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I'm Going To Take Your Land

"If ye love wealth greater than liberty, the tranquility of servitude greater than the animating contest for freedom, go from us in peace. We seek not your counsel, nor your arms. Crouch down and lick the hand that feeds you; may your chains set lightly upon you, and may posterity forget that ye were our countrymen."

— John Adams, First Continental Congress, 1774

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THE WAR AGAINST THE RA ZONE

With sniper-like precision, Ron Sims' bureaucratic machine has picked off the few groups that might have put up a fight against his proposed Critical Areas Ordinance. With a combination of special deals and credible threats, the farmers, builders and independent scientists have all left the fight. The full burden of "saving" the environment of King County will fall upon the shoulders of the rural property owners in the RA zone. Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights is the only organization left standing in support of those rural owners.

Meanwhile, the owners of the urban areas will continue to feast on the fruits of their development of their properties. Environmental damage caused by existing urbanization will continue unabated. The great green lie that developers and their pet dog "Sprawl" are consuming rural King County will be repeated endlessly by several friends of urban Washington. No one, except CAPR, will point out that the current zoning of rural King County has totally eliminated sprawl. It is a bit tough to accomplish on five-, ten-, or twenty-acre lots when DDES does everything in their power (which is considerable) to prevent you from building. Growth of the rural area came to a screeching halt several years ago.

The proposed CAO isn't about saving salmon, clean water, or wildlife. Those are little green lies. The only streams unsuitable

for salmon are the ones in the urban areas, like Longfellow Creek in West Seattle or Kelsey Creek in Bellevue, where the enviros have tried their entire bag of tricks to enhance them, but have failed. We already have clean water except when storm flows in Seattle carry raw sewage into the Sound. The rural area is full of wildlife except on Maury Island where, in only three years, the Cascade Conservancy was able to drive away the enormous heron rookery that had been preserved there for years by its former private owner.

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Proponents of the CAO would like you to believe that a 50% reduction in taxes (which would require a major change to the Public Benefits Rating System) on the 65% of rural property suddenly made worthless will effectively share the burden of that loss with the urban landowners. I guess those proponents must have taken the new outcome-based math in school where $1 + 1 =$ whatever supports your current lie. No use has to mean NO TAXES and compensation for lost capital. Anything less is simply theft and will continue to en-

courage government to take whatever else they want from any group too small to defend themselves at the polling place. In King County it is impossible for rural property owners to win in the voting booth because those property owners do not elect most of the King County Council. Voters to whom the regulations do not apply elect them.

Government already takes over 50% in taxes from those that produce. They confiscate property without due process as part of the war on drugs. They take property via eminent domain and sell it to private developers. Is it such a stretch to envision them simply taking your house if it suits their supporters? That system only works while you are in power. Look out if you should suddenly find yourself in the minority! There have been a couple of staunch environmentalists testify at the committee meetings recently that stupidly bought property in rural King County. My how they cry when caught in their own net. It is distressing to see the left side of the council chamber work feverishly to help their former comrades resolve their problems while ignoring the equally onerous plight of long-time rural people caught in the same net. Government discrimination based on which side they think you are on or where you live is just as dangerous as discrimination based on race, age, gender, or any other identifiable trait and should not be tolerated.

RON SIMS — SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST?

By Rodney McFarland

Many opponents of Ron Sims' proposed Critical Areas Ordinance credit socialism or communism as being the doctrine behind his proposals. I believe that they are wrong.

His ideas are straight out of nineteenth century Germany. Moritz Arndt wrote "On the Care and Conservation of Forests" which rails against shortsighted exploitation of woodlands and soil, condemning deforestation and its economic causes, in 1815 at the very beginning of European industrialization. At times he wrote in terms strikingly similar to those of contemporary biocentrism: "When one sees nature in a necessary connectedness and interrelationship, then all things are equally important — shrub, worm, plant, human, stone, nothing first or last, but all one single unity." Arndt's environmentalism, however, was inextricably bound up with virulently xenophobic nationalism. His eloquent and prescient appeals for ecological sensitivity were couched always in terms of the well-being of the German soil and the German people. Listen closely to Mr. Sims' urban environmental supporters as they talk of the destruction of rural King County by their rural neighbors and you will hear equally virulent and xenophobic urbanism.

Wilhelm Heinrich Riehl was a student of Arndt. In some respects his 'green' streak went significantly deeper than Arndt's; pre-saging certain tendencies in recent environmental activism, his 1853 essay *Field and Forest* ended with a call to fight for "the rights of wilderness." But even here nationalist pathos set the tone: "We must save the forest, not only so that our ovens do not become cold in winter, but also so that the pulse of life of the people continues to beat warm and joyfully, so that Germany remains German." Riehl was an implacable opponent of the rise of industrialism and urbanization; his overtly antisemitic glorification of rural peasant values and undifferentiated condemnation of modernity established him as the "founder of agrarian romanticism and anti-urbanism."

In 1867 the German zoologist Ernst Haeckel coined the term 'ecology' and began to establish it as a scientific discipline dedicated to studying the interactions between organism

and environment. Haeckel was also the chief popularizer of Darwin and evolutionary theory for the German-speaking world, and developed a peculiar sort of social darwinist philosophy he called 'monism.' The German Monist League he founded combined scientifically-based ecological holism with *völkisch* social views. Haeckel became one of Germany's major ideologists for racism, nationalism and imperialism. Near the end of his life he joined the Thule Society, a secret, radically right-wing organization which played a key role in the establishment of the Nazi movement. The pioneer of scientific ecology, along with his disciples Willibald Hentschel, Wilhelm Bölsche and Bruno Wille, profoundly shaped the thinking of subsequent generations of environmentalists by embedding concern for the natural world in a tightly woven web of regressive social themes. From its very beginnings, then, ecology was bound up in an intensely reactionary political framework.

The philosopher Ludwig Klages profoundly influenced the German youth movement and particularly shaped their ecological consciousness. He authored a tremendously important essay titled "Man and Earth" for the legendary Meissner gathering of the *Wandervögel* in 1913. The best known of all Klages' work, it is not only one of the very greatest manifestoes of the radical ecopacifist movement in Germany, but also a classic example of the seductive terminology of reactionary ecology.

"Man and Earth" anticipated just about all of the themes of the contemporary ecology movement. It decried the accelerating extinction of species, disturbance of global ecosystemic balance, deforestation, destruction of aboriginal peoples and of wild habitats, urban sprawl, and the increasing alienation of people from nature. In emphatic terms it disparaged Christianity, capitalism, economic utilitarianism, hyper consumption and the ideology of 'progress.' It even condemned the environmental destructiveness of rampant tourism and the slaughter of whales, and displayed a clear recognition of the planet as an ecological totality. All of this in 1913!

