FYI and for the record. Thanks

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For the public record of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Update

Dear Councilors,

The Buildable Lands Study, as written in the draft SEIS, is eye-opening. It is eye-opening not because it blatantly appears to prove that developable land is plentiful in Clark County, but because it reveals just how fragile the process is to support that finding.

This fragility discloses that the foundation, underlying most of the findings, is subject to manipulation. I’m guessing this has been on-going over 20 years in order to further enable dominance and advance the agendas of the cities....all while discretely diminishing rural concerns, and degrading rural culture for generations to come.

It isn’t clear if flawed policies and processes had the blessing of previous Boards, or if previous Boards were unaware of the inaccuracies. Please recall that CCCU has been unable to successfully find any evidence of historical oversight of the work of the planners. This lack of oversight is unfortunate and undoubtedly has contributed to the flawed policies, and processes establishing strong footholds. It was used in the first EIS for the 1994 plan and rolled over into subsequent updates with mere additions of supplemented EIS’s. It now has become ingrained in how the county planners, along with their partners the cities, conduct the business of crafting County Comprehensive Plans. Shame on them.

Unfortunately, this sitting Board of County Councilors has inherited this mess. This plan is now under your competent guiding hands to correct errant policies and faulty data. This Board of County Councilors is creating history.

It isn’t entirely clear if the inaccuracies were intentionally woven throughout the County’s Comprehensive Plan to perpetuate advantages for the cities. However, one thing is very evident. Without fail, the inaccuracies demonstrate to disadvantage the concerns of the rural communities.
I appreciate your time and considerations,
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