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Sent Via Electronic Mail

RE: Draft Medina Housing Action Plan (HAP)

Dear Ms. Keyser,

Thank you for sending Growth Management Services the Medina's Draft Housing Action Plan. We appreciate your coordination with our agency as you work to fulfill the grant contract to develop this plan.

Medina has done an excellent job at completing all of the required elements of a HAP outlined in RCW 36.70A.600(2). The plan, if implemented as designed, will help the city address its future housing needs by accommodating the future population with a greater diversity of housing options, while addressing potential displacement.

Within this HAP, we applaud the city's outstanding work in the following areas:

- The anti-displacement strategies presented in Strategy A for both homeowners and renters are commendable. Displacement is an important area to focus on as residents are increasingly priced out of areas, and as this was identified as a significant concern of many Medina residents.
- The HAP includes a clear and detailed implementation plan that includes timelines, methods, lead parties, and investment level.
- The monitoring plan clearly outlines how the City will measure the performance of the strategies implemented. This will help move towards achieving the desired goals and needs of the community.
- The recommendations on how to integrate the policies and actions from the HAP into the comprehensive plan create a solid foundation for how to use the information collected through the HAP to inform the comprehensive plan housing element and future housing policy. This will be extremely helpful as Medina undergoes the periodic review and update of the comprehensive plan and development regulations as part of the 2024 periodic update.

Congratulations to you and your staff for the good work this housing action plan represents. If you have any questions or concerns about our comments or any other growth management issues, please contact me at 360-480-4498 or Lexine.long@commerce.wa.gov. We extend our continued support to the City of Medina in attaining your housing goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Lexine Long', written in a cursive style.

Lexine Long
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