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Sent: Saturday, January 10, 2009 1:37 PM
Subject: King County Councilmember Bob Ferguson's - Just Another Idiot Who Thinks He Can Control The Weather By Taking Property

cc: Media, Olympia Senate & House, Property Rights Organizations, Friends:

Dear Councilman Ferguson:

The scientific community has reached no consensus supporting global warming. Where did you get that information, from 1000 Friends of Ron Sims or CELP or Sierra Club?

Global warming only exists in the minds of those in government, UN and the green movement who benefit from the grant money and legal fees it generates and of course the followers of Al Gore. There is no honest scientific consensus process anymore. This has long been subverted by federal political paradigm of granting money in a positive feedback loop. Read "Meltdown". I hope you are not trying to leverage this global warming myth into job security for yourself and King County?

There is consensus among a growing number of independent scientist that there is no global warming. The global warming Al "Gorp" hysteria does not work anymore. Turn off the liberal mainstream media, throw away your Seattle Times and PI and turn off the radio and quit listening to Ron Sims and the Seattle environmental whackoes and going to silly environmental disaster movies.

Do a little independent research for God sake and quit being a liberal green whining lemming trying to promote this urban myth throughout Seattle and Puget Sound. Read some books on the subject written by credentialed independent sources & scientist who do not have a stake in the outcome, i.e. they do not get promoted or grants or legal fees or continue their political careers. Also do not consider the opinions of anyone who uses environmental disaster junk science or "best available science" to steal private property. You know about that off course. And I am sure you would never levy property takings on anyone in your county based on junk science with an agenda to steal individual freedoms using green distortion?

Read "The Satanic Gases", "Meltdown", "Two Studies of Public Policy in Washington State", "Trashing the Economy - How Runaway Environmentalism is Wrecking America". Check out the links below. There are uncountable good

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independent articles, studies, books, etc. on this subject and these finding.

30 years of increasing temperature does not make "global warming". There have been many times hotter and colder in the life of this planet. Frequent temperature fluctuations are not uncommon. Greenland ice core records show highly variable temperature swings within a decade or less. The Medieval Warm Epoch 800-1200 AD show temperatures significantly warmer than in the 20th century in many regions of the world. In 1550-1700 we had a "Little Ice Age", see the Marshall links below. There have been numerous glacial expansions and retractions. Short term warming and cooling trends on a 4.5 billion year old plant do not make a "global warming".

Temperature responds to greenhouse gases logarithmically not linearly, rising temperature top off with increasing CO2. Greenhouse gases have been around before via volcanoes. Water vapor is a greenhouse gas too. The more moist and cold air is the less the warming and visa versa. Longer warm periods are producing more growing time and greater yield for crops. Moisture levels are increasing, Great Lakes regional annual precipitation is increasing 1895 to 2001. National steam flow trends are up over all. Drought Severity Index for Minnesota shows wetter not drier conditions, 1895- 2000. Average acreage burned (forest fires) are down since data has been collected, etc.

Do these first two charts of temperature of Washington State and the U.S. look like global warming to you? Check out the max temperatures by state attached above.

<http://www.wrcc.dri.edu/cgi-bin/divplot1.pl>

http://lwf.ncdc.noaa.gov/img/climate/research/2001/aug/Reg110Dv00_Elem02_06082001_pg.gif

<http://www.heartland.org/Article.cfm?artId=18450>

<http://www.marshall.org/article.php?id=90>

<http://www.marshall.org/experts.php?id=38>

http://www.libertymatters.org/newsservice/2006/newsservice04_13_06.htm

<http://www.pushback.com/environment/fraudulent-environment.html>

<http://www.sovereignty.net/>

Local government has no role in perpetuating or taking any action based on this urban myth. No one on the council has the credentials to entertain any of this bunk. And the council has no ability to select any committee of honest independent impartial scientists. Your role is to stay out of it and quit trying to make it into more tax revenue for yourself and King County. Your role is to stick to the basics and stay away from my land, my family, my money and my local schools. We property owners are all sick of you people inventing excuses to invade our freedoms for your green fantasies. Please keep your green paranoia to yourself and stop pushing it on the shoulders of a few rural land owners. I can just imagine where your panel of experts are coming from.

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The Boeing Company
30 Years Retired

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From: [King County Council Member Bob Ferguson](#)
To: [Jack Venrick](#)
Sent: Wednesday, July 19, 2006 3:09 PM
Subject: Councilmember Bob Ferguson's E-News & Invite – Edition 21 (http://www.metrokc.gov/council/members/ferguson/news/06_JulyEnews.htm)



Dear Neighbors:

The scientific community is reaching consensus that global warming is a threat to our planet. Actions big and small will help address this problem. I ride the bus to work. My wife Colleen and I recently pulled our bicycles out of the basement, put some air in the tires, and are committed to using them for short trips and errands that we previously made in the car.

Local governments also have a role. As a result, I invited the King County Council to hold a special meeting in Shoreline to engage Councilmembers, a panel of experts, and the public on local efforts to address this important topic. I hope you can attend.

Monday, July 24
Reception at 9:30 am
Meeting at 10:00 am
Shoreline Conference Center
(Shoreline Room)
18560 1st Ave NE in Shoreline

In this issue of my E-News you will find updates on issues concerning election reform and a possible ballot measure to increase the sales tax for Metro bus service. I look forward to hearing from you.



Councilmember Bob Ferguson on the Web:
www.metrokc.gov/ferguson

Bob Ferguson's E-News Edition 21

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Sales Tax Increase for Metro Transit?

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Bob at Northgate Park and Ride. Bob rides the 41 downtown to the Council.

The County Council is considering whether to place a proposed sales tax increase for Metro transit services on the ballot this fall. "Transit Now" aims to increase Metro service by 20 percent over the next ten years by adding new routes and increasing the frequency of current routes. The plan is funded by a sales tax increase of one-tenth of one percent.

