



# SEATTLE CITY PLANNING: “A Moral Crusade...”

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## Washington State Growth Management Act

Requires state and local governments to manage Washington's growth by identifying and protecting critical areas and natural resource lands, designating urban growth areas, preparing comprehensive plans and implementing them through capital investments and development regulations. No public expenditure can be inconsistent with the plan.



## From GMA to Moral Crusade

Mayor Rice didn't want to hear a lot about building height, bulk or scale, transport infrastructure or volume/capacity ratios.

He did want to hear about people.

If we could not explain whose life is potentially better, and whose life is potentially worse if I choose this alternative we did not know enough to ask the question.