Just FYI. Kathy for our index record. Thanks.
Oliver

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Subject: Growing Healthier Executive Report - For the Public Record and Planning Commissioner review

Dear Councilors and Commissioners,

CCCU has uncovered a trail of land use policies intended for the Comprehensive Plan, under the guise of healthy living. The Food Systems Council Forum was just one of those underhanded ways to convince people that landowners must preserve their land and recombine it, for the sake of healthy living. Staff is continuously trying to incorporate that language in the Comprehensive Plan, so that regulation can be created to add to the layer of control the county has on rural and resource landowners and their lives. If you would visit Yacolt, Amboy and Hockinson schools, you will see very healthy, active and happy young children. This is in part because they live a rural life that incorporates outside activities and exercise that keeps them physically fit. In addition, they also have responsibilities to the land that incorporates good work ethics and a desire to be active. Artificial means of attempting to make people healthy don’t work for very long, because there is no reward for their efforts. Rural children take care of their animals in a therapeutic and financial way. They work the ground for the same reason. They see the rewards of that work, day in and day out. They understand a responsibility to the welfare of their families and it is expected of them at a very early age. They can do all of the things that keep them healthy because they have living space that is conducive to that lifestyle. That is why one often hears people say they would love to buy a few acres in the country to plant a garden, have a few animals and raise their families. This is the ideal life, in many peoples minds. Forcing people close together and preventing them from realizing their dreams, stymies their desire to be healthy, both physical and mental health. They have no real reason to be healthy, because they are not doing anything that requires it. There’s an old saying, “You can lead a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink” All the “healthy” policies that are proposed for the county will simply go by the wayside. For people to want to be healthy, they have to have a thirst for something. Rural living satisfies that thirst and encourages people to remain healthy so they are able to enjoy it. Alternative 4 is the only healthy alternative in the Comprehensive Plan and CCCU urges the Councilors to support it as the chosen document to move on into the final planning stage.

Sincerely,

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