The stage was set to save Germany for Germans. All that was needed was a compatible form of government to implement the plan. In 1932 Benito Mussolini wrote (with the help of Giovanni Gentile) the following paraphrased entry for the Italian Encyclopedia on the definition of that appropriate form of government.

"Fascism, the more it considers and observes the future and the development of humanity quite apart from political considerations of the moment, believes neither in the possibility nor the utility of perpetual peace. It thus repudiates the doctrine of Pacifism — born of a renunciation of the struggle and an act of cowardice in the face of sacrifice. War alone brings up to its highest tension all human energy and puts the stamp of nobility upon the peoples who have courage to meet it. All other trials are substitutes, which never really put men into the position where they have to make the great decision — the alternative of life or death...."

"...The Fascist accepts life and loves it, knowing nothing of and despising suicide: he rather conceives of life as duty and struggle and conquest, but above all for others — those who are at hand and those who are far distant, contemporaries, and those who will come after...."

"...Fascism [is] the complete opposite of...Marxian Socialism, the materialist conception of history of human civilization can be explained simply through the conflict of interests among the vari-

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Thinking cannot be carried on without the materials of thought; and the materials of thought are facts, or else assertions that are presented as facts. A mass of details stored up in the mind does not in itself make a thinker; but on the other hand thinking is absolutely impossible without that mass of details. And it is just this latter impossible operation of thinking without the materials of thought which is being advocated by modern pedagogy and is being put into practice only too well by modern students. In the presence of this tendency, we believe that facts and hard work ought again to be allowed to come to their rights: it is impossible to think with an empty mind.

J. Gresham Machen

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“Buying a first home remains extremely difficult for those under 120 percent of median household income, making less than \$78,500 in 2002.”

[<http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/news/2003/092303.htm>]

Only 40% of King County households have sufficient income to buy a first home.

[<http://censtats.census.gov/data/WA/05053033.pdf#page=3>]

The affordability gap between first-time home buyers and the median house price is \$69,000.

[King County Benchmarks 2003 - <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/benchmrk/>]

“The percent of households paying more than 30% of their income for housing costs has risen significantly since 1989. Over one-third of all King County households pay more for housing than they can comfortably afford.”

[King County Benchmarks 2003 - <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/benchmrk/>]

“When households - particularly low-income households - pay more than 30% of their income for housing, resources are often diverted from other essentials such as food, health care, utilities, and clothing. These households are also at a greater risk of homelessness.”

[King County Benchmarks 2003 - <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/benchmrk/>]

The estimate of the total homeless population rose from 6,500 in 2000 to 7,980 in 2002.

[King County Benchmarks 2003 - <http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/benchmrk/>]

Home ownership rates in King County have fallen from 63% in 1970 to 60% in 2000 compared to a rise from 63% to 67% for the entire country.

[<http://www.nwmls.com/discover/nwreporter.cfm?SectionListsID=158&PageID=1903>]

RON SIMS DECLARES JUNE HOMEOWNERSHIP MONTH

June 18, 2004

Homeownership Month

WHEREAS, for millions of working individuals and families, owning a home has come to symbolize the American Dream and homeownership has been reaffirmed as a fundamental objective of national policy; and **WHEREAS**, the cost of buying a home in King County has increased markedly and owning a home is beyond the financial reach of many families, yet it is still ranked as the highest priority for most families; and **WHEREAS**, expanding homeownership opportunities strengthens families, stabilizes communities, encourages savings and investment and improves our region's economy; and **WHEREAS**, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development has carried forward the national policy goals in partnership with local governments, lenders, and nonprofit organizations to increase opportunities for low and moderate income households to become homeowners; and **WHEREAS**, King County and its regional partners will continue to support and implement programs that provide more homeownership opportunities to the residents of King County; **NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Ron Sims, King County Executive, do hereby recognize the month of June, 2004 as

Homeownership Month

in King County. I encourage all residents to join me in honoring the national, state and local partnerships that come together to create opportunities for hard working individuals and families to make the dream of owning their own home a reality.

Ron Sims
King County Executive

The declaration printed above is reprinted exactly as it appears on the King County web site at <http://www.metrokc.gov/exec/news/2004/061804rec.htm>. We find it extremely ironic that Mr. Sims can make such a declaration in light of some of the actual facts about home ownership in King County that we have printed around this declaration. Note that in the last paragraph he states that he is honoring government partnerships, not home ownership.

“My community needs affordable housing - not so that poor people can move in, but so that people already living and working here don't have to move out.” — Larry Lick Sr.

A Master Builders Association of King and Snohomish Counties analysis of the effects of the expanded buffers showed a 40% to 50% reduction in buildable lots. King County Comprehensive Plan Policy E-205 calls for no net loss of housing capacity as a result of environmental regulations.

“A Critical Analysis of King County's Buildable Lands Evaluation Report,” Seattle-King County Association of Realtors, June 29, 2004

The implied zoning tax [cost of regulation] on houses on one-quarter-acre lots in the Seattle metropolitan area is \$207,000.

[Glaeser and Gyourko, “The Impact of Zoning on Housing Affordability.” Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2002.]

Average house price in King County is currently \$338,500. Income necessary to purchase average home is \$92,500.

[http://www.metrokc.gov/budget/affhsg/02/ahb_2.pdf]

“...if policy advocates are interested in reducing housing costs, they would do well to start with zoning reform. Building small numbers of subsidized housing units is likely to have a trivial impact on average housing prices (given any reasonable demand elasticity), even if well targeted towards deserving poor households. However, reducing the implied zoning tax on new construction could well have a massive impact on housing prices.”

[Glaeser and Gyourko, “The Impact of Zoning on Housing Affordability.” Harvard University Cambridge, Massachusetts, March 2002.]

The housing market is increasingly closed to buyers earning less than the median household income. In the last year, fewer than a fifth of the homes in the four-county area were sold at prices that could be afforded by a household earning 95 percent of the region's median household income. This marketplace test is superior to most of the usual “affordability indexes,” which tend to understate the magnitude of the problem by focusing on households with greater incomes.

[<http://www.researchcouncil.org/Reports/1998/Housing/housing%20overview.htm>]



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WHY?

When you tell people about the proposed *Critical Areas Ordinance* their first questions are usually “Who is behind this?” and “Why?” The following article is one of the more concise answers that we have found. It appears on the web site of *Freedom 21 Santa Cruz* at [<http://www.freedom21.santacruz.net/advance/html/modules.php?op=modload&name=News&file=article&sid=104>] We would like to thank *Freedom 21 Santa Cruz* for their support of our efforts in King County.

