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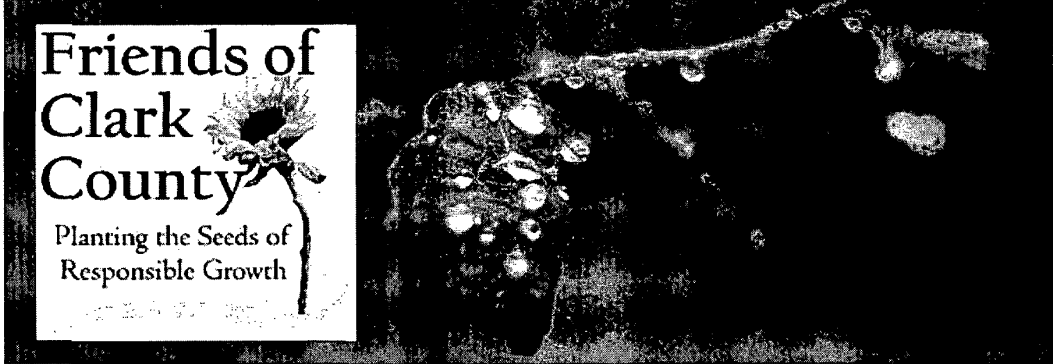
FYI and for the record. Thanks.

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Dear Councilors,

The following are letters from Clark County farmers commenting on the comp. plan update and the alternatives you are considering.

From Garret Hoyt, Owner of Five Sprouts Farm.

Alternative 4 (and 2 also) will provide opportunity for landowners to subdivide larger tracts of land, which will provide a benefit to landowners, but at the detriment to the community as a whole.

Smaller lot sizes make it more challenging to produce food. While individuals can have apple trees or otherwise grow edibles on smaller lots, and home gardens are absolutely a good thing, the vast majority of our food comes from larger farms because that is where our food is grown. If lot sizes decrease, it will decrease accessibility to local healthy food and that has major health and food security implications.

If there are more lots, it will also result in more wells being

drilled. That puts a greater pressure on our groundwater supplies for residential use. Water is often a major factor influencing the crops that farmers are able to grow and the quantities that are able to be produced. More residential wells will ultimately decrease access to water for farmers, and decrease access to healthy local food.

The parcelization of the county will also lead to more separation between farms which will create barriers to collaboration and make agriculture production districts far more difficult.

While the consequences of Alt 4 will not be seen immediately, it will slowly destroy the county's access to local healthy food and it will slowly destroy our local agricultural economy.

Garrett Hoyt