



Subject: Comments
Preferred Alternative for the 2016 Comprehensive Growth Management Plan
Update

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Please add my comments to the record.

My name is Val Alexander and I have lived in rural Clark County for 50 years and have operated an organic farm for over 20 years. I have reviewed the WRIA documents and comments that have been placed in the record and oppose the creation of any additional lots in the rural area as the domestic water supply is currently over allocated. I also have had a well fail on my property at the same time that others were drilling wells near my land.

I also am a board member of FOCC and support all of the substantive comments, facts and legal analysis that have been placed in the record by our members and our attorney, Mr. McDonald.

Today, I would just like to emphasize the following:

A clear majority of the Planning Commission recommends against the upzoning of any property in the rural area by votes of 5-1 and 4-2.

A clear majority of the Planning Commission believe that the expansions proposed under Alternatives #2, #3 and #4 are not fiscally sustainable and that the County cannot afford the development which would be allowed under alternatives 2,3,and 4.

The Cities of Camas, La Center, Ridgefield, Washougal, and Battleground oppose the upzoning in the rural area proposed in Alternatives #2 and #4;

I suspect that if you ask the Community Planning Department and Legal Counsel to speak candidly and openly, they would oppose the upzoning in the rural area proposed in Alternatives #2 and #4.

All four candidates for the two new council positions and the chair and have actively campaigned for them, all oppose upzoning in the rural area proposed in Alternatives #2 and #4.

Your financial advisors have advised against your proposal to remove the 2% increase in property taxes because it is not financially sustainable for the County;

The 2007 Capital Facilities Plan is a skeleton of its former self, having over 500 million dollars of projects presumably necessary to sustain the population numbers which are now in Alternative #1.

Councilor Madore, you are not a planner and have no known background in planning yet you insist on bypassing the paid and trained staff to create both alternative #4 or whatever combination you are about to promote. You continually violate the public trust by meeting out of the public light with CCCU members to plot and plan—This is your version of transparency?

You seem to be blind to this huge majority of stakeholders, elected officials, planners, legal staff, and councilor candidates who all oppose the up zoning in the rural area set forth in Alternatives #2 and #4. Rather you are only listening to a small group of land developers who have bought up properties, logged them, and subdivided the rural and resource areas for their own personal wealth. By following the wishes of the vocal few, you are either going to place huge tax burdens on the majority of the county's taxpayers or the county will simply not be able to put the required services in place to serve the explosive growth your plan will allow to occur in the rural area. If that happens, then when your anecdotal grandma calls 911 to get help when she falls and breaks her hip, she will get a voicemail loop because that is all the County will be able to afford.

Schroader, Kathy

From: Tilton, Rebecca
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Hello,

Here are your copies of written testimony submitted during the Oct. 20 Comp Plan hearing. There's also one from Carol Levanen that was submitted on Oct. 27 during general public comment.

Also, I've mailed a packet of information to Cindy Holley (sign-in sheets, written testimony, maps, etc.).

Thanks and have a great day. :)

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