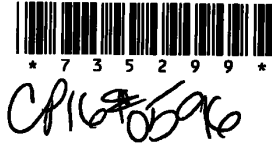


O'Donnell, Mary Beth

From: Orjiako, Oliver
Sent: Tuesday, March 31, 2015 10:44 AM
To: O'Donnell, Mary Beth
Cc: Cook, Christine
Subject: FW: FOCC: Today's official input
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FYI

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From: Sydney Reisbick [<mailto:reisbicks@comcast.net>]
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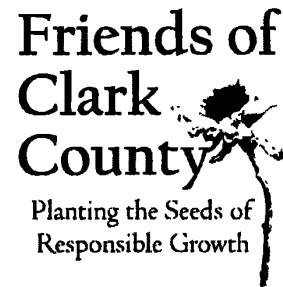
Good Morning:
Please forward to Chris Cooke as well.
Here is today's diatribe.

Sydney Reisbick
Friends of Clark County

PS: It seems to me (personal) that this Alternative 4 could interfere with acceptance of the ILB. Depending on how it is done and exactly what it is, some of us are in support of these potentially good, sustainable job possibilities.
Are you allowed an opinion about the possible effect(s) of Alternative 4 on the ILB?
Sydney

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Comment for the Record

"Alternative 4 is like driving without the driver's manual".

The GMA is the current law of Washington State

- It is necessary to know what that law is to make a Comprehensive Growth Management Plan.
- Acting as though the law does not exist because you disagree with it, is likely to cause problems for Clark County and additional costs to taxpayers.

An analogy could be driving without reading the driver's manual.

- What happens if you decide to drive without knowing all of the many "rules" of the road? Or you drive as if speed limits did not exist?

Tickets

Fines, fees and penalties from State, at some point increase in insurance costs

Becoming known to law enforcement as a repeated scoff law (increased fines, penalties)

Jail (withholding of several kinds of State funds)

Ignorance of the law is not an excuse.

** The Washington State Department of Commerce has a 3-hour short course seminar on the GMA and its parameters for planning (see bottom of letter).

- As we read it, only a Councilor can request them to come give it.

The GMA is the current law of Washington State. Don't we expect everyone to obey the law? Including our public officials?

- Asking Friends of Clark County to "negotiate" on any of these points of current state law is asking us to be accessory to breaking the law. We are simply unwilling to do that.
- The old saying is "If you don't like the law the way it's written, do the work to change the law." Meanwhile, Friends of Clark County implores the Councilors to follow the law as detailed in the GMA.

Sydney Reisbick, President
Friends of Clark County

The Short Course on Local Planning is an opportunity for elected officials, planning commission members, local government staff (clerks, administrators, attorneys), consultants, students, and community members to learn basic information about comprehensive planning and community development, the legal framework for land use planning, and public involvement in the planning process.

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