

# **Resolution for Elimination of Fully Contained Community Policies and Regulations from Snohomish County's Comprehensive Plan**

WHEREAS Fully Contained Communities (FCC's) are not consistent with the growth management principles of protecting natural resources, minimizing pollution and minimizing public costs of growth infrastructure, and

WHEREAS FCC's do not comply with County and State requirements to reduce greenhouse gas emissions as they create new urban growth areas, encourage commuting for livable wage jobs, and provide no financial commitment or mechanism for public transit, and

WHEREAS FCC's are not necessary to accommodate projected population growth as documented in Snohomish County's latest Buildable Lands Report which states there is more than sufficient land within existing urban growth areas to house population through the year 2025, and

WHEREAS opposition to FCC's in Snohomish County include Community Transit, 18 of 20 cities in Snohomish County, Snohomish County Tomorrow, Fire District Commissioners and the Washington State Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development (CTED), and the Puget Sound Regional Council's vision 2040 policies state that FCC's should be avoided, and

WHEREAS the theory upon which FCC's are allowed in the State's Growth Management Act (GMA), that they provide all amenities needed for a successful new city such as livable wage jobs, retail and service industries within the community, thus reducing transportation requirements of the community, has shown to be a failure in the FCC built in King County, and WHEREAS proponents of FCC's have publicly opposed any amendments to the current Snohomish County FCC Codes to minimize traffic disruption, provide accountability for livable wage jobs within the FCC, and provide other protections for current residents in areas where FCC's are proposed

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats, affirm its opposition to FCC's in Snohomish County, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats advocate that FCC's be prohibited in Snohomish County by the elimination of FCC policies and regulations from the County's Comprehensive Plan, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the 44<sup>th</sup> Legislative District Democrats transmit this resolution to each Snohomish County Council member and the Snohomish County Executive.