

# Executive Summary Report

**Appraisal Date 1/1/2002 - 2002 Assessment Roll**

**Quadrant Name: Central King County Commercial Area**

**Previous Physical Inspection: 1/2001**

## **Sales - Improved Summary:**

Number of Sales: 204

Range of Sale Dates: 1/1999 – 2/2002

### **Sales – Ratio Study Summary:**

	Improved Value	Sale Price	Ratio	COV
2001 Average Value	\$1,494,100	\$1,604,200	93.10%	17.74%
2002 Average Value	\$1,560,000	\$1,604,200	97.20%	13.10%
Change	+ \$ 65,900		+ 4.10%	- 4.64%
%Change	+ 4.41%		+ 4.40%	-26.16%

\*COV is a measure of uniformity, the lower the number the better the uniformity. The negative figures of – 4.64% and –26.16% actually represent an improvement.

Sales used in Analysis: All improved sales which were verified as good that did not have characteristic changes between the date of sale and the date of appraisal were included in the analysis.

### **Population - Improved Parcel Summary Data:**

	Land	Imps	Total
2001 Value	\$6,735,993,408	\$5,263,979,581	\$11,999,972,989
2002 Value	\$7,310,876,179	\$5,167,809,214	\$12,478,685,393
Percent Change	+ 8.53%	- 1.83 %	+ 3.99%

Number of improved Parcels in the Population: 4,237

## **Conclusion and Recommendation:**

Since the values recommended in this report improve uniformity, assessment level and equity, we recommend posting them for the 2002 Assessment Roll.

The values shown in the improvement portion of the chart represent the total combined value for land and improvements.

## Analysis Process

### ***Areas within the Central Commercial Region and Responsible Appraisers***

The following appraisers did the valuation for this region:

- ✚ Lou Willett – Commercial Appraiser II (Area 30)
- ✚ Yuen Chin – Commercial Appraiser I (Area 32)
- ✚ Joe Arnold – Commercial Appraiser II (Area 35)
- ✚ Alan Hashimoto – Commercial Appraiser II (Area 36)
- ✚ Jeanne Laville – Commercial Appraiser I (Area 40)
- ✚ Dan Margonelli – Commercial Appraiser I ( Areas 45 & 47)

### ***Highest and Best Use Analysis***

**As if vacant:** Market analysis of this area, together with current zoning and current anticipated use patterns, indicate the highest and best of the majority of the appraised parcels as commercial use. Any opinion not consistent with this is specifically noted in our records and considered in the valuation of the specific parcel

**As if improved:** Based on neighborhood trends, both demographic and current development patterns, the existing buildings represent the highest and best use of most sites. The existing use will continue until land value, in its highest and best use, exceeds the sum of value of the entire property in its existing use and the cost to remove the improvements. We find that the current improvements do add value to the property, in most cases, and are therefore the highest and best use of the property as improved. In those properties where the property is not at its highest and best use, a token value of \$1,000.00 is assigned to the improvements.

**Interim Use:** In many instances a property's highest and best use may change in the foreseeable future. A tract of land at the edge of a city might not be ready for immediate development, but current growth trends may suggest that the land should be developed in a few years. Similarly, there may not be enough demand for office space to justify the construction of a multistory office building at the present time, but increased demand may be expected within five years. In such situations, the immediate development of the site or conversion of the improved property to its future highest and best use is usually not financially feasible.

The use to which the site is put until it is ready for its future highest and best use is called an interim use. Thus, interim uses are current highest and best uses that are likely to change in a relatively short time.

**Standards and Measurement of Data Accuracy:** Each sale was verified with the buyer, seller, real estate agent or tenant when possible. Current data was verified and corrected when necessary via field inspection.

## ***Special Assumptions, Departures and Limiting Conditions***

We considered all three approaches to value. Contract rent was used in place of economic rent, in some cases.

