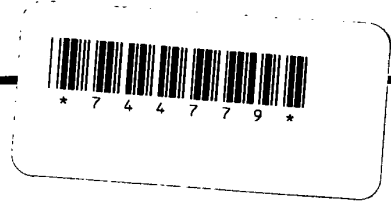


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To meet the June 16, 2016 required update of our 2007 Growth Management Plan I support the adoption of Alternate #1.

Alternates 2 and 3 do not adequately address the community costs and lifestyle impacts that will result from encouraging urban sprawl. In particular, will our limited water supply and the increased value of rural land spell the end to nearby small farms? What are the financial costs to all county citizens to support all the infrastructure extensions that will be required? Will we be dooming ourselves to remembering how easy and delightful it was to drive from an urban area and feel that you were out in the country?

We have professional staff people at the County who must be allowed the time and resources to be able to present this community with a realistic assessment of the benefits and costs of revising a carefully constructed growth management plan. The requirement for the 2016 update of the plan is intended to guarantee that we assess the Growth Management Plan periodically. It is not a mandate to increase the planned rate of growth for the County. If Alternate #1 is adopted the staff will be able to carefully consider future options and present them to us. It will give the citizens of the County the time and facts to help make judgements about growth management for our community.

Alternate #4 seems to have been generated by a small special interest group, without input or involvement from Clark County staff. Adoption of this alternate would reward this group with an immediate financial windfall, without requiring them to dilute their profits by absorbing the enormous future costs of the new infrastructure that subdividing rural farm land into 5 acre home sites will require. The fact that this alternate can be considered under such self-serving circumstances is a community embarrassment.

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