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The Honorable Marc Boldt, Council Chair
Clark County Board of County Councilors
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Mr Steve Morasch, Chair
Clark County Planning Commission
Clark County Community Planning

Attn: 2016 Comp Plan Record
PO Box 9810
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Dear Council Chair Boldt, Councilors Madore, Mielke, Olson, and Stewart,
Planning Commission Chair Morasch, and Planning Commissioners Wright,
Blom, Quring, Barca, Johnson, and Bender:

I have lived on my property NW of La Center for more than 50 years. I have seen many changes through the years, as lots were developed around me. Almost all of them were 5 acre lots, so that was quite a few new wells to be drilled. I had a good supply of water from my first well, until more and more houses were allowed. Suddenly, my well dried up.

I did everything I could to bring it back, had it fracked and some other techniques used then, in the 70's to assist well output, but nothing worked. By this time I had bought some other property around me and so I had to pipe water from another well at the south end to the northern property where I had a house. I am one of the lucky ones, since I could do that. Most other people do not have that option.

For those of you who will be deciding on which option to choose, I'm hoping you will take seriously the damage that will be done to existing rural residents if you allow 8024 new families to establish homes in rural Clark County. There is a crisis in the ground water supply in the

county as indicated by Dennis Dykes, a hydrologist, and Ecology. To take the risk that many existing homes will lose their water supply is incredibly irresponsible. Try to put yourself in that situation. Some would have to move away, abandon their homes, since one couldn't easily sell a lot without a water supply. You will have to choose between protecting the present rural residents or trying to please a small group of vocal, greedy landowners who want to profit from land sales.

One of your responsibilities is to protect farmland, and farmers cannot make a living by having to pay for public water.

Please study the water situation as described by Ecology and Dennis Dykes, before you ignore the needs of present residents who have no access to public water.

Thank you,

Val Alexander