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Greetings,

Our family owns 55 acres of agriculture land in Clark County, and even though the thought of zoning from 20 to 10 acres is attractive (especially for three brothers), it would defeat the purpose of the land. Agriculture not only provides us with food, it provides habitat for vanishing wildlife, it provides a much needed escape from traffic jams, and the busy lifestyle of city living (Who doesn't like a drive or bike ride in the country?) Agriculture also provides agro-tourism, which give everyone the ability to sample a taste of nature, and provides tourism to Clark County (Have you ever tried to find parking at BiZi farms on a sunny October day?)

We all seen urban sprawl, and even though I believe it is necessary for cities to grow, I am concerned about the plans for north county. There is already plans for a casino on I-5 near La Center (another huge electronic billboard), and plans for commercial development on I-5 in Ridgefield. Growth is inevitable, but can we plan to have some trees and open space between the miles and miles of progress?

What we do today in our planning is critical for future generations. I hope and pray quality of life, and not just economic development will be in the hearts of council, and the planning commission.

I urge you to consider Alternative 1 for adoption.

Thank you for your time,

Deborah Folkerts