As a bus commuter, I am obviously a strong Metro supporter, but I am concerned about using such a regressive tax to fund this service. The anticipated cost to the average King County household is \$25 annually.

I am also concerned that Metro is planning three fare increases during the ten-year period in which the sales tax is proposed to be collected. The combination of repeated fare increases and the sales tax is significant.

Please share with me your opinions, questions, or concerns regarding this proposal.

In the News:

July 6, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[Metro to raise fares 75 cents in 10 years](#)

April 18, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[Sims wants to boost bus service with tax](#)

Update! Elections Reform

I continue to work on improving our Elections Department. We're making progress, but there is still more to be done.

Last year, the County Council received reports from three independent groups. Many of their recommendations have not yet been acted upon by the County, so I teamed up with Councilmember Julia Patterson and sponsored an "Action Plan," setting specific deadlines by which the Council must act to ensure that these recommendations do not gather dust on a shelf. The Action Plan includes:

- Reactivate the Citizens Election Oversight Committee.
- Consolidate all elections operations into a single facility.
- Direct the Executive to evaluate elections security and transmit a security plan to the Council.
- Direct the Elections Director to report to the Council every three months on actions taken to implement the recommendations of the various groups who analyzed the Elections Department.

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An additional part of that package is an all vote-by-mail system which the Council recently approved. Due to the recent resignation of the Director of the Elections Department, I sponsored an amendment requiring that certain conditions be met before implementation of the vote-by-mail system:

- Hire a Director of Records, Elections, and Licensing Services and a Superintendent of Elections.
- Complete a management training and cultural change in the Elections Department.
- Review and authorize a plan for vote-by-mail elections that includes cost estimates, locations and security measures for regional voting centers and ballot drop boxes.

I am determined to ensure that we have a transparent, reliable, fair and efficient elections system.

In the news:

June 20, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[King County approves all-mail elections](#)

Civilian oversight of the Sheriff's Office

Like many of you, I am concerned with allegations brought to light by the Seattle Post-Intelligencer's series "[Conduct Unbecoming](#)." Earlier this year, I sponsored legislation, along with Councilmember Julia Patterson, calling for [civilian oversight of the King County Sheriff's Office](#). While the overwhelming majority of County deputies serve with honor and distinction, we must ensure there is proper oversight for those deputies who fall short.

We are looking forward to receiving a report from a panel charged with recommending improvements for the King County Sheriff's Office. That panel recently presented eight preliminary findings to the County Council:

- Create effective and independent oversight of the department's misconduct and discipline process.
- Conduct a "cultural audit" to gain an understanding of the attitudes and values within the department that influence employee behavior.
- Strengthen supervision by reducing the number of deputies supervised by each patrol sergeant.
- Develop and implement an early-intervention system to track and improve officers' performance and strengthen supervision.
- Improve the labor environment and strengthen the department's role in arbitration.
- Improve the process for encouraging, investigating and responding to citizen complaints, including tracking and classification of complaints.
- Strengthen internal oversight by funding an Inspectional Services Unit to conduct audits of every functional unit in the Sheriff's Office.
- Improve transparency to make it easier for citizens to use, understand and support the department's discipline process.

I recently conducted a survey about civilian oversight of the King County Sheriff's Office. A few highlights from the 484 respondents:

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- 77% support civilian oversight.
- 63% support an elected Sheriff over an appointed one.
- 75% want previous allegations of misconduct highlighted in recent news reports to be reopened and reviewed.

As Chair of the Law, Justice and Human Services committee, I expect the committee to act upon my civilian oversight proposal sometime in September.

In the News:

April 18th, 2006 - Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[Civilian body to oversee Sheriff's Office urged](#)

June 27th, 2006 – Seattle Times
[Sheriff's Office needs to change, panel says](#)

June 27th, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[Sheriff's deputies offer to talk](#)

Council Hires County's First Rural Ombudsman



David Spohr is King County's first Rural Ombudsman.

The legislative process often takes time. Early last year, I sponsored legislation, along with Councilmember Reagan Dunn, to create a "Rural Ombudsman" for King County. The Council unanimously agreed to fund the position in the 2006 Budget, and recently voted to hire David Spohr to fill that post.

The Rural Ombudsman will focus on issues affecting citizens in the rural, unincorporated areas of the County. It's no secret that relations between rural residents and the County could be improved. In an editorial supporting the position, the Seattle P.I. observed that "as the competing pressures of population growth and environmental protection increase, all sides can benefit from a levelheaded, knowledgeable mediator."

Mr. Spohr was most recently the Deputy Property Rights Ombudsman for the State of Utah, where he worked with property owners and government entities to resolve "takings", zoning, access and related land use disputes. He earned commendations for superior performance and outstanding service as a Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice, where he was lead attorney in resolving numerous land use cases.

Welcome, David!

In the News:

May 16, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer

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[Ombudsman hired to hear rural citizens' complaints](#)

May 18, 2006 – Seattle Post-Intelligencer
[Ombudsman: A better choice – Opinion](#)

In the Community: The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center



Bob and Colleen Reddy, Board member of Shoreline/Lake Forest Park Senior Center.

I recently participated at the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center Fundraising Breakfast. My staff and I enjoyed eggs and waffles as we heard stories about how positive an asset the Senior Center is for the community.

The Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center has been in the Shoreline community for over three decades, and serves over 3,100 seniors annually. The Center provides 57 weekly classes, over 24 specialized programs, and a daily lunch program. The weekly classes include dance lessons, arts and crafts, and exercise and computer classes.

For more information regarding the Shoreline-Lake Forest Park Senior Center visit their [website](#) or call (206) 365-1536.

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