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Hello,

The attached written testimony was received from Carol Levanen during the public comment portion of the 7/21/15 BOCC hearing.

Thank you,
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Re: Alternative 4 and the EIS

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. is anxiously waiting for the Alternative 4 Environmental Impact Statement to arrive. We will be particularly looking for a good faith effort from the preparer that what the citizens have said is correctly reflected in the new document while reflecting the intent of the proposal. In addition, CCCU will be looking to see if the document will fulfill the many court orders that were handed down in response to the first GMA Comprehensive Plan, written in 1994. As it regards Superior Court Case # 96-2-00080-2 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Order, issued by Judge Edwin J. Poyfair, CCCU will notice if Clark County again violated public participation provisions by failing to solicit meaningful public input in this update. Attention will be given to any violations to the State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA), RCW Ch. 43.21C. In the Rural Lands Density, CCCU will note if the County's rural and resource development regulations are inconsistent with the GMA. Careful attention will be given to the planning goal that requires a variety of residential densities and housing types in the rural area, which the Community Framework Plan met by identifying pre-existing small development patterns in rural areas. Notations will be made to see that Clark County does not use the OFM projections as a cap on rural development. CCCU will want full assurance that the county will not use an unauthorized formula to the review of the Clark County Comprehensive Plan's land use densities. And lastly, that Clark County accepts the realities of existing rural development that is already in place.

There has been much mis-information relayed to the councilors, cities and the citizens regarding Alternative 4. Many people have jumped to conclusions with such information being used as a basis for their bias. Rural landowners deserve and should be getting more than what Alternative 4 will be delivering, but it will start the councilors and the county going down the right path toward a robust economy. The promises that other commissioners made about creating such a document, were just that, empty promises. But, now, there is reason to believe that the current councilors will see the important long term economic values of Alternative 4. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. asks the Councilors to choose it as a correct and complete document that fulfills the needs of the rural community, enhances the urban communities and complies with all of the mandated Court Orders, that have been ignored by the Hearings Board and Clark County for over twenty years.

Sincerely,

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