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## **Chelan County Hearing Examiner Approves Tuscan Village Development *Decision is Major Victory for Chelan Valley***

**Chelan**-In a major development for the economic future of the Chelan Valley, the Chelan County hearing Examiner approved the Tuscan Village development plan for moving forward. "We are very pleased with this decision," said Bob Jankelson, one of the principals of Tuscan Village. "This decision is a victory for the environment, our economy, and the future of the entire Chelan Valley."

After three years of detailed review and analysis, the County Hearing Examiner found that the Tuscan Village development **"is a quality development that will be beneficial to the overall economy of the area as well as be environmentally sound and appropriate for the site."**

"This decision is a victory for the environment," said Jankelson. "Tuscan Village will promote responsible development while preserving the precious water resources of Lake Chelan- saving 500,000 gallons of water annually by utilizing the latest technologies in water conservation. The project also promotes responsible environmental stewardship through promoting organic and sustainable agriculture and will be a Built Green community that maximizes energy efficiency."

Tuscan Village will also have a tremendous and positive impact on the local economy during build-out and upon completion. During build-out, the project will create a significant number of new family-wage local construction jobs and, once completed, Tuscan Village to be a major employer in the hospitality job-market in the region. Tuscan Village will also contribute to the local economy through the payment of property, sales, lodging, and hospitality taxes. These taxes will support local schools, utilities, roads, parks and community centers.

"In addition to the jobs and taxes revenues, we are also committed to purchasing local construction materials, products and services during build-out," continued Jankelson. "All of us involved in this project live here, and one of our primary interests is to support local businesses through this project."

This decision is also a victory for Chelan Valley's agricultural legacy. Tuscan Village is built around the concepts of responsible stewardship and the preservation of the Valley's robust vineyards. A central theme of the project is maintaining the agricultural heritage and culture of the Chelan Valley for future generations to appreciate and enjoy. ###