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**To:** Ingrid Gabriel  
**Subject:** population projection comments

Ingrid,

Going through the process of projecting the rate of population growth in the county is almost useless, unless we can relate it to an assessment of the build-out capacity for the county. Providing a realistic analysis of the build-out capacity for dwelling units in the county would provide information and perspective that would allow the residents of SJC to really perceive what our future might become. It would also start an urgently needed conversation about how we might want to shape that future.

According to the GMA, as well as our own Comprehensive Plan, it is imperative that the citizens of our county be active participants in the planning of our county. How can we effectively participate if crucial information is withheld? It is certainly the responsibility of our elected Commissioners to ensure that essential information is obtained and disseminated to the people in order that we can make informed decisions about our future. I would also say that our county planners share a responsibility in adhering to the dictates of the GMA as well as the Comp Plan, especially, the Vision Statement of that Comp Plan.

At this time, when our Comp Plan is being reviewed, we have the opportunity to actually get it right this time. There is a vital and rejuvenated citizen involvement in this current process, throughout the county. In order for that participation to proceed, with hope, we need the county government to actively help our efforts, rather than hinder. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Ian Van Gelder