November 17, 2015

Clark County Board of Councilors,
P.O. Box 5000
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Dear Councilors,

At the recent Open House at the Hockinson High School on November 16, 2015, it was noted that a woman was passing out a Clark County document that looked quite official. But, a closer look at it showed that it was an official paper that had been reduced in size for printing and contained numerous red-lined areas within the text. The document was the same as the one presented at the meeting, but contained changes. When asked where it came from, the lady said it came from the Gnd and that it was an appropriate paper to distribute. When told that the only official one was the one being presented to the public that night, and she disagreed. She said the councilors did not decide what information was to be distributed and the one she had was more accurate. CCCU disagreed with her and said the only correct one was the one handed out to the attendees. She had a pack of her documents that she was handing out to the people, telling him it was another consideration. It was later determined that she represented Friends of Clark County. When CCCU looked on the Gnd, that information could not be found. It was not the original red-line document that was presented at the 11-9-15 work session. Where did her information come from and who created it?

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. understands that using factual and appropriate information regarding analysis for the next twenty years of growth and then applying it to a map, that could demonstrate the correct answer to the equation, is not only prudent, but it is the right thing to do. Clark County must plan reality. CCCU believes that Councilor Madore has simply recognized that fact, and asked GIS staff to plug the information in the system to see what it would look like. The result was that Alternative 4 fits perfectly into the picture and demonstrate that this alternative would be most appropriate for planning the twenty year future. These are not his numbers, but they are the system’s number, which have never been used to plan before. RCW 36.70A.215 states that this type of evaluation must be done on a yearly basis by all counties, and those records used as a basis for all changes to any Comprehensive Plan. It also says that when there are discrepancies in the calculations, adjustments can be made, without affecting the urban comprehensive plans. Such adjustments are certainly necessary now, and Alternative 4 is the easiest way to do that.

Sincerely,

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RCW attachments
clarifies language of a proposed ordinance or resolution without changing its effect;

36.70A 050 Guidelines to classify ag, forest, and mineral lands and critical areas. (1) ...The department shall consult with the department of agriculture regarding guidelines for agriculture lands, the dept. of natural resources regarding forest lands, the mineral resource lands, and the dept. of ecology regarding critical areas. (2)...The dept. shall consult with interested parties (e) representatives of owners of agricultural lands, forest lands, and mining lands (3) The guidelines...shall be minimum guidelines that apply to all jurisdictions, but also shall allow for regional differences that exist in Washington State.

36.70A.177 Agricultural lands—Innovative zoning techniques (1) A county...may use a variety of innovative zoning techniques in areas designated as ag. lands of long-term commercial significance under RCW 36.70A 170 (b) Cluster zoning...

36 70A.190 Technical assistance, procedural criteria, grants, and mediation services (4)(b) ...These criteria shall reflect regional and local variations and the diversity that exists among different counties and cities that plan under this chapter.

36.70A 215 Review and Evaluation Program (1)(a) Determine whether a county and its cities are achieving ....objectives contained in the countywide planning policies and the county and city comprehensive plans with actual growth and development that has occurred in the county and its cities; and (b) Identify reasonable measures, other than adjusting urban growth areas, that will be taken to comply with the requirements of this chapter. (2) The review and evaluation program shall; (a)...land uses and activities both within and outside of urban growth areas, and provide for annual collection of data on urban and rural land uses, development.... to the extent necessary to determine the quantity and type of land suitable for development, both for residential and employment-based activities; (b) Provide for evaluation of the data collected under (a) of this subsection as provided in subsection (3) of this section. The evaluation shall be completed no later than one year prior to the deadline for review and, if necessary, update of comprehensive plans and development regulations as required by RCW 36.70A.130... (c) Provide for methods to resolve disputes among jurisdictions relating to the countywide planning policies required by this section and procedures to resolve inconsistencies in collection and analysis of data; and (d) Provide for the amendment of the countywide polices and county and city comprehensive plans as needed to remedy an inconsistency identified through the evaluation required by this section, or to bring these policies into compliance...
with the requirements of this chapter.
(3) this section shall
(a) Determine whether there is sufficient suitable land to accommodate the county-wide population projection...and the subsequent population allocations within the county...
(b) Determine the actual density of housing that has been constructed ...since the last periodic evaluation as required...
(c) Based on the actual density of development as determined...review...housing needs by type and density range to determine the amount of land needed for... housing ...
(4) If the evaluation required by subsection (3) of this section demonstrates an inconsistency between what has occurred since the adoption of the countywide planning policies and the county and city comprehensive plans...and what has envisioned in those policies and plans and the planning goals and the requirements of this chapter, as the inconsistency relates to the evaluation factors...(3) of this section, the county...shall adopt and implement measures that are reasonably likely to increase consistency during the subsequent five-year period. If necessary...a county...shall adopt amendments to countywide planning policies to increase consistency. The county...shall annually monitor the measures adopted under this subsection to determine their effect and may revise or rescind them as appropriate.

43.21C.090 Decision of government agency to be accorded substantial weight

43.21C.095 SEPA accorded substantial deference

43.21C.110 Content of SEPA rules
(1)...The proposed rules shall be subject to full public hearings requirements associated rule adoption...
(1)(b) Rules for criteria and procedures applicable to the determination of when an act of a branch of government is a major action significantly affecting the quality of the environment for which a detailed statement is required to be prepared pursuant to RCW 43 21C 030
(1)(c) Rules and procedures applicable to the preparation of detailed statements and other environmental documents, including...rules for timing of environmental review, obtaining comments, data and other information, and providing for and determining areas of public participation which shall include the scope and review of draft environmental impact statements.
(1)(d) Scope of coverage and contents of detailed statements assuring that such statements are simple, uniform, and as short as practicable; statements are required to analyze only reasonable alternatives and probable adverse environmental impacts which are significant, and may analyze beneficial impacts.
(1)(h) Methods to assure adequate public awareness of the preparation and
Hello,

Attached here for your records are comments re. the Comp Plan Update, received at the board’s hearings of 11-10 & 11-17 during the public comment portion of the agenda.

Thank you!

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