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Name	Location	Date	Comment
Wendy Haakenson	Carnation, WA	2015-11-02	I believe we need a better local food economy.
Erick Haakenson	Carnation, WA	2015-11-02	Because I believe land bought with public money should provide public benefit
Tim Harris	Fall City, WA	2015-11-02	I don't want more Roundup harming the salmon, steelhead and trout in the Snoqualmie River.
Jessa Watkins	Carnation, WA	2015-11-02	Using our public land to farm using toxic chemicals such as glyphosate (found in Roundup) does not support the health and well-being of our community and the health of our environment! It is time to ban the use of this chemical, as 36 countries have already done!
Karen Moulton	Fall City, WA	2015-11-02	King Co should only award the bid to entrants whose proposal meets the RFP requirements. They are set to award to someone who met NONE of the requirements. Also, property was purchased with taxpayer \$ to better the entire community, not to benefit one rich landowner.
Catherine De Marin	Fall City, WA	2015-11-02	I care passionately about supporting responsible farming, clean farmlands & developing a healthy local food economy. Public resources should benefit the public - not just for today but for the future too - here we have a chance to not only grow healthy food - we can teach our future farmers how to do the same. Taking care of ourselves means taking care of the land. We also have an opportunity to give many diverse farmers & farming activities resources to get their food out to greater King County. Let's think beyond private interests!!!!
Carolina Cartier	Bothell, WA	2015-11-03	I am signing because Roundup, sprayed on GMOs, are proven to cause damage to wildlife, including salmon.
Jean Rice	Carnation, WA	2015-11-03	No Farms! No Food!
Clare Chapple	Duvall, WA	2015-11-03	For the love of our land and for the love of all beings, I dearly hope this land is not used for a confinement dairy operation.
Moirra Dunn	Maple Valley, WA	2015-11-03	No GMO, stop toxic habit that make our food chain dangerous
Maxine Johnson	Redmond, WA	2015-11-03	confinement dairy farming is inhumane to animals, unsustainable to the environment, and poisons humans
Charlotte Lowrie	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-03	We need to preserve land in its natural state without the use of chemicals.
John Hays	Seattle, WA	2015-11-03	Agriculture of the sort practiced by the proposed buyer is contrary to the public interest.
Steven Franck	Seattle, WA	2015-11-03	Doing the right thing!
susan gebhardt	mercier Island, WA	2015-11-03	I'm signing in opposition to the King County Council selling this to a dairy farm using outdated and potentially toxic food to raise dairy cows. We need sustainable farming practices, not outdated irresponsible farming.
Jane Millar	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-03	I'm signing because we need fewer poisons in our environment. GMO is not necessary, RoundUp is not necessary. Organics are the future. Please, no more big commercial farming. Encourage the urban smaller farm, please.
Patti Pitcher	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-03	I believe in local, organic foods. I don't want GMO farming to pollute our valley.
ms charlie denes	duvall, WA	2015-11-03	i am soooooo tired of big companys lying about the safety of their products. their only concern is making money and not the value of "all" life. be it animal, plants, humans, water and our air !!
auryel van Gemert	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-03	For the inhabitants of the earth, take care of our land. No poison.
Kelly Beck	Renton, WA	2015-11-03	I support organic farmers in the valley!

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Kari Carlson	Duvall, WA	2015-11-03	A CFA has no place in the Snoqualmie Valley. For one, it's an unsustainable and horrific way to raise animals. It smells, it floods, it's highly polluting. If you want to raise cattle, let them graze.. I am absolutely against this!
Teresa Throssell	Bellevue, WA	2015-11-03	Please help to save the integrity of the valley. We don't need more fertilizer and pesticides and other chemicals where we live and recreate.
Sarah Bigham	Fall City, WA	2015-11-03	I believe locally sustainably grown food is best for the land and the people who live there.
Andrew Nicholson	Redmond, WA	2015-11-03	I care about how this land gets used, particularly since it was purchased with my tax dollars.
Kimberly Gallagher	Carnation, WA	2015-11-03	I believe this land and the surrounding community would be much better served by Seattle Tilth managing this land than it being used for growing GMO corn.
James Goodman	seattle, WA	2015-11-03	Land should be cultivated for food, not confinement animal products. Lets use this land to invigorate and cultivate a new generation of farmers, a dying profession.
Rachel Sofferin	Seattle, WA	2015-11-03	I believe in maintaining and restoring our delicate and beautiful environment. So should King County officials.
