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Orjiako, Oliver

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 2:58 PM

**To:** Euler, Gordon; Alvarez, Jose; Anderson, Colete

**Cc:** Schroader, Kathy

**Subject:** FW: Final comment on DSEIS and other issues

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FYI and for the record. Thanks.

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From: Sydney Reisbick [mailto:reisbicks@comcast.net]

Sent: Thursday, September 17, 2015 2:57 PM

To: Orjiako, Oliver

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Mr Ojiako:

Please accept my comments for the record re the DSEIS and GMA process.

Thank you, Sydney Reisbick Board of County Commissioners Clark County Planning Commission Community Planning Staff c/o Oliver Orjiako, Community Planning 1300 Franklin St Vancouver, WA 98660 Sydney Reisbick PO Box 339 Ridgefield, WA 98642

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It is very expensive to build the capital facilities that will be needed by any Final Alternative. We are way behind in building those necessary for the growth projected in Alternative 1. The estimated cost of capital facilities for growth in the Alternative (See 2007 Capital facilities Plan) was between \$900 million and one billion dollars. We, the taxpayers, ratepayers, and bond interest-payers, will pay for much of this construction and mediation. We deserve a serious estimation of the cost of these alternatives.

Further costs will come from submitting an alternative that is not congruent with the goals of the state Growth Management Act.

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Alternative 1 is congruent (in compliance not concurrent) with the goals of the Growth Management Act.

There is no court case with which it is not concurrent (in compliance not concurrent)

There is no GMA case with which it is not concurrent (in compliance not concurrent). (See David McDonald for FOCC).

Alternative 1 is not "no growth". It is growth adequate for expected population growth **that we can afford**. There are sufficient rural **(delete rural)** parcels in both the urban and the rural areas. There are more than enough parcels in the rural area to support a 10/90% urban rural population split.

Alternative 1 has a full EIS and a Capital Facilities Plan and is not clear whether the County's current CFP meets GMA concurrency requirements, much less is funded to complete the mandated projects.

If the Final Alternative proposes growth greater than that in Alternative 1, especially in the rural areas, and especially with countywide changes in zoning and minimum lot sizes, both a full EIS and a new CFP must be done.

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FYI. Look like an update comment. Thanks.

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It is below this line.

Begin forwarded message:

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