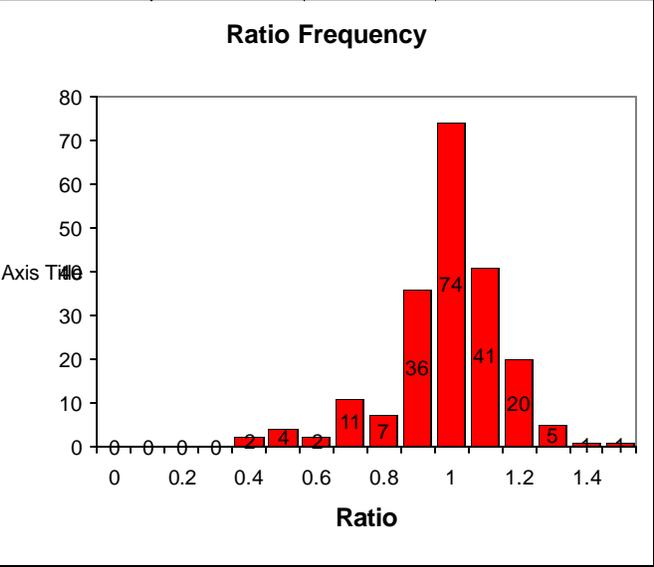
The following Departmental guidelines were considered and adhered to:

- ✚ Sales from 1/00 to 1/02 (at minimum) were considered in all analyses.
- ✚ No market trends (market condition adjustments, time adjustments) were applied to sales prices. Models were developed without market trends. The utilization of two years of market information without time adjustments averaged any net changes over that time period.
- ✚ This report intends to meet the requirements of the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice, Standard 6.
- ✚ The commercial appraisers have carefully considered the impact of the national and regional economy on King County's commercial real estate market. The terrorist events of September 11, 2001 as well as changes in the software, high tech, and aircraft manufacturing businesses have been considered. While sales activity over several years has been analyzed, primary consideration was given to current economic conditions including vacancy and lease rates. In some areas, this may have an impact on sales price to assessed value relationships including coefficients of variation and ratios. In all cases, properties were valued uniformly with similar properties.

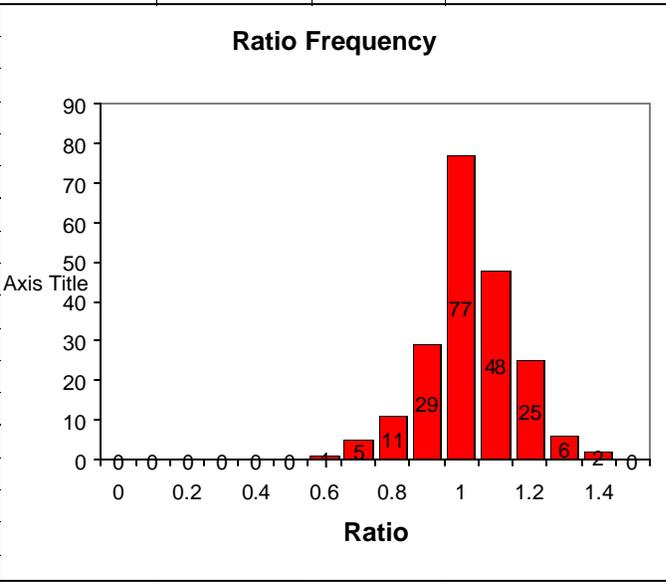
The following apply to the report sections completed by Lou Willett, an Associate Member of the Appraisal Institute:

- ✚ The reported analyses, opinions and conclusions were developed, and this report prepared, in conformity with the requirements of the Code of Professional Ethics and the Standards of Professional Practice of the Appraisal Institute.
- ✚ I certify that the use of this report is subject to the requirements of the Appraisal Institute relating to review by its duly authorized representatives.

## Present Improvement 2002 Ratio Calculation for 30, 32, 35, 36, 40, 45 and 47

Quadrant/Crew:	Lien Date:	Date:	Sales Dates:																										
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# USPAP Compliance

## **Client and Intended Use of the Appraisal:**

*This summary mass appraisal report is intended for use only by the King County Assessor and other agencies or departments administering or confirming ad valorem property taxes. Use of this report by others is not intended by the appraiser. The use of this appraisal, analyses and conclusions is limited to the administration of ad valorem property taxes in accordance with Washington State law. As such it is written in concise form to minimize paperwork. The assessor intends that this report conform to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice (USPAP) requirements for a **summary mass appraisal report** as stated in USPAP SR 6-7. To fully understand this report the reader may need to refer to the Assessor's Property Record Cards, Assessors Real Property Data Base, separate studies, Assessor's Procedures, Assessor's field maps, Revalue Plan and the statutes.*

