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Subject: RE: Alternative 1 (No Change) is my preference

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Mr. Bennett,

If there are environmental restrictions in place those generally have a specific building envelope where development can occur. In order to divide the property the development review process will identify any environmental constraints and will have to comply with the latest environmental regulations. Tax assessment questions can be directed to the county assessor. <http://www.clark.wa.gov/assessor/index.html>

Thank you for your comments,

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From: Marty Bennett [<mailto:martybennett@hotmail.com>]
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For what it's worth, my 2 cents on the re-zoning options is "Alternative 1". I suspect that the people driving for the re-zoning change are doing so with dollar signs in their eyes. They are not taking in to account the qualitative aspects of re-zoning and increased growth (you just have to look towards the greater tri-county Portland Oregon metro area to see the reduction in quality of life with increased growth). So, no changes to the existing zoning please.

Additionally, since I am currently on Ag-20, a change to Ag-10 would increase my already high (in my opinion) property taxes (despite Mr. Mielke's previous erroneous beliefs to the contrary). Yes, presumably, my property would then be more valuable - but only if I sell and move, an option that I would not like to have forced on me.

Finally, if you do re-zone my particular property to Ag-10, how will you account for all the current property environmental restrictions in place? Would they just be removed so that growth could occur? Or would the restrictions remain? If the restrictions on building remain, would that be taken in to account when the property is assessed for tax purposes?

Anyway, just my 2 cents here (and a little venting at what I see as the end of the quality of life here in Clark County if the zoning change "Alternative 2" occurs).

Thank you for your time in reading this and best wishes with wrestling with the implications of whichever course the commission chooses to pursue in this matter.

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