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Ms. Gudde,

After receiving our letter from the City of Lynden on the MDNS proposal to change the zoning of parcel 400315333313 we felt necessary that our voice needed to be heard. We understand that we are simple residents that love our city and this letter may never make a difference however; we feel someone has to speak up and try to bring common sense back to the city planning system.

We understand that in order to make a buck, the more dwellings, the more money. In your letter it states that "variety of housing options is key in the City of Lynden's sustainable growth strategy" but we both know that this is just a piece of fiction made to make the community believe. The bottom line is MONEY. Money for the construction companies and money for the city from services and taxes.

Look at what construction companies have already done to our once beautiful community. Yeah, I said "once". I hate to say that in the last few years I have been embarrassed to call Lynden home. The city and construction companies are turning it into just another overcrowded city with no charm or individuality.

What people really want is OLD Lynden. Charming Lynden. Beautiful Lynden. Look around. The most desirable properties are in RS-100 neighborhoods. Nice houses (not too big) with a large yard so you don't feel like your neighbor can hear you sneeze. Not my first choice in bodily function.

I pray that this letter at least opens one person's eyes and can help change the city's blasé attitude to lower the zoning. Please give Lynden her dignity and stop stacking and packing houses.

Sincerely yours,

Grant & Amanda Bartlett