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for the public record of the 2016 Clark County Comprehensive Plan update

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Dear Councilors,

The process of the 2016 update of the county's Comprehensive Plan allows for multiple opportunities for the technicians and the elected officials to adjust the numbers to arrive at the correct result. At the same time, it allows for challenges to the assumptions and decisions to be honed and corrected for accuracy and consistency...per GMA mandates.

The statistics should be subject to expert scrutiny. Some jurisdictions employ outside consultants to second-guess projections of local planning staff...to prove the numbers..."scrub the data." They have found this to be necessary in the process of their plans because, ***"jurisdictions competing for land, jobs, tax revenues and housing can easily torture the data to better advance their positions."*** (Puget Sound Regional Council) In Clark County, the use of the urban reserve and holding overlays imposed on landowners over 20 years is a prime example of local jurisdictions abusing their powers and exploiting the rural communities of Clark County.

Thus, there is a need to check calculations to ensure one jurisdiction does not weave in opportunities to dominate the process and cause the demise of other communities. It may be impractical and politically unpopular to examine and verify all data put into the draft SEIS, however, the methodologies used should be scrutinized.

It is quite possible that staff have tried their best to make logical judgments and reasonable assumptions. They have provided somewhat supportable numbers for the alternative plans using

skewed methodologies. However, once inaccuracies are exposed to exist and are discussed, there is responsibility to rise to the occasion and correct the inconsistencies. If your most essential tool in your tool box is dull, the important work of responsible oversight by the BOCC is otherwise handicapped.

Best Regards,
Susan Rasmussen for
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