Dear Commissioners,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has a word of caution for you. Don't be taken in by "smoke and mirrors" or the "truth with a lie" policy. Staff presented you with a page titled "Agriculture and Rural Zone Minimum Sizes Selected Western Washington Counties". According to our research, it appears that the information on the page doesn't really tell the whole story. For instance, King county does have 2.5, 5 and 10 acre rural. But, only 2.5 is rural. The other 5-10 is called rural ag. Then there is remote rural 10 acre and rural village 1 acre. Although the title says Western Washington, they forgot to include Pacific County, which has very flexible zoning. Even in Washington's epi-center for agriculture in Yakima County, the 40 acre ag zone allows 4 three acre lots and a possible smaller lot to total 5 lots.

If the commissioners truly are serious about fairness in zoning, CCCU recommends they get all of the complete zoning information from all of the counties to see what is being done and how it works. In addition, that information should be dove-tailed with information over which counties were considered in compliance by the hearings boards. It would be very unfortunate if the county commissioners
should make such serious decisions on incomplete information. They have a right to expect the staff to go out of their way to present the whole true and clear picture.

Best Regards,

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