in 1948, my father, newly released from military service, purchased a home in West Covina. West Covina, California, at that time in history, very closely resembled Skagit Valley. It was far removed from downtown Los Angeles, separated by farms and orange groves. In fact my kindergarten class was held in the garden shed of a large farm because the school, in my newly created sub-division, was not yet completed. That was the end of the beautiful farms and orchards of the area, as one suburb begat another and another and another.

The same thing will happen all along highway 20 between Anacortes and the freeway and between highway 20 and La Conner. Farms and sub-divisions do not co-exist and it will become a very unpleasant place to live, as the farms disappear and housing, roads, malls, industry takeover. You are at one of those cross-roads where what you decide now, will have far reaching effects into the future.

Thank you for your consideration,

Arlene French
1411 8th Street
Anacortes WA 98221
360-293-0142