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Debbie,

At next month's PiC meeting, the committee will vote on adoption on a new SCA position regarding school siting. Since our Council has previously weighed in on this issue, I wanted to make sure that our Council is OK with the proposed policy.

Thanks,

Chris

The Sound Cities Association supports the proposed Countywide Planning Policy PF-19A as follows:

Plan, through a cooperative process between jurisdictions and school districts, that public school facilities are available to meet the needs of existing and projected residential development consistent with adopted comprehensive plan policies and growth forecasts.

Cooperatively work with each school district located within the jurisdiction's boundaries to evaluate the school district's ability to site school facilities necessary to meet the school district's identified student capacity needs. Use school district capacity and enrollment data and the growth forecasts and development data of each jurisdiction located within the school district's service boundaries. By January 2016 and every two years thereafter, determine if there is development capacity and the supporting infrastructure to site the needed school facilities. If not, cooperatively prepare a strategy to address the capacity shortfall. Potential strategies may include:

- Shared public facilities such as play fields, parking areas and access drives;

- School acquisition or lease of appropriate public lands;

- Regulatory changes such as allowing schools to locate in additional zones or revised development standards; and

- School design standards that reduce land requirements (such as multi-story structures or reduced footprint) while still meeting programmatic needs.

In 2017, and every two years thereafter, King County shall report to the GMPC on

whether the goals of this policy are being met. The GMPC shall identify corrective actions as necessary to implement this policy.

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