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Clark County Board of Councilors
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June 17, 2016
For the Public Record

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. concerns regarding the Comprehensive Plan - Report # 9

Dear Councilors,

Chapter 9, Economic Development Element, page 17, 9 8 1, 9 8 2, states, "Encourage resource based industries, including agricultural, forestry, and aggregate materials, which are consistent with rural lands goals and policies. Implement programs to encourage agricultural and forestry management of smaller rural tracts consistent with best available science." Rural land is not the same as Agriculture and Forest lands. The GMA is not interested in locking up rural land in the name of resource lands. Implement programs, and rural lands goals and policies, appear to be a generic way to regulate these lands in a direction that is wrong for the land. What are the policies that being applied to rural lands. The public has not been informed over what staff has in mind, and there has been no public process to educate them over issues.

Appendix F Public Involvement, page 1, states Opportunities for public participation, input, and the program to inform Clark County residents consisted of the following. Board of County Commissioners work sessions were held in 2013, 2014, 2015 and 2016. This information was followed by 22 dates of work sessions, whereby the public cannot speak or give any input of any kind. Page 2, references 27 items which include four open houses, after minimal notice, and

simply presented to the public, what was already determined to be Alternative 1, 2, and 3. Later, four more open houses occurred, after a fourth alternative 4 was released for consideration by the public. Staff, did not want to have these meetings, but Councilor Madore insisted they must follow public process. The rest of the meetings were simply the regular Tuesday hearings for the Council and Planning Commission, which may or may not have been noticed in such a way as to inform the public that the Comprehensive Plan would be discussed. A few meetings were cut short and people were told they could only speak once. Long meetings were scheduled that required a break time, and people were told the meeting would be carried over. Many people went home thinking they could come again, but the testimony was closed.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has been involved in the Comprehensive Plan since 1994. Our members have been subjected to a massive downzoning of their land and many onerous regulations. They have invested large sums of money to attempt to reverse the takings and won in the courts five times. They expected the Clark County Commissioners and Councilors to correct the illegal activity, but were only met with defiance and disregard. This is the 20-year mandated review of the Clark County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. All of Clark County must be considered for evaluation. CCCU, Inc. is still waiting for the county to comply with all of the court rulings. We see that the staff seems determined to get what they lost in 1994 in a different and creative way. But, the GMA and the legislature did not intend for county governments to disregard the needs and wants of the people in the community. Rural and resource land must be reconsidered in the 2016 update and corrections and compliance must be made. A meaningful public process must be the catalyst for economic opportunity for all county citizens and for a reasonable, fair and legal 2016 Comprehensive Plan.

Sincerely,

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