Some concerns about current Clark County processes and projects.

For the BOCC Hearing, 10/21/14

To: The Board of Clark County Commissioners.

Friends of Clark County is about to become creatively repetitive about certain current processes, alternatives and projects which will affect Clark County for years to come.

Over time, we will circle back to these from many directions as we stay within our 3 minutes.

One over-riding concern is the multiple-pronged effort to decrease lot sizes and change zones, some with minimum process. These may endanger us as a County. We cannot afford multiple lawsuits. Waging a multi-pronged simultaneous attack on aspects of our Growth Management Plan can look like a challenge to the GMA and the cumulative effects of the proposals will be considered at the Washington State level.

What are the proposals that decrease lot sizes and change zones?

1) Commissioners propose to decrease minimum lot size for agricultural zones from 20 acres to 10 acres and forestry lots from 40 to 20 acres.

2) Commissioners propose to combine Rural lot sizes (of 20, 10, and 5 acres) into one category that will have a single, "easier, more
simple, process “to change from one to another”. What is this “simplification”? Is this an massive zone change with no process?

3) A second zone change is the proposal to de-designate agricultural land for an Industrial Land Bank when there is already land available near the railroad and there is no protection of other, equally suited agricultural land. This will also be appealed to the Growth Management Board.

Is this a 3-pronged challenge to the Growth Management Act that may be considered by its cumulative effects and increase fines for each action?

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