Land Use

Abundance Ecology

Achieving Abundance Ecology requires a direct relationship between man and the land. Abundance Ecologist Michael Shaw said in a presentation to the Trans-Heritage Association annual meeting and conference in Alpine Texas in May 2003. Shaw speaks from experience. Shaw has received acclaim for creating an ecological oasis from a blighted 75-acre parcel on the central coast of California – what he calls “Liberty Garden.” “To release the potential productivity and diversity of a landscape, an owner must be free to engage in rigorous disturbance, and free to pursue a reasoned and creative process of trial and error. This process would be suited to the choice of each individual and the uniqueness of each property,” Shaw said. The attached article includes key excerpts from Shaw’s presentation to the Trans-Texas Heritage Association.

Shortage Ecology

“Sustainable Development” is the current buzz term that represents the effort to collectivize property in America by controlling and limiting human action. Sustainable Development is a synonym for “shortage ecology” and is embodied in the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which is the foundation of the land use element of Sustainable Development. ESA is predicated on international treaties and is rooted in the Precautionary Principle, which abandons the legal standard that presumes innocence. Since ESA puts the government in control of plants, the ideals of private property are destroyed, natural resource shortages arise, and natural calamities – such as devastating forest fires – increase.

Political Theory

George Washington was right when he said: “Private property and freedom are inseparable.” Private property, after all, begins with our physical person, extends to our thoughts, proceeds as our expression, becomes our action, and results in something we create or obtain. If an agent of force denies an individual the use of possessions, including land, that individual is contemporaneously denied the liberty necessary to advance his or her own life. When the use of one’s property and one’s liberty have been squelched by big government, the dignity of human life itself has been trampled. Political theory probes the question, “Who decides...?” To answer this question, it is helpful to examine the philosophy underlying the treatment of property. Immediately, a contrast is seen between the Constitution and Bill of Rights of the United States of America and the Charter of the United Nations and the Declaration of Human Rights.

Unalienable Rights

Under the American Constitutional system, individuals decide and direct the terms of their lives. The application of political theory that respects the dignity of each individual is premised on the idea that man’s rights are unalienable, and that justice must be dispensed equally. The political theory of Liberty presupposes that an individual’s rights are inherent to, or imbued within, the individual’s nature; from this, it follows that the individual has a natural right to his or

her life, liberty, and property.

Granted Rights

The political theory behind contemporary political globalism answers the question quite differently. Under the Declaration of Human Rights, the permission to have and use property is obtained by way of government grant. This is because people grant “human rights” and, as such, people can take them away. This idea can be illustrated using the so-called Fishnet 4C ordinance that has been adopted by central California coastal counties. Under this ordinance, much of the coastal mountain ranges are dedicated as “fish land.” This land, by decree of ecology planners, is to be set aside to meet the interests of fish. It extends the “fish land” zone from the streamline halfway to the ridge-top. The ordinance states “Inappropriate development [within the zone] shall be decommissioned.” The U.N. Declaration of Human Rights states: “Property shall not be arbitrarily taken.” However, since a central authority has already decided that human relocation is not “arbitrary” under this set of circumstances, then no violation of the Declaration can be claimed. By contrast, the standards of the American Constitution strictly limit government taking of property, requiring both a public use and just compensation.

Social Justice

A system of human rights operates in concert with the pursuit of “social justice,” which might be defined as a law formulated to obtain government’s social objectives at the expense of individual liberty. The California Fishnet 4C ordinance exemplifies the application of social justice.

The Nature of Sustainable Development

Sustainable Development has three components: global land use, global education, and global population control. The international focus for Sustainable Development’s implementation is the United States. This is because America is the only country in the world where the ideal of Private Property is constitutionally recognized. Private Property, as codified by the USA, is incompatible with the collectivist premise of Sustainable Development.

U.N. Sustainable Development Agenda 21

The U.N. website verifies that the United Nations Agenda 21 action plan is Sustainable Development. Sustainable Development works to eliminate private property by manufacturing natural resource shortages to facilitate control of resources to government. Government-corporate partnerships (also called Public-Private Partnerships) are the major tool used to accomplish this objective. What makes the United States of America unique is that we are the only country in the history of the world where management of the natural resources is under citizen control. Everything that city residents obtain comes from rural lands and natural resources. If Government-corporate partnerships complete their assumption of control over natural resources, urban citizens are doomed. Canadian oil billionaire Maurice Strong, Secretary General at the Rio de Janeiro United Nations 1992 Conference on Environment and Development, expressed the goal of Sustainable Development by declaring a partial list of what is not sustainable: “...current lifestyles and consumption patterns of the affluent middleclass [i.e. Americans] – involving high meat intake [i.e. cattle production], use of fossil fuels [i.e. air and auto travel, industrial and consumer products], appliances [i.e. refrigeration] home and work air-conditioning and suburban housing are *not sustainable*.”

Sustainable Development is Non-Partisan

The implementation of Sustainable Development is not a dynamic of Republican vs. Democrat, liberal vs. conservative, or left vs. right. Rather, it is completely nonpartisan. The looming battle of ideas should be recognized as the classic – and perhaps ultimate – battle between Liberty and Tyranny. President George H.W. Bush was the signatory for the United States when Agenda 21 was unveiled in 1992 during the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (UNCED) and more than 178 nations adopted Agenda 21, pledging to evaluate progress made in implementing the plan every five years thereafter. When Bill Clinton created the President’s Council for Sustainable Development by Executive Order in 1993, he laid the foundation for a proliferation of intermediate and local councils that would set out to radically alter the structure of United States government.

Funding Agenda 21

The list of money sources paying for the implementation of U.N. Sustainable Development Agenda 21 is impressive. American taxes fund the federal agencies’ present focus: implementing Sustainable Development. Over two thousand Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs) are accredited by the United Nations for the purpose of implementing Sustainable Development in America and are given massive tax advantages by the IRS code. Some of these NGOs are the Nature Conservancy, the Sierra Club, the National Audubon Society, the American Planning Association, and the National Teachers Association. The third leg of the Sustainable Development money power elite are certain aristocratic tax-advantaged foundations. These include the Rockefeller Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, the Turner Foundation, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the James Irvine Foundation, the Carnegie Foundation, the McArthur Foundation, and numerous local community foundations.

