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I understand you are the scribes and contact point for the Citizens Assembly Steering Committees for Victoria and Saanich. As such in the coming weeks after respective Council review you will merge your various perspectives for a unified draft proposal to submit to the Province..

As citizen advocate and keen observer of municipal governance I support this joint initiative by the 2 Councils and have read with interest the draft proposal as recently provided for consideration to the Saanich Committee on March 1. I expect that Victoria staff are preparing something similar.

While I certainly agree with the intent of this document and particularly *Sec 2 Guiding Principles* I would offer a perspective that much of what has been prepared while a useful overview of the various component of the CA process some of the document is possibly premature and unnecessary at this stage. I have also identified an aspect of the objective and mandate that appears to be ignored and deserves consideration and inclusion.

I have attached an explanation and rationale for this perspective and would ask that you ensure these are shared with your Committees.

Please confirm receipt of this submission.

Thank you

James Anderson