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June 17, 2016
For the Public Record

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. concerns over the 2016 Comprehensive Plan - Report # 5

Dear Councilors,

Chapter 2, Housing Element, page 3, states "Much of the data contained in this section comes from staff who removed the reference to the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the 1980 and 1990, and 2000 census, and retained the HCD prepared by Clark County Department of Community Services. The HCD is required under the Cranston-Gonzalez National Affordable Housing Act of 1990 all jurisdictions eligible for funding under this act are required to prepare a plan. It later states "This report also contains data from the U.S. Bureau of the Census for 1990, 2000 and 2010." In the GMA, Element 2, Housing Element, it states, "encourage the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods that-(a) Includes an inventory and analysis of existing and projected housing needs (d) makes adequate provisions for existing and projected needs of all economic segments of the community. Nothing in Chapter 2, Housing Element, discusses how compliance to this GMA mandate is made. There is much discussion over special needs, affordable housing and subsidized housing, but no mention of preserving the vitality and character of established residential neighborhoods for all economic segments of the community. The GMA directives most certainly would include rural and resource residential neighborhoods.

Chapter 3, Rural and Natural Resource Element - page 2, states, "Planning for rural lands in Clark County is important for the following reasons, item eight states, "to provide for the planned future expansion of urban uses." The GMA does not direct, mandate or discuss these elements in this way. Particular emphasis is made on

commercially viable resource lands, according to prime soil and certain conditions, and preserving the existing character of the rural areas. No where does it say that the purpose of these lands is to provide planned urban expansion.

Page 5, Resource Lands - states, Below is a brief description of the state minimum guidelines and methodology used in designation forestry, agriculture and mineral resource lands. The majority of this work was developed with the assistance of three citizen focus groups, each responsible for a specific resource. The Public Record demonstrates that of the approximately 60,000 acres of the current resource lands in Clark County, only 11,000 acres were actually determined by the focus group. Two of CCCU's Board members were on those focus groups and have reported that a main criteria directed by staff to the groups was to look at contiguous parcels and block them up. The members also reported that at the last minute, totally different information was submitted to the commissioners that looked nothing like their work. One member reported that what work they did do, had a map that looked just like the November, 24, 2015 Preferred Alternative (4) map. This information is confirmed in the Public Record during that time.

Sincerely,

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