The Wildlands Project

Sustainable Development addresses land use through two action plans. The first is the Wildlands Project. The Wildlands Project is the plan to eliminate human presence on over 50 percent of the American landscape and to heavily control human activity on most of the rest of American land. Examples of the piece-by-piece implementation of the Wildlands Project include road closings, the dam-busting policies of the Clinton administration, and the adoption of United Nations World Heritage Sites – which are systematically being closed to recreational use. The most significant tools of the Wildlands Project are the rapidly expanding impositions of habitat “protection” provisions in the Endangered Species Act, various “conservation easements,” and direct land acquisitions from battered “willing sellers.”

Smart Growth

The second action plan is called Smart Growth. Smart Growth will increasingly herd Americans into regimented and dense urban communities. Smart Growth is Sustainable Development’s ultimate solution, as it will create dense human settlements subject to increasing controls on how residents live and increased restriction on mobility. In the words of one smart growth activist: “It will be the humans in cages with the animals looking in.”

Stakeholder Consensus Councils

Agenda 21 is being implemented through the use of facilitated stakeholder consensus councils, not by vote. These councils fit almost perfectly the definition of a Soviet: a system of councils that report to an apex council and that implement a predeter-

mined outcome. Members of a Soviet council are chosen by virtue of their willingness to comply with that outcome and their on-mindedness with the group. Soviets are the operating mechanism of a government-controlled economy, whether it be socialism or government-corporate partnerships.

The Three E’s of Tyranny

The symbol of Sustainable Development most frequently found in the literature of its proponents is a diagram of three connecting circles, representing three E’s. The three E’s are: “equity,” “economy” (through global and local government-corporate partnerships) and “environment” (nature before man).

Equity

Sustainable Development seeks the restructuring of human nature. Like communism, it relies on a system of social justice that requires force to suppress individual freedoms and private property, all in order to pursue a common good.

Economy

Like Italian fascism, it relies on businesses that want the protection afforded by government’s legalized force and governments that want the power of business (government-corporate partnerships), effecting the international redistribution of financial resources.

Environment

Sustainable Development is not about saving nature. It is about a revolutionary coup in America. It is about establishing a global democratic collective. It is concerned with destroying its antithetical ideal – individual liberty, equal justice, and limited government. Link by link, Sustainable Development seeks to complete the destruction of the governing authority of the United States Constitution and to turn our sovereign nation – indeed, any sovereign nation – into a globally governed “homeland” where human beings are treated as biological resources subject to temporal “human rights.”

Conditions for Collectivism

A 21st century global collective requires the satisfaction of four conditions, as follows:

- ◆ A global collective requires an imperialistic military power capable of squashing all others. If America abandons its commitment to an individual’s unalienable right to life, liberty, and property, collective governance will assume control of America’s might and global governance will be in the waiting.
- ◆ Government must control the monetary system. This was achieved in America in 1913 when the Federal Reserve was established. The Federal Reserve is the granddaddy of Public-Private Partnerships.
- ◆ Government control of the educational system is necessary. If understanding the attack on private property makes you ill, wait until you hear how the federal government is partnering with states to indoctrinate our children with global-collectivist values, attitudes and beliefs. Facts and knowledge are no longer the basis for education.
- ◆ A collective must have control of rural lands and natural resources. This is why the ranchers in Alpine Texas and the farmers in the Pajaro Valley on the central coast of California are so important to the preservation of freedom in America.

Conclusion

The Foundation Principles of the United States of America are facing a great threat. Posterity will long live with the consequences of the battle over Sustainable Development and the anti-human ideas it represents. Sustainable Development activists and supporters are often – but not always – unaware that tyranny is the natural consequence of their environmental, social equity, and “third way” economic movement. Yet, these

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dire circumstances also propel the greatest opportunity in history to advance individual liberty, human happiness and genuine peace. As the Sustainable Development initiative gains approval, it is wise to recall what George Washington said: "Private property and freedom are inseparable." Freedom and a healthy planet are also inseparable. If Americans come to a timely understanding of the threat and face the challenge squarely, the deceptive fraud of Sustainable Development will quickly come to light. America will rise to restore Liberty through an orderly transformation directed by reason and respect for the dignity of individual determination. We are charged with protecting the ideals of Liberty and Private Property. As the implications of Sustainable Development become clear, America's parents and grandparents will increasingly come to understand the consequences of eliminating private property. The circle sounding Paul Revere's warning is growing. Join in now, because the green coats are a-comin'! Protect your property, your children, and the American experiment. Draw upon the American heritage of industriousness, the hope that springs from western civilization's culture and the human spirit to expose Sustainable Development and Advance Freedom in the twenty-first century.

Action Steps for Advancing Freedom in the 21st Century

Each of us must choose between two paths. The road to liberty requires a conscious decision to defend our neighbor's rights if we are to be secure in having a life of our own. The road to a collective tyranny is traveled on the back of apathy. What can you do to protect and advance individual liberty and equal justice? How can individuals defend against the march of a global tyranny cloaked in the warm and fuzzy term Sustainable Development? How can we advance the cause of freedom in the 21st century? Here is a place to start

◆ **Know the Constitution.** Become reacquainted with the principles of our democratic republic. Commit to securing the blessings of liberty to ourselves and our posterity.

◆ **Respect the dignity of human life** by respecting the rights of others to the use and enjoyment of their property - even if such activity does not advance your personal interests.

◆ **Understand and work to eliminate harmful indoctrination programs** in the current government education system. Understand your educational alternatives.

◆ **Advance freedom locally:**

◆ Hold elected representatives directly accountable to the American Constitutional system of government that is currently being undermined by a consensus process with predetermined outcomes.

◆ Participate by investigating, researching, writing, and speaking out.

◆ Support freedom advocacy groups and spread the spirit of liberty.

