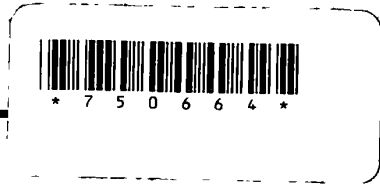


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Mr McCauley.

Attached please find a letter following up on last night's Open House

Please contact me if you have any questions.

Best Regards,

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Mr. McCauley:

I want to thank you, Dr. Orjiako, Mr. Euler, Ms. Cook, Ms. Keltz and all the other staff for coming to Ridgefield for the Open House. I was also encouraged by the fact that the Ridgefield City Manager and members of the Ridgefield City Council and Planning Commission were also in attendance. I have been involved in growth management issues for almost 30 years and this is the first time I have been to a public meeting that only one member of the Board attends and gives a presentation. In my experience, BOCC members are not advocates but are decision makers that give direction to staff, convene groups and task forces, review findings from those groups and task forces and then give information to the public.

Since planning staff was not involved in the creation of Councilor Madore's new proposal, but had commented on two previous renditions of the proposal, I was very glad to hear Councilor Madore publicly agree to direct Dr. Orjiako and his Planning Staff to honestly and openly redline Councilor Madore's November 15, 2015 proposal that was presented last night. I must admit being a bit concerned that since planning staff, legal staff and, in fact, the entire public had no input into Councilor Madore's assumptions, and staff's comments were not presented to the public, that Councilor Madore would just tell me that he did not need Staff's input. So I was encouraged to hear the Councilor say that he "welcomed" and "encouraged" redlining of his proposal by Dr. Orjiako and his staff. I look forward to seeing Councilor Madore's e-mail to Dr. Orjiako and Chris Cook that directs them, and their staff, to specifically and honestly evaluate his November 15, 2015 proposal.

It was also refreshing to hear Councilor Madore repeatedly state that he is not the expert, that he is looking for more and more input and there is no such thing as too much input into this Comprehensive Plan update. I was also glad to hear the Councilor state how much faith he has in legal and planning staff and their

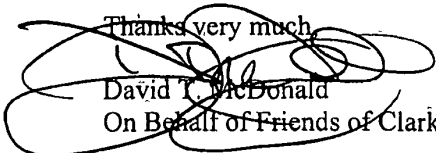
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work. Although it is obvious that Councilor Madore believes that Proposal A is not good and his Proposal B is the most reasonable and accurate, many in the community do not share his view and it will be very helpful for all of the public to review planning and legal staff's comments on his November 15, 2015 proposal and to have those comments submitted to the Planning Commission for their consideration on Thursday night. I trust Councilor Madore will not in any way try to influence legal or planning staff's responses since he is so enthusiastic about getting to the right number and obviously our staff "team" has a long history with this development, implementation and defense of the current Comprehensive Plan.

I know that Councilor Madore has repeatedly stated how strongly he believes in transparency. So, I am confident that he will agree that I can be copied on any and all e-mails that he sends to you and staff regarding the Comprehensive Plan update between now and the November 24th hearing that would be considered public records not protected by attorney-client privilege or an exception to the public records act.

One last thing, Councilor Madore stated last night that "Alternative #1" was the 1994 Comprehensive Plan and is not in compliance with GMA. His statement seems inconsistent if what I understand to have been the rulings of the Growth Board and the Courts. The County's 1994 plan, as required by GMA, is the foundation of the current Plan but it is my understanding that the County has conducted several updates since that 1994 CP. It is important to note that the baseline assumptions of the current CP were adopted after input by citizens who participated and gave testimony in scores of different task forces, meetings and hearings. Moreover, it is my understanding that the current plan has been found compliant with GMA. Given the Councilor's statements, I would request that you please request your legal staff to give the public, and the Planning Commission, their legal opinion as to whether or not they believe that our current Comprehensive Plan, which is essentially Alternative #1, including the current planning assumptions, is in compliance with the GMA. I think it is important for the Planning Commission to know if our legal staff believe Alternative #1 in its current form is, or is not-compliant with GMA, especially given Councilor Madore's public statements that our current CP is not in compliance.

I look forward to seeing the new Staff Report and appearing in front of the PC and BOCC. I encourage any person on this list to contact me if they have questions.

Thanks very much

David T. McDonald
On Behalf of Friends of Clark County