From: Snodgrass, Bryan  
Sent: Thursday, July 10, 2014 5:03 PM  
To: Orjiako, Oliver; Albrecht, Gary; Anderson, Colete  
Subject: Vancouver letter on UGA requests

Oliver – Here’s our letter as requested. Bryan Monroe was out this week so we don’t have an accompanying map, but it should be pretty clear since we are not requesting changes. See you tomorrow. BRS
July 9, 2014

Oliver Orjako, Director  
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Subject: City of Vancouver proposals for UGA amendments in 2016 Clark County Comprehensive Plan update

Dear Oliver:

You had asked cities to submit UGA requests to you as part of the 2016 County plan update review. The City of Vancouver is currently focused on providing services and facilitating economic development within existing city limits at this time, and does not envision submitting any requests for changes to the Vancouver Urban Growth Area boundary as part of this update cycle.

We believe this approach is fiscally and economically sound for the Vancouver UGA and City, and note that countywide information developed for this update indicates there is a surplus of existing urban land to meet the newly adopted long term. We do not believe the development market has not caught up with the UGA expansions of the 2004 and 2007 countywide updates, which together added approximately 14 square miles of land to the Vancouver UGA. We would also note that GMA requires updating UGAs every 8 years, ensuring that 20-year land supplies are replenished before they ever run out.

Please let us know if you need further information. We look forward to working with you and your staff as the process moves forward. For technical questions Bryan Snodgrass, Principal Planner, is the primary contact, at 487-7946 or bryan.snodgrass@cityofvancouver.us.

Sincerely,

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