Gail Beck	Renton, WA	2015-11-03	All the proposed GMO corn is going to contaminate the whole valley. I have been driving out to an organic farm near Tall Chief for 8 years to get fresh, organic food each summer. Why is KCC just going 1/2 way on this? And why should one farmer get such a deal from the County tax payers when it's not good for the rest of us? Seattle Tilth managing this land will benefit us all.
Susan Adams	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	Moving in the original proposed direction NOW to preserve and expand the sustainable agricultural practices in our river valley is vital to the health of our public food chain. If we do not move in that direction now, there can be no turning back once the groundwater, soil and food stream is infiltrated and forever changed by the burden of synthetic fertilizers and herbicides.  Please ensure that this publicly owned prime farmland is sold to a party that follows the original county RFP.
Dale Hofman	Seattle, WA	2015-11-04	This farm is upriver from 10 or more organic farms. USDA states that "Sources of the pathogen E. coli include storm water runoff. Pathogens are carried with surface runoff or subsurface flows to receiving waters. Root crops and leafy vegetables have the greatest risk of infection." The valley floods regularly, like yesterday. Outbreaks have occurred in other parts of the country from eating spinach, lettuce, chard, leafy greens, kale and parsley. Could we possibly be so crazy as to give 4.5 million public dollars to the biggest farm in the valley promoting an E.coli time bomb waiting to go off? This money/farm should benefit all the citizens, not one Roundup Ready Fat Cat.
Carol Killingsworth	Seattle, WA	2015-11-04	As a resident of the Snoqualmie Valley, I strongly support the production of healthy, organic food.
Sandra Owen	Vashon, WA	2015-11-04	Don't accept this short-sighted, ill-fated option!!! It's hard enough to preserve the natural spaces in this beautiful valley, but allowing the pollution and toxins on this property to flow through the Valley with the help of a river that often overflows it's banks us just craziness. There ARE better options, so go back to square one and do this right!
Frances Hogan	Vashon, WA	2015-11-04	This is a horrible waste.
MARY GROSHONG	Shoreline, WA	2015-11-04	I don't support any use of GMO's, I don't support Roundup, or any other UNNATURAL method...PERIOD! You are not welcome to use these methods in my state!

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Julie Reese	Seattle, WA	2015-11-04	NO GMO just no.
Rhiannon Inman	Pullman, WA	2015-11-04	Carnation is my hometown and I plan on moving back to king county as soon as I have finished school. Also, we need more local farms throughout our entire country they help local business, bring back more to the people and develop community.
Sharon Abraham	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	Please reconsider the proposal from Seattle Tilth, which is more in keeping with the Snoqualmie Valley and will have long term benefit to the residents of King County. A GMO corn field does not make either economic or environmental sense.
tracy ellis	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	not healthy
Teri Breitenbach	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	Such a bad idea! All that junk draining into the Snoqualmie River-no, no, no!
Trisha Burke	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	This is a very bad, environmentally damaging decision. Please rethink this interms of ethics and not money.
Jill Johnson	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	No! I'm a farm owner in the valley, and small organic farms are what we need. The potential of ruining the downstream organic farms is too great a risk. Please consider Seattle Tilths proposal again.
Jessica Malunay	Chesnee, SC	2015-11-04	As a former resident this saddens me.
Linda Ritscher	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	GMO's are a blight on this world and Roundup is a killer. Nothing natural about this, we don't want it. Why would one want this death and destruction in this beautiful valley.
Mary Kirby	Pgh., PA	2015-11-04	As an seasoned R.N. I know how dangerous Roundup is for all generations!!!!!!!!!!!!!!Many an organ transplant from its damage.
Mary K Haling Jensen	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I have lived in the valley for 19 years, supported our local farmer CSA's at Jubilee and Oxbow farms, shopped at the farmers markets in Carnation and Duvall, hiked along and played in the Snoqualmie and Tolt Rivers, and sent my children to school at Fall City Elementary and Chief Kanim Middle schools. This is MY big backyard. We have a vital and active community that supports sustainable agriculture. Allowing other than organic, biodynamic farming in a critical agricultural and leisure zone is dangerous to the people and natural resources in our fragile ecosystem.
Pam Fitzpatrick	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	The EPA has determined that glyphosate (in Roundup) is a carcinogen. California wants to label it. Why do we want this near our food, water supplies, soil, homes or schools? It won't stay contained. More and more people are demanding thoughtful agricultural practices and cleaner food. This shouldn't happen in our backyards or anyone else's.
