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PURPOSE STATEMENT

Kitsap Alliance of Property Owners is a legal corporation under the laws of the State of Washington. According to its bylaws, the purpose of KAPO is “to protect and preserve property rights of owners of waterfront and streamside real property and all other privately owned private property.”

To achieve that purpose KAPO membership is open to “Any person or corporation that is interested in forwarding the purposes of this corporation as described in Article III and is willing to pay the applicable annual membership fee ... and either is a resident or owner of real property ... within Kitsap County, Washington may become a member of this corporation upon receiving the affirmative majority vote of the Board of Directors.”

Because KAPO membership is not universal to all property owners in Kitsap County, KAPO does not speak for or represent the views of all property owners in the county. KAPO does endeavor to protect the rights of all property owners regardless of membership status.

KAPO does not ascribe to the platform or ideals of any particular political party and, to facilitate achievement of its corporation purpose does not endorse or support any candidate for political office. Membership in KAPO does not

consider the political affiliation of a prospective member. KAPO does not represent or favor any particular economic interest or business group in its endeavors except as may be common to the purpose of the corporation. KAPO does not represent nor is KAPO represented by any specific land use business or organization.

Through the Constitution, the people vest the authority for land use policy and regulation to the State. To achieve the corporate purpose “to protect and preserve property rights of owners of waterfront and streamside real property and all other privately owned private property” KAPO must deal in the arena of elected officials who do have political affiliation. In those dealings, KAPO maintains a primary objective interest towards those officials that support the corporation purpose, without regard to political affiliation.

KAPO welcomes all individuals, groups and businesses that have an actual vested interest in private property or who are interested in property rights and/or the use and regulation of real property to the arena of discussion. KAPO understands that not all participants will operate with the same non-partisan approach that KAPO embraces. KAPO welcomes civil discourse and the exchange of fact-based positions when dealing with questions of rule or regulation of land use.

KAPO has no interest in opposing any group or special interest organization because of composition of membership, political affiliation or lawful activities unrelated to land use. KAPO is specifically and categorically opposed to any group or unit of citizens or businesses being given separate and special recognition or ascendancy in the development or approval of land use regulation. KAPO believes it is inappropriate and contrary to the best interest of citizens in general when government grants special authority or favored access to the legislative or regulatory process to groups and associations including the Homebuilders Association, Realtors, Nature Conservancy, federal/state agencies (other than as required by law), Tribes, appointed community councils and others. KAPO believes that special interest groups and organizations mentioned above are certainly welcome to participate in the process but must do so on an equitable basis with all other citizens.

Because land use regulation enacted at the local level, county or city has the greatest impact on citizens and presents

the greatest direct threat to property rights, KAPO has placed significant oversight effort at those levels. KAPO strongly supports the legal delegation of authority by the people to the State through the Constitution and KAPO functions to hold elected officials within the limits of that delegated authority. KAPO has opposed and will continue to oppose and take exception to the creation of quasi-governmental bodies such as Kitsap Regional Coordinating Council and Puget Sound Regional Council which function outside the legal structure of Constitutional jurisdictions and which contravenes the clear flow of delegated authority spelled out in the Constitution. KAPO will remain opposed to the creation and operation of any board, commission or council which acts as a legislative body or attempts to exercise regulatory jurisdiction over the citizens of the State. KAPO will also hold any elected official who creates or countenances such board, commissions or councils accountable for their actions.

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