

## HCC Recommendation

TOPIC: The planning office is in the process of converting the 1994 Helena Comprehensive Plan into the Helena Growth Policy Plan.

SUMMARY: The HCC would like to go on the record as advising the City Commission that the time frame dictated by the Legislature may not provide sufficient time to incorporate the most recent census data and we feel that this should be included in the new comprehensive plan.

VOTE: \_ 15 \_ Proponents \_ 0 \_ Opponents \_ 1 \_ Abstain

### PROPOSERS:

The detail census data will not be available until April and the plan is due in October.

There is insufficient time available to create a good plan.

The Comprehensive Plan will be an important planning document for the city of Helena as we go forward.

### OPPOSERS:

none

### DISCUSSION:

Options should be explored to determine the best approach to extending the deadline for the plan.

The plan is too important to the future of the City to try and force this unrealistic deadline.

The city attorney should review the law passed by the Legislature to determine the scope of penalties, etc. if the deadline of October 2001 is not met.

If necessary, the City Commission should go to the Legislature for an extension.

The League of Cities and Towns should be contacted to see if they would be supportive of a lobbying effort to create a more realistic deadline for the plan.

