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Liz Pike going to bat for rural citizens' private property rights:

This evening, at the Dollars Corner Fire Station in Battle Ground, Clark County citizens shared their input on the Growth Management Act (the GMA) in a town hall meeting arranged by State Representative Liz Pike.

Liz Pike is leading the charge to address the harmful effects of the GMA that has never been reviewed by the legislature since it was adopted in 1990. As a member of the Local Government Committee, she also invited citizens to join her next week to be heard in Olympia.

The GMA has included harmful effects on our community by stripping rural citizens and their representatives of local control and private property rights. Liz Pike provided citizens with a pamphlet pointing out some of the problems that need to be corrected and listened as many citizens took turns telling their stories that demonstrated the obvious problems with the GMA.

Her 2 acre organic farm is a model of locally grown healthy food including produce and small animals. Since the GMA has been implemented in Clark County, the ability to create such farms have been zoned out of existence.

Rural citizens have strongly supported Alternative 4 to restore more flexible options while anti-growth forces claim that the GMA makes such options illegal.

"In many cases, by restricting land use in our rural communities, GMA has caused increased traffic congestion on our highways and has had a profoundly negative effect on rural employment opportunities." - State Rep. Liz Pike

To learn more, see Liz Pike's news release:<http://houserepublicans.wa.gov/.../pike-gma-sepa-town-hall-m.../>

Congratulations to Liz Pike for going to bat for rural Clark County citizens by tackling GMA reform.



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**Margaret Tweet** Tragic to hear of rural families who can't use their own land for homes for their children and grandchildren because of Clark County's highly restrictive rules in many cases. These harsh rules are breaking up families who would prefer to live close to care for each other, and because they could then afford to build their own home and garden. Other large families would like to move to a larger lot, raise food and kids in a rural setting, but not enough smaller lots to do so. For more info see <https://www.facebook.com/Clark-County-Citizens.../timeline/>



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**Sharon Long** So like Liz to see a problem people have and take it on as a personal battle. She loves to correct a wrong and we are lucky to have her fighting for us.

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