*The purpose of this report is to explain and document the methods, data and analysis used in revaluation of King County. King County is on a six year physical inspection cycle with annual statistical updates. The revaluation plan is approved by Washington State Department of Revenue. The revaluation is subject to their periodic review.*

## **Definition and date of value estimate:**

### **Market Value**

*The basis of all assessments is the true and fair value of property. True and fair value means market value (Spokane etc. R. Company v. Spokane County, 75 Wash. 72 (1913); Mason County Overtaxed, Inc. v. Mason County, 62 Wn. 2d (1963); AGO 57-58, No. 2, 1/8/57; AGO 65-66, No. 65, 12/31/65) . . . or amount of money a buyer willing but not obligated to buy would pay for it to a seller willing but not obligated to sell. In arriving at a determination of such value, the assessing officer can consider only those factors which can within reason be said to affect the price in negotiations between a willing purchaser and a willing seller, and he must consider all of such factors. (AGO 65,66, No. 65, 12/31/65)*

### **Highest and Best Use**

WAC 458-12-330 REAL PROPERTY VALUATION—HIGHEST AND BEST USE.

*All property, unless otherwise provided by statute, shall be valued on the basis of its highest and best use for assessment purposes. Highest and best use is the most profitable, likely use to which a property can be put. It is the use which will yield the highest return on the owner's investment. Uses which are within the realm of possibility, but not reasonably probable of occurrence, shall not be considered in estimating the highest and best use.*

*If a property is particularly adapted to some particular use this fact may be taken into consideration in estimating the highest and best use. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922)) The present use of the property may constitute its highest and best use. The appraiser shall, however, consider the uses to which similar property similarly located is being put. (Finch v. Grays Harbor County, 121 Wash. 486 (1922)) The fact that the owner of the property chooses to use it for less productive purposes than similar land is being used shall be ignored in the highest and best use estimate. (Sammish Gun Club v. Skagit County, 118 Wash. 578 (1922))*

*Where land has been classified or zoned as to its use, the county assessor may consider this fact, but he shall not be bound to such zoning in exercising his judgment as to the highest and best use of the property. (AGO 63-64, No. 107, 6/6/64)*

## **Date of Value Estimate**

*All property now existing, or that is hereafter created or brought into this state, shall be subject to assessment and taxation for state, county, and other taxing district purposes, upon equalized valuations thereof, fixed with reference thereto on the first day of January at twelve o'clock meridian in each year, excepting such as is exempted from taxation by law. [1961 c 15 §84.36.005]*

*The county assessor is authorized to place any property that is increased in value due to construction or alteration for which a building permit was issued, or should have been issued, under chapter 19.27, 19.27A, or 19.28 RCW or other laws providing for building permits on the assessment rolls for the purposes of tax levy up to August 31st of each year. The assessed valuation of the property shall be considered as of July 31st of that year. [1989 c 246 § 4]*

*Reference should be made to the property card or computer file as to when each property was valued. Sales consummating before and after the appraisal date may be used and are analyzed as to their indication of value at the date a valuation. If market conditions have changed then the appraisal will state a logical cutoff date after which no market date is used as an indicator of value.*

## **Property rights appraised:**

### **Fee Simple**

*The definition of fee simple estate as taken from The Third Edition of The Dictionary of Real Estate Appraisal, published by the Appraisal Institute. "Absolute ownership unencumbered by any other interest or estate, subject only to the limitations imposed by the governmental powers of taxation, eminent domain, police power, and escheat."*

### **Special assumptions and limiting conditions:**

*That no opinion as to title is rendered. Data on ownership and the legal description were obtained from public records. Title is assumed to be marketable and free and clear of all liens and encumbrances, easements, and restrictions unless shown on the maps or property record cards. The property is appraised assuming it to be under responsible ownership and competent management and available for its highest and best use.*

*That no engineering survey has been made by the appraiser. Except as specifically stated, data relative to size and area were taken from sources considered reliable, and no encroachment of real property improvements is assumed to exist.*

*That rental areas herein discussed have been calculated in accord with standards developed by the American Standards Association as included in Real Estate Appraisal Terminology.*

