



Snohomish County Council

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Statement of Snohomish County Council Member John Koster Joint Proposal for location of a NASCAR Track in Snohomish County

This proposal says to the International Speedway Corporation (ISC) that Snohomish County, its cities, and its leadership are truly serious about locating a world-class racing and family recreation facility here. NASCAR would mean good jobs and a boost to the economy. And the concept advanced by ISC could help us meet our need for recreation and ball fields in a fast growing part of our community.

The proposal also points out that we will not cut corners. We will follow our growth and environmental laws. We will involve citizens in the discussion and, ultimately, do what is best for our entire community.

It's important to remember that we are not deciding between the status quo and a race track. This area will develop over the next decades. The decision is whether this land is best suited for malls, manufacturing, housing, or a combined race track, recreation area, and significant environmental enhancement.

It is also important to remember that the facility is used for racing as few as two weekends per year. Less than one-third of the land needed for the facility is actually the race track. Much of the rest of the area will be kept in grassy fields, fields that can be used for recreational purposes. ISC's true track record is developing other facilities, shopping, hotels, and recreation that are a family destination year-round.

I look forward to working with ISC and our community as this proposal is considered.

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