

CITY OF GRANITE FALLS

RESOLUTION NO. 99-3

A Resolution in support of the appointment of former State Sen. Jeannette Wood to an open position on the Central Puget Sound Growth Hearings Board.

WHEREAS, through the departure of a sitting member of the Central Puget Sound Growth Hearings Board, there is now an opening of this 3-member Board which hears challenges to local comprehensive plan and development regulation issues; and

WHEREAS, whomever is appointed to this position on the Central Puget Sound Board must, according to state law and current makeup of the Board, be someone who previously has served as a local elected official; and

WHEREAS, with one registered Democrat and one registered independent on the Board, and with statutory language directing that the Board be politically balanced, it is likely that the Governor will appoint a registered Republican to the open seat on the Board; and

WHEREAS, in the 7 years this Board has been in existence, it never has included a member from Snohomish County; and

WHEREAS, there are very strong signals that Governor Locke, who will make this appointment to the Central Puget Sound Board, is interested in appointing a woman to replace the woman member who is departing; and

WHEREAS, it will also be important that the Governor appoint someone who has experience in, and a good understanding of, local land-use issues; and

WHEREAS, local governments have an interest in seeing an appointee with a good understanding of local land-use issues; and

WHEREAS, for cities such as Granite Falls, which are expected to absorb significant growth and density under the Growth Management Act (GMA), it would be particularly helpful to have a new Growth Hearings Board member who has served as a city elected official; and

WHEREAS, former State Senator Jeannette Wood has an active interest in the opening on the Central Puget Sound Growth Hearings Board; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Wood meets and exceeds most of the criteria noted above; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Wood has a good understanding of local government and city government in particular, having served on the Woodway City Council for six years and as Mayor of Woodway for three years; and

WHEREAS, Jeannette Wood dealt with land-use issues at the local level and also played a key role in establishing Woodway as a code city; and

WHEREAS, as a state representative, Jeannette Wood also served for four years on the House Local Government Committee; and

WHEREAS, as a state representative, Jeannette Wood also played an integral role in the drafting and enactment of the Growth Management Act.

NOW THEREFORE, the City Council of the City of Granite Falls does hereby declare its full and strong endorsement of former Senator Wood and notes the following:

1. That former State Sen. Jeanette Wood is very well qualified to fill this opening on the Central Puget Sound Growth Hearings Board.
2. The Senator Wood has the background, understanding, experience, and qualifications necessary to fill this opening.
3. That Senator Wood has a long and distinguished record as a friend of local government.
3. That now is the time for someone who is from Snohomish County, and who understands the growth issues and challenges facing Snohomish County in general and cities such as Everett in particular, to serve on this board.

Passed and approved this 9 day of June 1999.

Bella R Morris
Mayor