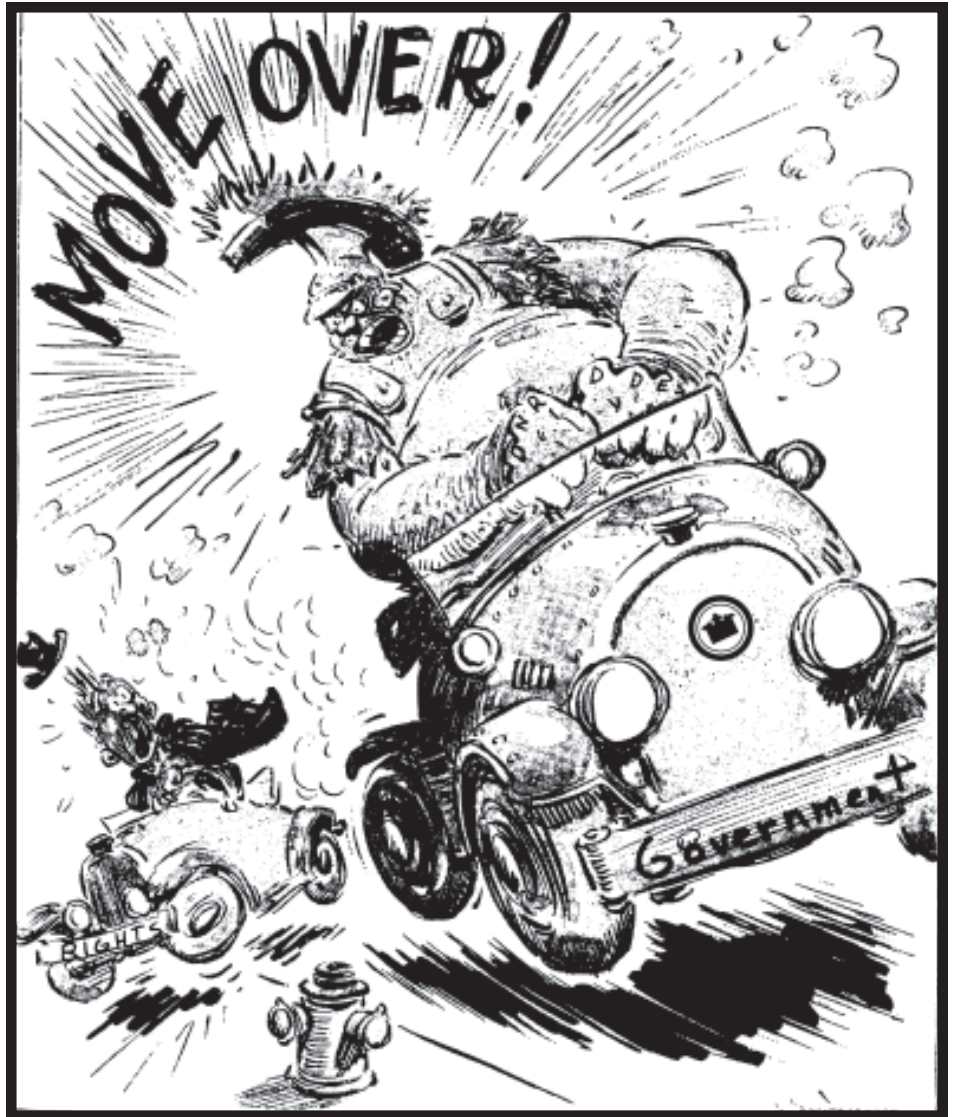
◆ **Support the repeal of the Endangered Species Act.** (The present ESA is the primary tool used to eliminate citizen ownership and management of America's rural lands and natural resources.)

◆ **Stop contributing to Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs)** that are working to undermine the Constitution or who are promoting a global political agenda that is contrary to the principles of liberty.

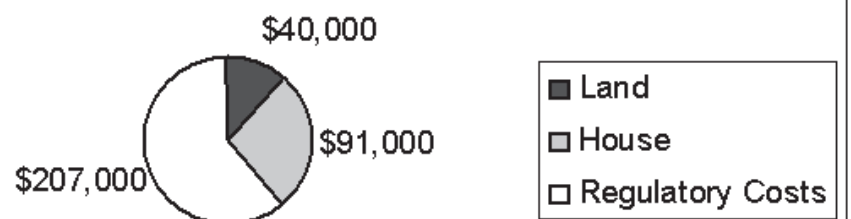
◆ **Spread the word** to your friends, family and associates about the existence and nature of Sustainable Development policies and programs that threaten private property and individual freedom.

◆ **Stay informed.**

When we prevail, America and the rest of the world will begin to achieve the potential that lies within each human being. Now is the time for all good people to come to the aid of liberty. Long live freedom!



Costs for Average King County Home



Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council is seeking candidates to serve on the Council for the 2005-2006 term. Four Creeks Unincorporated Area Council is one of six citizen councils in unincorporated King County. The Four Creeks UAC represents residents of the unincorporated area lying between Renton, Issaquah, Newcastle, and Maple Valley. The area is divided into eleven districts, each represented by one member, with four additional at-large members.

A typical meeting includes a presentation about public safety from the community police officer; discussion regarding issues concerning our area; and an opportunity for area residents to voice concerns and issues they wish addressed. Meetings are held the third Wednesday of each month from 7- 9 p.m., at the May Valley Alliance Church, 16431 SE Renton-Issaquah Road (S.R. #900).

If you are a registered voter within the Four Creeks area boundary, you may declare your candidacy for one of the following positions up for election this year. To determine your precinct, refer to your voter registration card:

- # 1 includes Coalfield, Renhill precincts
- # 2 includes Tanya, O'Donnell, Ida, Brigid precincts
- # 4 includes Husky, Valencia precincts
- # 6 includes Cougar Mt., Squak Mt., Hi-Valley precincts
- # 8 includes Nalia, McDonald precincts
- # 9 includes Four Lakes, Matthew, Maple Hills precincts
- #10 includes Haas, Colleen, Mirrormont precincts
- At-Large (two positions open)

To declare your candidacy, send a written declaration to Four Creeks Election, P.O. Box 3501, Renton, WA 98056, or e-mail us through the web site link, www.fourcreeks.org. Please include your name, address, phone number, e-mail address, and precinct name.

