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The Reflector – providing great county news coverage:

JC Cortez, a new county news reporter, has joined the staff at our local official newspaper of record, The Reflector. This story covers a community meeting at the La Center Grange last Thursday evening.

Rural citizens’ private property rights are being restored by Alternative 4, the county plan to provide flexible options and opportunities for landowners. For 20 years, rural landowners have suffered under a fatally flawed zoning map that defined the vast majority of rural properties as “nonconforming”.

The state’s Growth Management Act (GMA) requires counties, every 7 years, to ensure that communities have sufficient land available to accommodate foreseeable growth for the next 20 years. But in 1994, Clark County failed to do so. Instead, the GMA was used as an anti-growth political tool against rural landowners to force a high density agenda inside the Urban Growth Boundary.

County government is not supposed to be about politics. County commissioners are instead, to serve as problem solvers for home base. We get our marching orders from the citizens that we are to faithfully represent. We are to serve in ways that are forthright, honest, open, transparent, and practical.

It’s your land. Those private property rights belong to you, not government. Our job is to ensure that you have the freedom to do as you wish with your property as long as you do not harm your neighbors. When in doubt, refer to our owner’s manual:

“All political power is inherent in the people, and governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and are established to protect and maintain individual rights” – Washington State Constitution, Article 1, Section 1, 1st sentence. http://leg.wa.gov/.../Documen.../12-2010-WAStateConstitution.PDF

Growth Plan meeting breeds discussion, dialogue

LA CENTER - Clark County residents engaged in lively yet amicable debate during an informational meeting over the Alternative 4 option to the county’s Comprehensive Growth Management Plan Thursday evening at the La Center...
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David Wheeler: It's what liberals do. They want everybody crammed into "inner-city" environs as it's easier to control the "masses" that way. Private property rights? HaHaHa! THAT is the first thing to go in a socialist society! Why do you think that the CPoFA went into the environmental movement? Keep up the good work David!
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Bill Kinkade: Thank you for your continuing efforts to restore property rights to the rural property owners of Clark county
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