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Please consider the attached comments in support of Alternative Option 1 of the comprehensive plane.

Thank you.

Sue

April 13, 2015

Dear Clark County Council:

My family owns a 20 acre farm in Ridgefield, Washington. I support Comp Plan Option 1. as the option most protective of existing agricultural lands, forest lands and natural resources. Option 1. still provides plenty of opportunity for planned growth as projected there would be an estimated 7,000 new lots according to population projections.

Taking a more conservative approach to expansion of the growth boundary is advisable so that we can avoid the public risk of costly litigation as was the case last time the comp plan was revised. Learn from the past!

By contrast, Option 4. allows significant parcelization across the rural landscape. Creation of many 1 acre lots and the expansion of residential development in the rural community will undermine the future viability of agriculture in Clark County. It will increase conflicts between residents and agricultural operations. It will place a greater demand on our water resources with the drilling of multiple single family wells – not an efficient use of our limited water resources especially as we are facing hotter summers. Lack of water rights for irrigation right now is a limiting factor for agricultural expansion.

Option 4. is a giant step backward in sustainable planning for our future and places a huge burden on taxpayers who will pick up the check for the necessary infrastructure to support all those one acre parcels.

Thank you for your consideration and I urge you to adopt Alternative Option 1.

Sincerely,

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