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**Comment:** Grand Mound is growing whether we like it or not. The question is, do we want to have control over the process and plan accordingly? Or just stand by on idle. The Chehalis Tribe will continue its development across the interstate, accumulating additional valuable real estate while not contributing to the tax base. The tax revenue is desperately needed in this community to make long overdue improvements to local infrastructure, our schools, emergency services, and more. We have a huge opportunity to alleviate much of this pressure from being solely on the taxpayers by allowing private businesses to develop here. In addition, they will bring a variety of jobs at all levels providing the highly desired stickiness this community is missing. Rather than having to commute north or south, people can work just a few short minutes from their homes and families.

Objections heard at the community meeting:

“I don’t want to look at a warehouse on my way home.”

There are creative ways to improve curb appeal through landscaping requirements (for example: building a tree-lined walking path around the property)

“Grand Mound is not a community and it should stay that way.”

The general public in the area would highly disagree. We are active in the community and interact with the public daily. They love and value their Grand Mound community. Unfortunately, there are many people who just don’t like change. But change, and growth are inevitable. Especially along the I-5 corridor.

“The traffic on Old Highway 99 is already bad.”

Yes, it is. Change needs to happen with the roads, and expanding the UGA allows developers to come in and offset the cost of improvements rather than being put solely on the taxpayers.

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