

Commissioners Austin, Johnson and Sullivan
Jefferson County Court House
Port Townsend, WA 98268

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Commissioners:

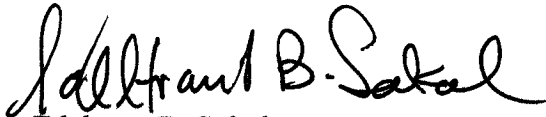
As a second term Planning Commission member, I have been very active in the deliberations concerning the proposed critical areas ordinance. I have served on the Planning Commission Critical Area Subcommittee during an absence by a planning commissioner. My position has been consistent during the on going deliberation on the CAO.

Unfortunately, I was called out of town on a family medical emergency and was unable to attend the meeting when the vote on the planning commission recommendation took place and according to Jefferson County Planning Commission By-Laws, and always vigilant to follow the rule of law, I cannot sign the Minority Report.

Considering the huge public input, wishes and local science the majority ignored during the planning commission deliberation on the CAO; my vote would have been in opposition to the majority recommendation and their report.

In the interest of the public and the environmental health and future of Jefferson County, I must therefore fully concur with the Minority Report that is presented by planning commissioners' Schindler and Whittaker for your consideration during your deliberation on the CAO.

Sincerely,



Edeltraut B. Sokol
Planning Commissioner District 1