

City Council Meeting April 24, 2006

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The city council should pass Ordinance No. 06-2628 because it is what the **majority** of the people want and it is the best thing for the city of Blaine. There are 2 reasons we know that this ordinance is good for Blaine.

1. Ownership

2. Professionalism

Ownership: Most of the people that have worked on this process, and have been involved in the many working meetings are owners of property in the neighborhoods under consideration. They have a vested interest in insuring their neighborhoods are clean and safe places to raise their families, grow old in, and hopefully, someday retire in. Ownership and pride of ownership is what will continue to make Blaine a city where not only families but also retirees will want to live out there lives.

Professionalism: Enough good things can not be said about Mr. Terry Galvin, Community Development Director and his staff!!!! For almost 3 year they have taken a **global (Comprehensive)** view of the planning process. They have covered ever nook and cranny from east Blaine to the west side of Semiahmoo and from the Canadian border to south of the first exit coming into Blaine from Bellingham. I have seen Mr. Galvin and his staff out driving all of Blaine, taking pictures where they think the pictures will help in there comprehensive decision making process. The city has hired a really **professional** planning staff, with a **global view** of Blaine and the surrounding areas, a **team worth listening to**. The same can be said for the Planning Commission, which has worked long and hard on Ordinance No. 06-2628, and **recommends** this Comprehensive Plan and code amendments be **approved**.

These two groups have taken this jig saw puzzle we call Blaine and blended all the pieces together into a global homogenous comprehensive plan that will aid in making Blaine a better place to live.