Roberta Koral	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	This is so very wrong. Who would believe that adding chemicals to land to raise unhealthy food would be a good idea?
Bryan Carroll	duvall, WA	2015-11-04	It is very well known that having crops using roundup and glyphosate near cities and towns jeopardise the health of the residents. The runoff from these chemicals get into the water supply, can become airborne, and destroys the soil. As a firm believer in eating real food as nature intended, I do not want to see the children of these communities be poisoned by these chemicals that even the workers in the fields have to wear hazmat suits for. If it is dangerous for the workers to be around, why would we ever allow this to be a product we ingest?
Irvina Mizell	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	Organic veggies vs. GMO corn. Easy decision. I'm surprise King County can't see the difference.

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Robert Copeland	Windthorst, TX	2015-11-04	Glyphosate is a known carcinogen linked to myriad health problems including gastrointestinal diseases and cancer. Roundup and other products made with glyphosate should be banned everywhere and this pristine valley is a good place to start.
Lori Aronica	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I live in this pristine valley, there are two rivers out here this land could be used for so much more. I don't want to see this land contaminate our rivers, also we have many organic farms out here and worry about cross contamination NO NO NO NO
Dannelle Carlson	Duval, WA	2015-11-04	I don't agree w round-up, GMO, or other pesticides
Patricia Nelson	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-04	Until 5 months ago I lived in the Snoqualmie Valley. I know this farmland and I know the farmers in this valley. I buy my meat, eggs, and vegetables there because it is organic. Please, please, do not allow a conventional dairy farm on this beautiful property!
Gail Vermeulen	Snohomish, WA	2015-11-04	I believe we need to move in the direction of natural food rather than synthetic food. A dairy like this has no place in our valley.
Lee Culverwell	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I live in the Snoqualmie Valley and am opposed to confinement dairy practices and cancer-causing Roundup and other chemicals being used, especially so near many organic farms, in a river basin that floods regularly.
Ane Brusendorff	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	This is not a good idea!
Amy Marquez	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	glyphosate should not be in our food chain or on the land.
iana baker	Duval, WA	2015-11-04	GMO's have no place in this already highly productive valley. There are many hybrid corn varieties that work great without needing the GMO's.
Susan Grumman	Issaquah, WA	2015-11-04	We must save REAL food to save ourselves and our planet! No GMO's and No chemicals!
Robert Zahara	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	No gmo
Debbie Shapiro	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	Deplorable!
robbin stedman	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I have know Seattle Tilth and it's original managing editor for over 20 years and know their commitment producing products that make money and also keep the environment clean.
Karin Simpson	north bend, WA	2015-11-04	We need to support small business agriculture and eliminate the use of chemicals in our treasurer areas. Stick to the plan you have our support
Paul Steckler	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I'd like to see this as an open, fair bid that takes into account what our public lands are used for.
Carly Benedict	Duval, WA	2015-11-04	My home is being destroyed before my very eyes. Between development around the falls and the new possibility of GMO's, I'm afraid the new growth will launch us into being just another town with poor land stewardship skills
Connie Curran	Voorhees Township, NJ	2015-11-04	Having lived in the valley for a long time they don't need a mega corporation coming in with chemicals, gmo's and cruel dairy practices. Seattle Tilth meets the requirements for this land and uses sustainable practices. Why should money be lost? Seems to me the decision makers should be audited to find out why this dairy should get the property instead of a non-profit.
Stacey Cepeda	Kenmore, WA	2015-11-04	Every aspect of this dairy farmer is disgusting to me. Confined animals being fed synthetically grown corn is repulsive and not something I would like to see in the Valley I call home.
angie yusuf	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	More chemicals in our environment is a mistake...let's have high quality organic produce grown in our own community available at our local stores. Chemical pollution makes its way into our soils, water, and food.

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Sandra Barker	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	We are so fortunate to live in this beautiful valley. This land should be used for local, sustainable agriculture in order to preserve it for future generations to cherish.
susan harris	pacific palisades, CA	2015-11-04	I want delicious organic food!6
KimberlyRae Forde Forde	Montesano, WA	2015-11-04	Im a local resident thay wants to see Snoqualmie valley remain organic to provide healthy crops, beef and milk! NO GMO!!
Reyna Ronald	Bothell, WA	2015-11-04	I want natural food for my kids.
