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Hockinson High School Open House – a great turnout:

Hundreds of rural citizens showed up on Wednesday evening to ensure that their voices were heard as we decide on the future of their land. The high turnout was even greater than last week's Open House at Ridgefield High School.

Alternative 4 proposes to correct the massive mismatch between the actual rural land and the inappropriate zoning map that was imposed 20 years ago. As elected representatives of the people, our job is to listen and faithfully represent their interests in compliance with state law.

All but one of those citizens that shared their views with me, strongly supported Alternative 4 and wished that even more flexibility could be provided.

The Reflector published a front page story about the proposed plans:[http://www.thereflector.com/.../page\\_e0cf5a15-88c9-5983-a0f1-...](http://www.thereflector.com/.../page_e0cf5a15-88c9-5983-a0f1-...)  
[http://www.thereflector.com/.../page\\_de209027-59d8-57a5-bdbc-...](http://www.thereflector.com/.../page_de209027-59d8-57a5-bdbc-...)

Fair newspaper stories include contrary views and the Reflector did a good job including quotes from a citizen who opposed Alternative 4 in favor of alternative 1, the "do nothing" alternative.

Ms. Reisbick implied that Alternative 4 was based on ignorance or contempt for the Growth Management Act. Nothing could be further from the truth.

The GMA rightfully requires our county to provide sufficient affordable, useful, and appropriately zoned land for our community to prosper for the next 20 years. The problems that resulted in the massive downzoning of 1994 were not due to the mandates of the GMA. Rather, the twenty years of stagnation imposed upon our rural community were due to a poor and inappropriate implementation of the GMA in Clark County.

We can do better, much better.

Ms. Reisbick errs by asserting that Alternative 4 is "like driving without a driver's manual". The truth is that Alternative 4 is like finally driving with our eyes open, recognizing the parcels that already exist, and providing a zoning map that is compatible with the real world. It is the clear understanding of the Growth Management Act that properly serves as the basis for Alternative 4.

That law is not intended as a curse, but as a blessing. When we get it right, our rural community can once again prosper and thrive.

Editor Ken Vance also contributed a well written editorial this week.

[http://www.thereflector.com/.../article\\_729d1238-d800-11e4-92...](http://www.thereflector.com/.../article_729d1238-d800-11e4-92...)

As a community, we are on track to plan a much brighter future for rural Clark County.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!



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**A Patricia Smith Durell** was there in the aisle seat before the lady with the long blond hair.

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