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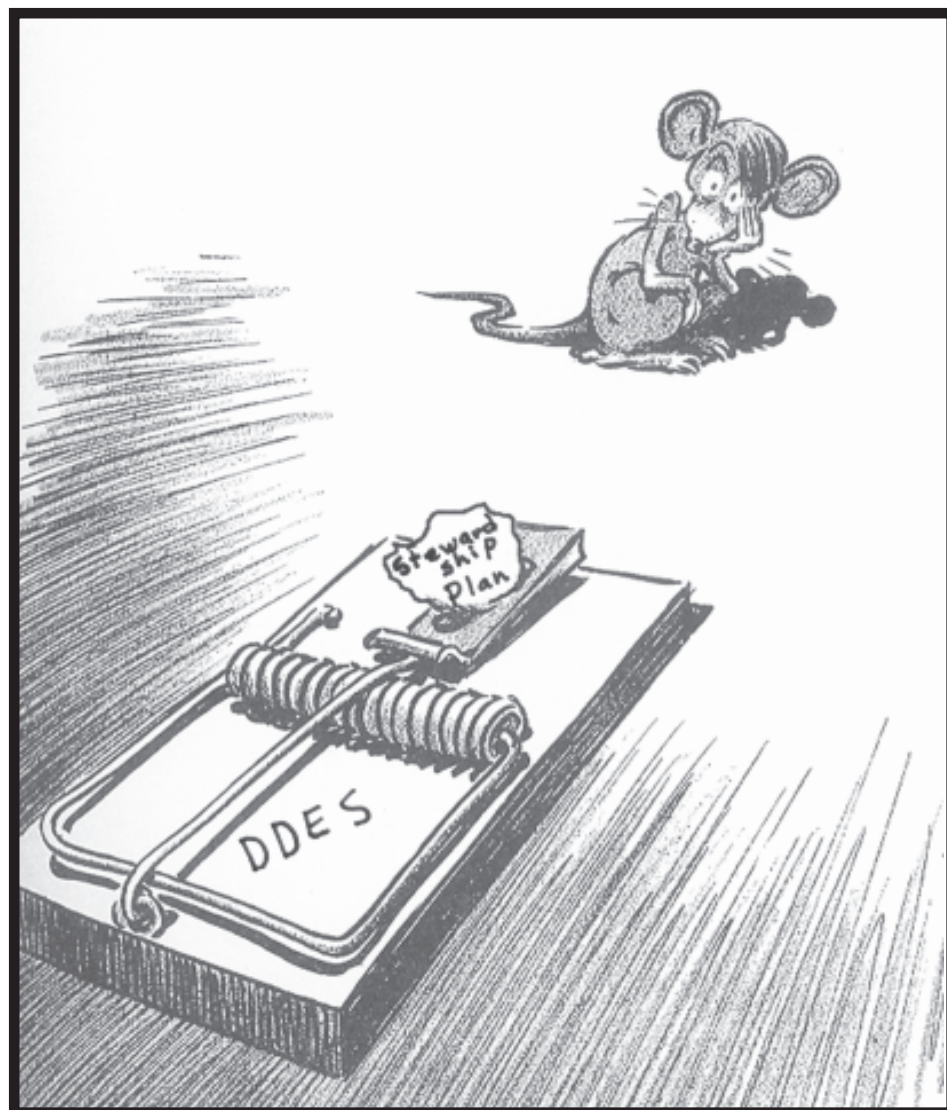
Executive Staff at the Department of Development and Environmental Services would love for you to believe that Rural Stewardship Plans will save you from the draconian buffers included in the propose CAO. They have even deluded the Democratic members of the Growth Management and Unincorporated Areas Committee to that effect. The dirty little secret is that no one other than DDES employees know what will be required of landowners who wish to do Rural Stewardship Plans. The details of those plans will be revealed only after the CAO and its sister ordinances have been passed by the King County Council in direct contravention of RCW.36.70.550-670.

We do know that the net effect of the Stewardship Plans must be at least as protective of the critical areas as the fixed regulations. We do know that every thrust by DDES over the last 15 years has been to take away uses of the landowners of rural King County. It is highly unlikely that they would suddenly change their spots and become friendly to the needs of those landowners.

The trap has been carefully set. The Democratic representatives on the King County Council have been given a cover story they can use to hide behind while voting for the most restrictive land use regulations this side of Zimbabwe. When the trap is sprung and we find that Rural Stewardship Plans are even more restrictive than the fixed regulations, they will proclaim innocence. If the Stewardship Plans were what DDES says they will be, they would be revealing them before the vote to take some of the political heat off. They can't do that because then the trap would be revealed and their friends on the King County Council would have nowhere to hide.

“Government is not reason, it is not eloquence - it is force! Like fire, it is a dangerous servant and a fearful master.”

— George Washington farewell address 1796



TESTIMONY TO THE KING COUNTY COUNCIL

My name is Laurel McFarland

I live at 15019 SE May Valley Road, Renton

I have two children, who are two years apart in age. They're both out of high school now, but when they were smaller we had to work on some of life's lessons.

If there was one piece of cake left, one child was responsible for cutting it in half, but the other one got to choose first which piece to take.

When they each received the same type of toy, quite often my son would break his, or lose it. He would then insist that his sister let him play with her toy. Her answer to him was that she took care of her belongings, and certainly wasn't going to let him break her toy - or walkman or CD player - as they got older they bought their own "toys." As their mother, I could have forced her to "share" with her brother; I had the authority to do so, but I did not. Most of you here have experienced this or similar situations and are agreeing with my parenting decision: that is, to teach my children that there are boundaries, or "rights" to property ownership.

Now let's talk about the real world and the legislation referred to as the CAO. The rules do not apply evenly. You are stealing my property, property that I have nurtured and not broken. It appears to me that you perceive that I have a "toy" that you want to play with - land that is my livelihood. I paid for it, worked hard to make it into a family farm, bought and mortgaged it with my labors, and now has to be "shared" with you and managed under your orders?

You are telling me that if I want to remodel a bathroom inside my house, I must first agree to a restriction on my title that says I cannot touch more than half of my land. You are telling me that if I break a leg and need a wheelchair ramp instead of three steps into my front door, I must create a native vegetation fire hazard that cannot be maintained according to fire district requirements. You are effectively turning me into your "serf" by telling me that I must care for my land according to your specifications. This is supposed to be America - a country that was made free by the blood of my ancestors, a country where individual rights are protected from tyranny. What I see in this legislation is George III of England.

I am Marshall Brenden.

I live in rural King County, two miles east of the Renton city limits.

I have said this recently before your committee but it bears repeating again and again and again. The 65%/10% rule is less about Best Available Science and more about an ill-conceived political agenda by the Executive Branch. If the new regulations were so important they would apply to Suburbia as well as the rural area.

Remember when you vote asking for the 65%/10% set aside of our rural lands to just say NO. There is no basis in law for this.

Many of us have spent a lifetime paying for our lands and now the Executive is asking you to ignore that. Just imagine if King County should show up at your front door and demand 65% of your retirement funds, what would be your answer?

In the Midwestern states the government has asked many farmers to take their lands out of production and plant their soils into native grasses. The system is not only voluntary but the farmers are paid an annual fee for their lands as long as the land remains fallow. The point is the Government doesn't steal their land as King County is proposing to do. Such a program could work here in King County. If you are at all interested in protecting our property rights, consider this plan!

As more than 70% of the King County Council is from Suburbia and are not im-

TAKING, NUISANCE, OR THEFT

There are two broad principals of law in the United States under which government may take or restrict the use of private property. Government may take private property for public benefit but must, in turn, compensate the owner of the property for its value. Government may also take or restrict the use of property via its police powers to regulate nuisances.