Tracy Strand	Sammamish, WA	2015-11-04	We need less contamination not more!
renee vasquez	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	Its critical to base our decisions on sustaining not corrupting our resources. gmos, roundup and synthtic fertilizers are wreckless and short sighted profit based choices.
Austina De Bonte	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	This is lunacy. Organic farmers in the valley need to be supported. Conventional farmers ruin the land for everyone, not just themselves.
Jill Henwood	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I don't want anymore chemicals in our food and water
Carol Peringer	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	anything we can do to support this spectacular river valley to thrive ought to be a priority.....the Seattle Tilth's proposal or sale to a landowner that would do something similar is the right choice!!
Mary Lu Hawes	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-04	I don't think this is the best use of the land.
Ken Ellmaker	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	I value life and intelligent farming over the cheapest and easiest way.
Peggy Breazeale	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	Peggy W. Breazeale
Lisa Engle	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I support the organic farmers is this beautiful valley. It is hard enough to meet all the requirements to be certified organic and to let Keller farms go in and practice farming that could jeopardize their livelihood and the food that they supply this community would be a travesty!
Christine Cross	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I believe in small family farms and clean groundwater.
Cynthia Lang	Monroe, WA	2015-11-04	GMO's don't belong in our valley.
Aubrey Van Buskirk	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I've lived in the valley for 25 years
Kari Kochar	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I live in Carnation and it's a valley that frequently floods, so allowing a new farm with toxic chemicals (yes, Roundup is toxic- the state of CA recently passed a law stating that it's carcinogenic) is just irresponsible to the farmers and people who live here. Please rescind this decision for those of us who live here.
Trish Robinson	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	GMO's are unhealthy and will increasingly create problems with our food supply and those who eat GMO tainted foods.
Mike McCormick	Edmonds, WA	2015-11-04	its sacred land and should NOT be contaminated!!
Amy Cyr	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	Living here in the valley, I am learning more about sustainability, organic farming, politics surrounding food, etc. and I believe that we are unique in the sense that we are able to buy food grown right here in our "backyard" supporting family farmers in the process. This idea of growing genetically modified corn makes me sick. I say NO! Let's set an example, let's teach people that this can be done. Let's keep our land out of the hands of people who will destroy it. Let's grow REAL food, grow healthy humans, ERADICATE cancer!!!
Nicole Laurent	Vancouver, WA	2015-11-04	I used to live near that area. It is beautiful and muat be protected!

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Kimberly Ross	REDMOND, WA	2015-11-04	I live at the edge of the Snoqualmie Valley. It is an incredibly important area for small scale, organic and sustainable farming. We should be making choices towards improving our local food security AND our community security. Small farmers not only tend to be better stewards of their land, they also contribute way more to the local communities than large scale farms. I find it deeply distressing that given the choice between Seattle Tilth and a confinement dairy operation, you would choose the dairy. Dairy is great, and is an important part of our local food system. The part I object to is that it is a confinement operation (according to the best information available) and that they intend to grow GMO corn. This valley contains several organic farms, all of which would be put at risk by having GMOs, and their attendant pesticides, upstream. Not to mention the health issues, both for the consumer and the valley, of a cattle operation that will be relying on corn as a feedstock. We can do better than this! Please reconsider this sale, and choose a better option!
Sarah Fiske	Kenmore, WA	2015-11-04	I live in the hills above the valley. I don't want my air filled with the nastiness of these pollutants.
Elizabeth Hill	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	We need to be so careful of the Valley, and how each neighbor impact another. GMOs are not good & impacting our future.
Kathy Norsworthy	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I don't want to sell publicly owned farmland to any cooperation that could potentially destroy it with GMO's, Roundup or synthetic fertilizers.
sara kelso	woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	I do not want GMOs or pesticides used in my area. It has been proven that gmo and pesticide treated crops are causing devastation to our bee colonies which pollinate our food sources.I choose clean eating for me, my family, and my neighbors.
Lynne Nork	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	Altered substances and chemical runoff are not sympathetic with the salmon stream saving business.
Claudia Tobin	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	I care about our grandchildren.
Sheila Bowen	Marshfield, WI	2015-11-04	I have family there and I want to see the beauty of the land
Joel Robinson	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	With issues of crime, I believe in Innocent Until Proven Guilty. Regarding the health of my family regardign GMO's, I take a Guilty Until Proven Innocent. I expect local government to take a much more conservative path on such issues and would hope that King County would do the right thing here--do something good for the people, not for a business (Keller Dairy).
