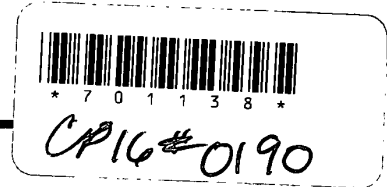


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**Subject:** public participation - This information to be placed in the record

Dear Commissioners,

The commissioners have determined that much of the public comments should be via digital on-line communication. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. is attempting to do that. When public testimony is sent via e-mail, we do expect that information to be considered by the commissioners and submitted into the record, which can be retrieved at any time by our members. But, we have concerns whether condensing communication methods via the Internet, assures that the county is complying with the "meaningful public participation" requirement of the GMA. Currently, the county has not made a good faith effort to inform the public regarding the Comprehensive Plan update via published notices. Occasionally, the Columbian prints the hearing notices in small print in a calendar list, But it is hard to find in the paper. Such notices are not enough for the public to be well informed.

In the 1995 CCCU, Inc. superior court case, even after years and volumes of .public open houses and hearings with testimony, Judge Poyfair ruled that, *"Additionally, the failure to solicit meaningful public input.....(the county) violated the public participation provisions of the GMA requiring early and continuous public participation in the development and adoption of comprehensive plans."* The key word here is, "meaningful".

The Western Washington Growth Management Hearings Board ruled that, *"Under the GMA, a county has an affirmative duty to disperse as much accurate information to as many people as it possibly can. Simply providing access does not satisfy that duty. Mudge v Lewis County 01-2-0010c (FDO 7-10-01)*

Even when CCCU has presented testimony via written documents, those documents are not able to be found by staff for review. CCCU, Inc. is concerned. Please see what you can do to assure all of us that the information we submit to the commissioners, as information and testimony, becomes "meaningful public input".

Sincerely,

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