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To the Lewis County Commissioners

We are writing with regard to this project as we are the pastors at Pathway Church and we live in the parsonage on the property. We are concerned with this project for a couple of reasons. Our primary concern is that there is a lot of water that already flows off of that hill onto our property and if that hill is developed any of the water that is absorbed into the ground now will all run down to our property and all of the properties located down hill of the development. The developers seem to know this and have made bold statements stating that a portion of our property ought to be used for their run off pond. Please understand that this is not rumors but is something that was actually stated to us. Levi, the gentleman who first approached us about this project spoke from the angle of we could be a part of their "park", the part with a pond. This is not just or right to assume that our property or anyone else's property will be available for their run off pond.

We are asking you to please take into consideration those of us who already live here and the devastating effect this development will have on our properties and thus our lives.

We are asking you to consider that maybe not everything was known or understood before agreeing that this would be a good place for a development and that it needs more investigation into the effects on not only the lives of the people who live here, but the wild life and their sanctuary across the road.

Thank you for hearing us, we appreciate your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely
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We are opposed to the Centralia UGA expansion and the 1426 S. Scheuber Rd project.

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From: [Kathy Wood](#)
To: [Mindy Brooks](#)
Subject: Centralia UGA S Scheuber
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Hello Lewis County Commissioners,

I live on Graf Rd in Centralia, my southern property line runs along the property at 1426 S. Scheuber Rd which is currently owned by Steve & Candace Ash. I first heard about the proposed project for the property at 1426 in early spring 2022 when I was contacted by a Centralia council member who, fortunately for us, thought it may be important for us and our neighbors to know. After that I did contact Levi Althausser, a local real estate agent, husband of a Centralia council member (not the one who reached out), and son-in-law to Steve & Candace Ash. Levi talked down the project, told me maybe up to 4 homes per acre. I found out later their plan is for many more homes. Immediately I was very concerned and told him I was absolutely opposed to a large development on that property. **It should follow the current rule of 1 home per 5 acre plot.**

I have heard from many of my neighbors and others in the local area, no one is in favor of a large development on the S Scheuber hillside.

Some of my main concerns are:

Water runoff and erosion. The soil in this area has a lot of clay in the composition. That adds to the worry of slides. When a hillside is covered with blacktop, concrete, and houses, all that water that used to filter through the vegetation and soil has to go somewhere. Since the development of Scheuber Ridge, a much smaller development, the water runoff is so very obvious in the wet months. The 4-way intersection is covered with flowing water on a regular basis, it floods over Military and parts of S Scheuber way more often than before the Scheuber Ridge and even the Society Place developments have been built. Covering the hillside on S Scheuber with a housing development will surely add to the flooding over those roads much more. That also increases the flooding to many peoples homes on Scheuber Rd, Military Rd, and Shamrock Dr. Centralia does not seem prepared for more hillside developments and dealing with the water runoff. As for my family's property, there is a high potential of significant damage to our trees and the soil on our property. Some of our lower land behind the Pathway Church on S Scheuber could very well become unusable.

The disruption to local wildlife. We have a wonderful mix of rural wildlife right now, it's unknown what would become of all our wildlife.

The increased traffic. Adding 80+ vehicles daily to the S Scheuber & Military Roads is difficult to imagine as anything but messy and a huge negative. What about first responders? Having such a large development with one road in, and one road out to the main road (S Scheuber) does not seem safe.

I also have some more personal concerns. I grew up in this area. I am not opposed to growth and change. But I also chose to stay in this area because of the beauty of the area, small towns, a break from all the bigger cities to the north and south of us. I also chose to live outside the city limits, I like living in the county.

The type of large development Levi, his wife, and his in-laws are proposing would bring more negatives to this area than positives.

That S. Scheuber Rd property is visible from I5. As you drive along I5 all through Lewis County, look off to the east and west of the freeway, it's beautiful. This is one of Lewis County's most valuable assets, an absolute rarity we need to hold onto. It's rural looking, even inside Centralia & Chehalis. There are housing developments, but not the concrete hillsides, crammed with homes like you see all through the big cities to the south and especially north of us on I5. You as the Lewis County Commissioners are in a very unique and special position, in making a big decision on the direction of our landscape and environment, and how it will affect the current citizens of this area. Please consider how beautiful and rare along I5 our County is right now. Please do not make us just another concrete suburb. Please do not grant Levi and his in-laws request for an expansion to Centralia's UGA.

Thank you.

Kathy King Wood

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