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Hello, my name is Tom York. My wife, my son, and I live on a twenty-acre piece of property just north of Daybreak county park. We think that the only alternative for growth that makes any sense is alternative 1. The reason for this thinking is 1) splitting north Clark county into small pieces would ruin what myself and many others call "Rural Life". If it were all split up, it wouldn't be rural anymore. It would be a traffic jam. I already get that in town. It is nice to go home away from traffic jams. Who is going to pay for the huge road improvements needed to do all that development? Heck, I live right up the street from Tom Mielke, and we don't even have lines on that county road. I guess infrastructure isn't on the councilors agenda. 2) what about farms in north Clark county? My property, for example, would be split up whether I want it to be or not. Therefore, creating more taxes for my family and myself. I have worked in the construction industry my entire life. I have seen Clark county turn into a comfortable relaxing area into an unplanned sprawling developers playground. This kind of pattern will just create a million tiny lots with millions of cars everywhere. Oh, and of course, everybody going to Portland for a job. Everybody who lives here knows that there isn't any family wage earning jobs in Clark county. Farms, especially vineyards, are starting here in Clark county all over the place. Do you really think a 1-acre vineyard will ever make much wine? What you are proposing is totally thought out for a very few people. I can think of two in particular: Mrs. Rasmussen and Mrs. Levanan. Alternative four is totally unsustainable for farmers. How about all the septic systems that will be needed for alternative four? A lot of north Clark county is very flat and does not perk due to high clay in the soil. How is that going to work? Community drainfields? Guess what, I live right next to a community drainfield and it floods my property every winter illegally. The county somehow made that legal however. I guess I could go on and on with so many issues that Clark county will run into by following any alternative other than 1, but I think the county officials are smart enough to figure that out for themselves. I hope that the current councilors read this and go with alternative 1 because it is the only one that makes any sense. Tom York