

**David Madore**

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Today was a milestone day for rural Clark County:

All three Clark County Councilors unanimously approved moving our 20-year Comprehensive Plan forward including Alternative 4, which helps restore private property rights to rural landowners.

The State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA) requires us to consider a variety of options for the future of our community. Our proposal includes one "do nothing / no change" option (Alternative 1), one city plan (Alternative 3), one rural plan that provides a little more flexibility (Alternative 2), and Alternative 4, the correction to the 1994 massive down-zoning of rural properties.

Alternative 4 has proven to be the most important and most supported proposal for rural landowners. None of these alternatives are set in concrete; none are "all or nothing" or "take it or leave it" options. Rather, they provide broad proposals to be improved as we move forward and the final recipe will be a hybrid of these options.

The mayors from each city within Clark County testified against alternative 4 today because they want the parcels of land just outside of their Urban Growth Boundaries to be large to ensure that that large businesses can provide jobs and local employment in the future. We agree. The solution is not to oppose Alternative 4 county-wide, but to make it better with that provision.

I share three words of encouragement: "Make it better." As good neighbors working together, we can ensure that our community has ample affordable, useful, manageable, and highly productive land for our future. And we can do so with thoughtfulness and full compliance with state law.

To learn more, see:

[http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/documents/Alternative4\\_1.pdf](http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/documents/Alternative4_1.pdf)

And the April 14 Public Hearing entry of The Grid

<http://clark.wa.gov/thegrid/>

The intent of Clark County's growth plan is to accommodate economically healthy future growth with affordable manageable highly productive land throughout the county. We are on track to fulfill those goals.

Thank God! Yea Clark County!

## Alternative 4 Options to be Analyzed

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**Chuck Miller** Thank GOD for David Madore, yea Clark County!!!

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**Benjamin Ford** It is nice to see that you are not opposed to someone who has a good idea to change your plan. Too many times in politics it is either a take it or leave it approach, with both sides just fighting.

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**Donna J Andrews** At both open houses, Madore and the chief planner clearly said the Alternatives were not "all or nothing/either or" proposals, but after more comment & input from the town and cities and from individual citizens,

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the Councillors and planning staff could select portions from Alt 2, Alt3 and Alt 4.(it appears public comments are not favoring the 'make no changes' Alt 1.)

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