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Subject: Comments on Public Participation and Partners Chapter of the 2045 Olympia Comprehensive Plan
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Dear Ms. Phillips and Mr. Ginther:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed updates to the Public Participation and Partners Chapter of the 2045 Olympia Comprehensive Plan. My comments reflect my personal opinions not that of the South Capitol Neighborhood Association.

Here are my comments:

1. GP4 - Community members and other key stakeholders feel their opinions and ideas are heard, valued, and used by policy makers, advisory committees, and staff.

Please add a sub-goal to meet or exceed the commitments of the City and the Registered Neighborhood Associations under Olympia Municipal Code (OMC) 18.86.100 H.6 to conduct at least 4 policy forums on topics of mutual interest each year. This is a concrete action that is already required under the OMC but which has not been used in recent years. Public forums organized through the neighborhood associations would be an extremely effective way to gain input on policy and/or budget choices. They would help the community understand and support the direction taken by the City on major issues such as transportation, public safety, fiscal planning, and more. Such a sub-goal would clearly support the main goal of assuring community members that “their opinions and ideas are heard, valued, and used by policy makers, advisory committees, and staff.” Perhaps the sub-goal could be: *“PP4.6 Partner with recognized neighborhood associations to conduct quarterly forums on upcoming policy and budget issues of common interest”*

2. GP7 Logical boundaries and reasonable service areas are created when areas within the Urban Growth Area are annexed.

This goal and its sub-goals do not appear to have anything to do with the this chapter. The Chapter title is ‘Public Participation and Partners’. The goal addresses how jurisdictional boundaries are defined within the Urban Growth Area. This goal and its sub-goals would be more appropriate in the Comprehensive Plan chapter on Land Use and Urban Design. I suggest that this goal and its sub-goals be moved there.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions.

best regards,

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