Today's work session included each small city and a representative for rural citizens, Jim Malinowski. We shared the alternative 4 proposal designed to restore more flexible options for rural lots that were downzoned in 1994. The proposal corrects the problem of the county designating over 1500 parcels smaller than 9.5 acres, as legally nonconforming, affecting 6,537 acres. It also proposes to allow smaller rural parcel sizes in areas bounded by adjacent smaller parcel sizes.

The proposal should be policed by March 3 and ready for our next work session. We then hope to schedule a rural community meeting at Hockinson High School where citizens can weigh in on this rural land proposal.
Because Clark County must comply with state law that limits our options, we are diligently choosing those options that maximize private property rights for citizens while ensuring that our proposals are legally defensible.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!

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Recognizing existing parcels — common sense:

Wednesday morning at 9 am, a work session will present a proposal designed to restore some private property rights to Clark County Rural citizens. The intent is to add alternative 4 to our Comprehensive Plan Update which includes correcting mismatches on our zoning map where it fails to recognize the rural lots that were already created.

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That portion of the plan does not create any new lots. Rather, it makes our map compatible with the already developed real world. Several other key corrections are proposed to restore more flexibility to landowners.

The specific Power Point presentation will be updated and presented in the morning to include the other features to help rural landowners. The changes are balanced to ensure that our proposed changes are legally defensible, comply with the state Growth Management Act, and recognize private property rights.

Thanks to Clark County Citizens United and to our staff including Peter Stillman for all the work invested to make this possible.

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