Just as a property owner possesses rights to use his property, he also holds rights to prevent others from using their land in a manner that harms him or his property. "Nuisance" describes a situation in which one landowner is using his property in a way that unreasonably limits the use of his neighbor's land or directly harms his neighbor. A "private nuisance" interferes with a relatively small number of people in their use of land. For example, if one neighbor plays her radio very loudly, especially during times that others sleep, that may constitute a private nuisance. A "public nuisance" causes distress to a large number of persons (an entire neighborhood or community) in the use of their land. For example, a cement factory, which discharges large amounts of smoke and dust, may amount to a public nuisance. Under the police power a court of equity with proper legislative authorization can assume jurisdiction to abate a nuisance.

It is difficult to determine which of these two concepts is being employed in these proposed ordinances. On one hand, we are told that "Best Available Science" says we must put these restrictions in place for the public benefits of cleaner water and improved habitat for wildlife. We are told we must limit sprawl to reduce the costs of providing ser-

VICES in the rural areas. If a court agrees that those are worthwhile public benefits, then government is required to compensate the owners. We would never allow government to simply take any other type of property (medicine, clothing, bricks and mortar) because it was to be used for some public benefit. Why do we even think of it when talking about even more valuable land uses?

On the other hand, can we really call this a preemptive injunction against "public nuisance" use of rural properties? Remember that nuisance requires that one neighbor's use of her property must interfere unreasonably with a neighbor's use of her property or directly harm her. The ordinances as written would have us believe that rural landowners' use of more than 35% of their property interferes with the reasonable use of their properties by urban landowners. Using that logic, if anyone has a legitimate action based on their neighbors' overuse of property, it is the rural property owners. Perhaps the science being touted as "Best Available" would best be used to enjoin urban property owners from the continued destruction of our environment by overclearing.

Mixing these two separate legal concepts may seem to give the urban members of the King County Council the opportunity to obtain benefits for their urban constituents without those constituents having to pay anything, but that is not the case. Doing so is neither legal nor moral. It is simply theft, and serves only to broaden the conflict between the urban and rural residents of King County.

acted by these rules, I suspect it means "Let the Rural Landowner be damned" when the Council cast their votes. Before you cast your vote, pause for a moment to remember Americans are dying to preserve our Democracy, a Democracy that not only believes in individual freedoms but private property ownership as well.

Vote No and stop a needless waste of taxpayers' money. Mr. Constantine, as you stated, the legislative branch is separate from the Executive Branch and is here to protect our rights. Please do so.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

In the last two weeks I have spent two very long days listening to testimony in the King County Council chambers from executive staff and the public. The topics were the comprehensive plan and the new proposed Critical Areas Ordinance.

The vast majority of comments were strongly against the adoption of these outrageous proposals. Only a few special interest group representatives and two Seattle residents and one rural resident testified for the new proposed ordinances yesterday. The executive staff was questioned by the members of the council assigned to this committee. Two staff members expounded, authoritatively, about the CAO and confidently proclaimed it as the best solution based on best available science. The concern seems to be aquifer recharge and salmon habitat "restoration".

To accomplish these goals, it is proposed that ALL property owners, including churches, camps, charitable organizations and state lands and privately owned timber resource lands, from the urban growth boundary east to the pass, from Snohomish county line south to the Pierce county line, be subjected to a "65%" untouchable natural set-aside for native vegetation growth. The theory being that given enough time, maybe 150 years, trees will somehow grow out of the underbrush, reach to the sky and mitigate rainfall back into the soil to do the recharging, if they don't burn up first. This theory also advances the idea that, regardless of trees aspirating 250 to 800 gallons of water per day back into the atmosphere, that somehow, magically, water that doesn't reach the forest floor because of a canopy effect will penetrate through the glacial till and recharge a "depleted" aquifer. The stated purpose being water quality considerations. Even the most elementary geology student knows that surface water does not "recharge" subterranean aquifers directly beneath them but mountain water from snow pack and high elevation rainfall do that job.

A witness from Seattle charged the rural residents for affecting the quality of HER

water by using their land for livestock and farming and cried that she needed better water. She couldn't afford to move out to the rural area so she just kept her horse there so, therefore, she wants us to give up OUR land use rights for her and her friends. I wonder if she pays her water bill to the "Rural Land Owners Water Utility." It was obvious that Chicken Little has convinced all the Henny Penny's that disaster is upon us and the county council is the only savior available.

"Stop the land abuse!" you could hear them say. "Save the rural areas for me and my children! MY life in the city requires that YOU make some sacrifices. You owe it to me! You owe it to our children and our grandchildren's grandchildren!"

Somehow, the topic of compensation was brought up. There is no plan for reparations or acknowledgement of real loss to landowners. It must be my duty. I am, after all, a greedy rural landowner. As council member Julia Patterson, at the gathering at Marymoor Park on Monday, queried of a group of rural landowners, "What are you going to do with all that land anyway?"

Examples of increased land values from the Bear Creek area and hypothetical evaluations of "restored" properties were referred to without any actual, definitive evidence from the real marketplace.

These proposed ordinances are extreme in their proposed application. The question was asked, "What is the impending crisis?" There was no response.

We now know that the endangered classification of the Chinook salmon was manipulated by gross misrepresentations and that the fish are appearing, magically, in record numbers. The season for Lake Washington sockeye is extended weekly because of a record run. More salmon are coming back this fall. But, like the proponents of the wildly successful outcome-based education experiment, the gloom and doom soothsayers

of public panic cling desperately to ignorant statements of catastrophic "wild" fish run decimation.

Council member Lambert asked the staff member what his personal qualifications were. He never answered, but did acknowledge that he did NOT have a degree in forestry or biology. He did proclaim that he had been working hard on this project for 2 years and, therefore, felt plenty confident to be competent to formulate, present and discuss these most sweeping government regulations. I suppose that the "flat earth" scientists of Columbus' day felt the same way.

The intransigent position of the proponents of this completely specious and unnecessary "solution" really have only one goal in mind. OZ! They just want to live in Oz! That is where everything is green and all is well. There are no rules but there are no private properties. Government is your life and you have no property ownership except and unless you are one of the land clergy.

Ahhh, to be a high priest in Oz.

One look behind the curtain and Voila! Wizard Ron and West witch Stephanie with the 1000 friends mischievous monkey minions dismantling the tin man's productivity and the scarecrow's dreams.

Get the water bucket! Fast!!

David Dahlin

**SOCIALIST
OR COMMUNIST?**

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ous social groups and by the change and development in the means and instruments of production....

"After Socialism, Fascism combats the whole complex system of democratic ideology, and repudiates it, whether in its theoretical premises or in its practical application. Fascism denies that the majority, by the simple fact that it is a majority, can direct human society; it denies that numbers alone can govern by means of a periodical consultation, and it affirms the immutable, beneficial, and fruitful inequality of mankind, which can never be permanently leveled through the mere operation of a mechanical process such as universal suffrage....