Tana Goar	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	"But there were no farmers on the Committee, and there was no one who lives in the Snoqualmie Valley on the Committee." When representatives of the community were required by the Request for Proposals (Section II-F). In no way is this decision legitimate. Seattle Tilth's Proposal makes multiple commitments of stewardship and sustainability with a proven track record of being able to deliver on those promises. They have the partnership of the Snoqualmie Valley Community Network, Greenway Trust, WSU, and Pike Place to make their proposal happen. This opportunity to enrich the farming community of the Snoqualmie Valley cannot be hastily disregarded. Dairy is a respected and beneficial tradition in the Valley, yes, but the sale to Keller Dairy is not right in this place at this time with a vastly more beneficial proposal on the table. The Committee was not qualified to make this decision because the Committee was not formed correctly.
Jenny Oltmann	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	Organic over GMO....come on king county
Paula Bamberg	Seattle, WA	2015-11-04	The dairy's proposal is not in line with the county's stated plan and intention. Please do not accept the dairy's proposal.

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Lorraine Thurston	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-04	The need for sustainable, responsible agriculture in our valley is paramount. I'll support Seattle Tilth's proposal because they provide services to so many. That's the kind of Valley I want, not commercialized mega-farms.
Konnie Surmann	Snoqualmie, WA	2015-11-04	This is not o.k. I live in Snoqualmie and you will turn the land into a pesticide filled mega farm that treats animals poorly. There is a lot of wonderful wild life around that will be displaced. Your use of tax payer funds is borderline criminal. Shame on you!
Luanne Brown	Lake Forest Park, WA	2015-11-04	This is a treasure we will never get back.
Laura Genin	Bothell, WA	2015-11-04	I'm signing because I've read the studies and believe that using pesticides and fertilizers near streams and river beds significantly impacts fish habitats. There is plenty of farmland available in this state. find another location.
Marilyn Shaul	Napa, CA	2015-11-04	My family and I eat and use non GMO food and products. We must be active in protecting non GMO farmlands.
Brande Damiana	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	I am allergic to pesticides and the greater concentration in the air and water, the less healthy I become. Also, I have concerns about confinement farming and water quality.
Lisa Wildwood	Monroe, WA	2015-11-04	Public land, public benefit. Should also meet the requirements of the original purchase.
Sarah Davie	Fall City, WA	2015-11-04	The county needs to honor the obligation to the citizens and select proposals that respond to the RFP, which was in the best interest of the broader community, not one single business. Not to mention the risk of increased pesticide contamination in this fragile ecosystem. We need more organic, and less conventional to sustain the environment and human health.
Rachel Scown	Leavenworth, WA	2015-11-04	I believe virtually everything Monsanto does is not sustainable nor healthy.
Thalia Ryer	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	I live here & this matters to me. No GMO corn in our valley!!
Derek van Veen	Woodinville, WA	2015-11-04	Roundup is not a safe choice next to waterways.
Baltej Kochar	Carnation, WA	2015-11-04	The valley floods frequently. That will spread roundup and other toxic chemicals to the organic farms throughout the valley. Perhaps this happens already, but we do not need more of this.
Tanja Cook	Redmond, WA	2015-11-04	The ground cannot remain sustainable with an inundation of chemicals into the ecosystem.
kim harris	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-04	My friend Stephanie Ostrea said it was important....good enough for me.
Robert Hess	Duvall, WA	2015-11-04	I'm shocked that King County would agree to this.
Sharon Lesh	Bothell, WA	2015-11-04	Really? You have to ask?
jean hindle	Seattle, WA	2015-11-05	Please do not allow this!!!!
James Ellis	Renton, WA	2015-11-05	This is stupidity at it's finest.. NO DAIRY.. NO COWS.. NO GREENHOUSE GASSES.. NO NO ROUNDUP READY.. NOTHING BUT ORGANIC FARMING~!! NO NO NO!!!
Marie Jackson	North Bend, WA	2015-11-05	I believe in sustainable resources and keeping our land clean. No pollution no gmo no chemicals
Karen Crawford	Fall City, WA	2015-11-05	I would rather have 16 homes than a crop of GMO corn
amy hyde	Kirkland, WA	2015-11-05	against gmos, glyphosate aand synthetic fertilizers washing down river and into the soil of neighboring areas.
DAWN RISMOEN	Longview, WA	2015-11-05	There is too much at stake to use this waterway as a "poisonway" - stop trying to feed us GMOs and POISON!!!
Lindsay Florence	Renton, WA	2015-11-05	THIS IS MY HOME!