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Thanks to videographer Jim Karlock, the video of Friday's Town Hall meeting is now available online.

Dr. Don McIsaac's presentation is queued up here:

<https://vimeo.com/155251268#t=831s>

I hope to clip individual sections and post them soon for easy navigation

Knowledge is power, both for citizens and citizen representatives. Thanks again to the rural citizens, Clark County Citizens United, and the other 15 organizations that sponsored this event.

It was intended to be an opportunity for citizens to engage with their county councilors. Even though Jeanne Stewart, Julie Olson, nor Marc Boldt showed up, citizens can still help their county councilors to better understand on Tuesday morning at 10 am on the 6th floor at 1300 Franklin.

Bring quarters for the parking garage on the north side of the Public Service Center.



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David Madore shared Liz Pike's post.

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Thank you Representative Liz-Pike for faithfully representing our rural citizens. Thank you for your well

written letter in support of our adopted Comp Plan that includes the crucially important Alternative 4 rural component This letter is well worth the read.



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February 15, 2016

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Dear Councilors

I urge you to support the preferred alternative that includes Alternative 4 adopted on November 24, 2015 as you move forward with Clark County's Comprehensive Land Use Plan update because it is the right thing to do. As representatives of the people we are reminded by our Supreme Court "The essence of democracy is that the right to make law rests in the people and flows to the government, not the other way around. Freedom resides first in the people without need of a grant from government."

As a State Representative in the 18th Legislative District, I represent a larger number of rural landowners in Clark County than any other district. For the past four years in office, I have heard repeatedly from constituents about the need for comprehensive land use reform in our rural areas. Since 1994, our citizens have been shortchanged and disrespected by past elected Boards of County Commissioners. It is my sincere hope they will not be shortchanged or disrespected by this current Board of County Councilors.

Instead of deferring to staff who has no skin in this game, Councilors should respect the desires of a broad majority of those who actually own and pay taxes on that land. Councilors have an obligation to support the rich cultural heritage of our farming and forestry families that span many generations.

I urge you to support a strong, thriving and sustainable rural economy in the same manner you support economic development within our cities. Why would Clark County Councilors place a higher value on employment within our cities over jobs in our rural communities? There is no cogent reason to deny economic development opportunities for all citizens, regardless of which hamlet they reside.

Alternative 4 will allow for more affordable housing by increasing the supply of a variety of parcel sizes to meet the real estate demands that our citizens desire. Alternative 4 will increase tax revenue to the county while utilizing existing infrastructure.

It is clear Alternative 4 is fully compliant with the Growth Management Act's provisions for five acre minimum lot sizes, since this plan is consistent with the majority of the counties in Washington State by using predominant parcel sizes. The threat of litigation by land use attorneys and government bureaucrats is simply a red herring, designed to intimidate members of the Council. Furthermore, Alternative 4 uses accurate population growth assumptions and enables the county to comply with Washington State's Office of Financial Management projection numbers. Lastly, Alternative 4 represents a major compromise from a plan originally presented by Clark County's rural land owners two years ago.

Most importantly, it is clear Alternative 4 represents what the majority of rural and resource landowners desire in

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responsible land use policy. It is our job as elected officials to respect the will of the voters we serve. We must never forget we answer to them.

At your hearing on February 16, 2016, you have two choices. You can further advance the negative stereotype of politicians who make promises and then ignore the will of the citizens they serve, or you can take a refreshing approach to governance of the people, by the people and for the people.

I urge you to respect the values of an overwhelming majority of our constituents and reaffirm Alternative 4 as the preferred alternative in efforts to update Clark County's Land Use Plan.

Respectfully,

State Representative Liz Pike
Washington's 18th Legislative District

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