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Thurston County Board of commissioners
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Subject: Planning Commission Recommendation on Process for Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update

Thurston County is required under the Washington State Growth Management Act (GMA) to periodically update comprehensive plans and development regulations for compliance with state law and to refresh population projects. Thurston County's multi-year review of its comprehensive plan, also known as the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update, is due in June 2025. After that, it is due every 10 years. This effort in Thurston County is being referred to as "Thurston 2045" and will set the vision for Thurston County's next 20 years.

The Thurston County Planning Commission held a preliminary work session to learn about the next comprehensive plan update – Thurston 2045 – and the process, timeline, and public participation plan for that update on November 16, 2022. This public work session also notified the public of a survey through the end of the year to identify the priorities of the community. At several work sessions following the introduction of Thurston 2045, the Planning Commission noted their desire to be involved in determining the scope of work for the periodic comprehensive plan update.

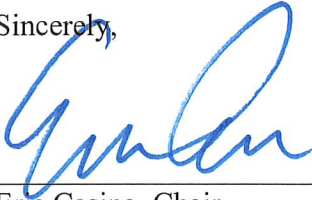
On February 1, 2023, the Planning Commission produced a recommendation requesting to the Board of County Commissioners that they are included in the process for determining the Comprehensive Plan Periodic Update scope and creating a public participation plan (6 days, 2 days, 1 absent).

The Thurston County Planning Commission moved to recommend to the Board of County Commissioners that the Planning Commission be substantively involved in the Comp Plan Update process to include scoping and public participation plan before being brought to the Board of County Commissioners for decision making.

Thurston County Planning Commission
Thurston 2045 Process

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eric Casino", written over a horizontal line.

Eric Casino, Chair