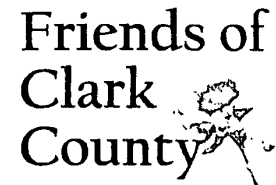




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BOARD OF COUNTY COUNCILORS

**FOR THE RECORD: BOCC HEARING , OCT 20 2015,
TO CONSIDER PLANNING COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

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Friends of Clark County is concerned about two actions the BOCC might take when forming a Final Alternative, actions that would reverse prior resolutions of the Board regarding the selection of the Office of Fiscal Management's population forecast and the urban/rural population allocation. In addition, those decisions, if carried out, would be in contravention of the Planning Commission recommendation and would lead to adverse consequences to the rural life in Clark County.

FOCC opposes the use of a new (higher) estimated population level and any increase in the rural allocation. Selection of a higher overall population estimate and a higher rural population allocation would reset the process towards a Comprehensive Plan, i.e. would require new hearings, creation of new assumptions, and development and evaluation of new Alternatives in a new public process. It would increase the population estimate beyond the scope of the Supplemental EIS, which could trigger a new SEPA process, new Scoping Notice and a full EIS.

Further, adopting such new population numbers and allocations without restarting the process would violate the public participation requirements in the Growth Management Act. The council may recall that one of the issues that carried the day with Judge Poyfair was the county's development of the Ag-Forest designations late in the process and, thus, in violation of GMA.

Finally, at this time, most cities are not requesting any expansions of their boundaries and do not want to expand their boundaries. Therefore, if the County adopts a higher overall population estimate, then much of the new growth anticipated from the higher population may be forced into the rural area. An increase in the rural population allocation would allow that additional population into the rural area. This would not be sustainable, compliant with GMA process or compliant with GMA goals.

Sydney Reisbick, President

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Hello,

Here are your copies of written testimony submitted during the Oct. 20 Comp Plan hearing. There's also one from Carol Levanen that was submitted on Oct. 27 during general public comment.

Also, I've mailed a packet of information to Cindy Holley (sign-in sheets, written testimony, maps, etc.).

Thanks and have a great day. :)

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