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To: Cnty 2016 Comp Plan
Subject: Zoning in rural areas



To Clark County Planners and Commissioners:

I am a Clark County native, currently residing in King County. Now in my 83rd year, I am intending to return to my home town of Battle Ground and build a home on property I own in the "Basket Flat" area north east of Battle Ground Lake. My adult daughter has been planning to return there also and build on the neighboring lot that I also own.

The hope of passage of the Preferred Alternative adopted on November 24, 2015 supported our plans and I am dismayed that the zoning of my property seems now once again in limbo since the rejection of that Preferred Alternative.

The two lots are in Section 17 T4N R3EWM; Parcel 232942000 is 15.71 Acres in size and Parcel 232902000 is 7 Acres in size. They were originally totally legal and conforming until 1990's GMP zoning brought that into question.

Upon the (hoped for) passage of Forest-10 zoning, I planned to make a lot line adjustment so that both lots would be slightly more than 10 acres and therefore once again totally conforming.

But it appears that the needs and rights of rural landowners are being ignored once again in the planning process. My case is just one small example of the uncertainty the County's so-called "planning" process is generating.

There is something wrong with planning that renders such a high percentage of the County's lots non-conforming.

AND I REALLY OBJECT TO THE URBAN RESPONSE IN CLARK COUNTY TO "SEND THE BEAST EAST" WHENEVER A NEW ENERGY PROJECT OR ZONING UPDATE IS REQUIRED. Instead of using planning to optimize outcomes for all the residents of the county, it seems to me that urban voters apply the "Out of sight, out of mind" principle and dump the negative consequences on rural Clark County.

I wish to raise my voice in support of more of the existing lots in rural Clark County being zoned reasonably so that they are conforming and therefore I fully support changes to the Comprehensive Plan recommended by Clark County Citizens United Inc. and supported by the people.

Sincerely,

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