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Just FYI. Kathy for the record. Thanks.

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Dear Councilors,

CCCU has been reviewing supposed testimony that was to be the basis for the Planning Commission deliberations and find the record to be woefully incomplete. CCCU has confirmed with the people, who had submitted the testimony, that they did email the information before the September 17 deadline, and have asked for copies of their testimony. In a Republic and democratic society, public testimony is the only recourse a citizen and taxpayer has to affect public policy. When the public record is missing important data and public testimony, how is it possible for them to aid the policy makers and affect the policy that will burden them, when their information is not considered and entered into the record by those same policy makers? The public process for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update, has been discouraging and disappointing. First, in 2013, the planning staff composes three alternatives, 1, 2, and 3, with no meaningful public process, and then presents them to the commissioners for approval. Had CCCU not come forward at that time, that already faulty process would have moved forward. Only when pressured by CCCU, has the process improved, but not to the degree that the GMA requires. Only Alternative 4, had any legitimate public process. Now, CCCU sees a faulty process as the information was moved forward to the Planning Commission. This is not what the public expects from it's elected officials and those who must answer to them. CCCU has asked those persons whose testimony was missing in the record, to submit it to CCCU, who will then resubmit it to the county. Hopefully, it will then get the attention and consideration that is required under the GMA.

Sincerely,

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