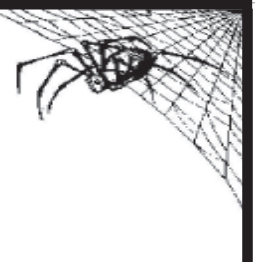
"...Fascism denies, in democracy, the absurd conventional untruth of political equality dressed out in the garb of collective irresponsibility, and the myth of "happiness" and indefinite progress....

"...Given that the nineteenth century was the century of Socialism, of Liberalism, and of Democracy, it does not necessarily follow that the twentieth century must also be a century of Socialism, Liberalism and Democracy: political doctrines pass, but humanity remains, and it may rather be expected that this will be a century of authority...a century of Fascism. For if the nineteenth century was a century of individualism it may be expected that this will be the century of collectivism and hence the century of the State....

"The foundation of Fascism is the conception of the State, its character, its duty, and its aim. Fascism conceives of the State as an absolute, in comparison with which all individuals or groups

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FROM THE PRESIDENT RODNEY MCFARLAND

It is time for rural property owners to recognize that we are alone in this fight and are facing vastly better-funded foes. We have two options. We can simply capitulate and hope that we fare better than our neighbors do under the new rules. Perhaps we can find a dumb urbanite to sell our property to which would allow us to move inside the Urban Growth Boundary where government wants us and where government will pretend to protect our property rights. Option two would be to join with our neighbors and put up as tough a fight as we can muster in the hopes that the other side will decide that what they will gain is not worth the war.

There is no white knight or paladin to handle this fight for us. If we do not resist these proposed ordinances individually and collectively, we will lose 65% or more of our properties and have no one to blame but ourselves.

The protections offered by the constitutions of Washington and the United States against regulatory takings are slim to none in our current court system and cost more than the value of your land to pursue. There are no pro-bono attorneys lined up to fight this battle. Even if an attorney took it on and won there will be no pot of money at the end, only another protracted fight. Land use issues must be fought one property at a time. The nationalization of our properties can be done an entire class (RA zone) at a time but class action lawsuits to attempt to enforce our constitutionally guaranteed rights are verboten!

There is no "developer" with a large parcel of rural land that will be affected and who could afford to fight this fight for all of us. They have already gotten the rules changed so their developments inside the Urban Growth Boundary can continue. The "developers" in rural King County are John and Jane Public who merely want a house to live in or want to upgrade their mobile home or expand their vegetable garden.

Citizens' Alliance for Property Owners is the only group left in the fight and we are you. At least, we are those of you that have

sent in a contribution. So far, our efforts have fit the definition of low budget exactly. Our total expenditures to date fighting the CAO have been about \$5000. We have ideas of ways to bring more pressure to bear, but they take money. You and your neighbors in rural King County are our only source for funds so it is up to you how we proceed.

We may have discovered a legal toehold in the science being used that would allow us to bring a lawsuit that would have a chance of succeeding. It will require money for an attorney and to pay expert witnesses. An affiliated organization, Citizens' Alliance for Property Rights Legal Fund, has been formed to pursue whatever litigation may be possible. Donations to that fund can be sent to the same address as CAPR for now.

The King County charter provides for government by the people via initiative and referendum, both county-wide and just for the unincorporated areas. Forcing a vote on the CAO by the affected citizens would seem to be a perfect use of unincorporated referendum. To do so will require obtaining the permission of the Washington supreme court who have ruled in the past that any laws that county governments pass on the pretext of complying with the Growth Management Act are not subject to referendum. Local initiatives on any subject that might be lumped under GMA have the same problem. We need to force the court to revisit those rulings. All it takes is a few hundred thousand dollars!

It is likely that we will lose the political fight over the CAO. The Democrats on the King County Council will make some token amendments so that they can spin the real effects and then ram it down our throats. They will force the fight to the courts. Unlike us, they do have a paladin. Norm Maleng, the King County prosecutor, runs the largest law firm in the state and he will use our tax dollars to fight us every step of the way.

As I said earlier, you have two options. You can send us your share of the \$500,000 it will take to stay in the fight or you can wait quietly as our government takes your property.

RON SIMS — SOCIALIST OR COMMUNIST?

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are relative, only to be conceived of in their relation to the State. The conception of the Liberal State is not that of a directing force, guiding the play and development, both material and spiritual, of a collective body, but merely a force limited to the function of recording results: on the other hand, the Fascist State is itself conscious and has itself a will and a personality — thus it may be called the "ethic" State....

...The Fascist State organizes the nation, but leaves a sufficient margin of liberty to the individual; the latter is deprived of all useless and possibly harmful freedom, but retains what is essential; the deciding power in this question cannot be the individual, but the State alone....

"...For Fascism, the growth of empire, that is to say the expansion of the nation, is an essential manifestation of vitality, and its opposite a sign of decadence. Peoples which are rising, or rising again after a period of decadence, are always imperialist; and renunciation is a sign of decay and of death. Fascism is the doctrine best adapted to represent the tendencies and the aspirations of a people, like the people of Italy, who are rising again after many centuries of abasement and foreign servitude. But empire demands discipline,

the coordination of all forces and a deeply felt sense of duty and sacrifice: this fact explains many aspects of the practical working of the regime, the character of many forces in the State, and the necessarily severe measures which must be taken against those who would oppose this spontaneous and inevitable movement of Italy in the twentieth century, and would oppose it by recalling the outworn ideology of the nineteenth century - repudiated wheresoever there has been the courage to undertake great experiments of social and political transformation; for never before has the nation stood more in need of authority, of direction and order. If every age has its own characteristic doctrine, there are a thousand signs which point to Fascism as the characteristic doctrine of our time. For if a doctrine must be a living thing, this is proved by the fact that Fascism has created a living faith; and that this faith is very powerful in the minds of men is demonstrated by those who have suffered and died for it."

Mix ecology, nationalism and fascism and you get Hitler's National Socialism. Substitute urbanism for nationalism and you get Mr. Sims government complete with DDES storm troopers.

"No legislative act contrary to the Constitution can be valid. To deny this would be to affirm that the deputy (agent) is greater than his principal; that the servant is above the master; that the representatives of the people are superior to the people; that men, acting by virtue of powers may do not only what their powers do not authorize, but what they forbid. It is not to be supposed that the Constitution could intend to enable the representatives of the people to substitute their will to that of their constituents. A Constitution is, in fact, and must be regarded by judges as fundamental law. If there should happen to be an irreconcilable variance between the two, the Constitution is to be preferred to the statute."

— Alexander Hamilton in Federalist Paper #78

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