*That the projections included in this report are utilized to assist in the valuation process and are based on current market conditions, anticipated short term supply and demand factors, and a continued stable economy. Therefore, the projections are subject to changes in future conditions that cannot be accurately predicted by the appraiser and could affect the future income or value projections.*

*That no responsibility for hidden defects or conformity to specific governmental requirements, such as fire, building and safety, earthquake, or occupancy codes, can be assumed without provision of specific professional or governmental inspections.*

*That the appraiser is not qualified to detect the existence of potentially hazardous material which may or may not be present on or near the property. The existence of such substances may have an*

*effect on the value of the property. No consideration has been given in our analysis to any potential diminution in value should such hazardous materials be found. We urge the taxpayer to retain an expert in the field and submit data affecting value to the assessor.*

*That no opinion is intended to be expressed for legal matters or that would require specialized investigation or knowledge beyond that ordinarily employed by real estate appraisers, although such matters may be discussed in the report.*

*That maps, plats, and exhibits included herein are for illustration only, as an aid in visualizing matters discussed within the report. They should not be considered as surveys or relied upon for any other purpose.*

*Exterior inspections were made of all properties however, due to lack of access few received interior inspections.*

*The property is assumed uncontaminated unless the owner comes forward to the Assessor and provides other information.*

*We appraise fee simple interest in every property. Unless shown on the Assessor's parcel maps, we do not consider easements as adversely affecting property value.*

*We have attempted to segregate personal property from the real estate in our appraisals.*

*We have not appraised movable equipment or fixtures as part of the real estate. We have appraised identifiable permanently fixed equipment with the real estate in accordance with RCW 84.04.090 and WAC 458-12-010.*

*We have considered the effect of value of those anticipated public and private improvements of which we have common knowledge. We can make no special effort to contact the various jurisdictions to determine the extent of their public improvements.*

*The appraisers have no personal interest or bias toward any properties that they appraise.*

**Departure Provisions:**

***Which if any USPAP Standards Rules were departed from or exempted by the Jurisdictional Exception***

SR 6-2 (g)

*The assessor has no access to title reports and other documents. Because of budget limitations we did not research such items as easements, restrictions, encumbrances, leases, reservations, covenants, contracts, declarations and special assessments. The mass appraisal must be completed in the time limits as indicated in the Revaluation Plan and as budgeted.*

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: January 3, 2002  
TO: Commercial Appraisers  
FROM: Scott Noble, Assessor  
SUBJECT: 2002 Revaluation for 2003 Tax Roll

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The King County Assessor, as elected representative of the people of King County, is your client for the mass appraisal and summary report. The King County Department of Assessments subscribes to the Uniform Standards of Professional Appraisal Practice 2000. You will perform your appraisals and complete your summary mass appraisal reports in compliance with USPAP 2002. The following are your appraisal instructions and conditions:

1. You are to timely appraise the area or properties assigned to you by the revalue plan. The Departure Provision of USPAP may be invoked as necessary including special limiting conditions to complete the Revalue Plan.
2. You are to use all appropriate mass appraisal techniques as stated in USPAP, Washington State Law; Washington State Administrative Code, IAAO texts or classes.
3. The standard for validation models is the standard as delineated by IAAO in their Standard on Ratio Studies (approved 1999); and
4. Any and all other standards as published by the IAAO.
5. Appraise land as if vacant and available for development to its highest and best use [USPAP SR 6-2(i)]. The improvements are to be valued at their contribution to the total.
6. You must complete the revalue in compliance with all Washington and King County laws, codes and with due consideration of Department of Revenue guidelines. The Jurisdictional Exception is to be invoked in case USPAP does not agree with these public policies.
7. Physical inspections should be completed per the revaluation plan and statistical updates completed on the remainder of the properties as appropriate.
8. You must complete a written, summary, mass appraisal report for each area and a statistical update report in compliance with USPAP Standard 6.
9. All sales of land and improved properties should be validated as correct and verified with participants as necessary.
10. You must use at least two years of sales. No adjustments to sales prices shall be made to avoid any possibility of speculative market conditions skewing the basis for taxation.

11. The intended use of the appraisal and report is the administration of ad valorem property taxation.
12. The intended users include the Assessor, Board of Equalization, Board of Tax Appeals, King County Prosecutor and Department of Revenue.

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