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Following comments were submitted online:

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Comments

Honorable County Council Members:

We are against the newest Alternative and the new assumptions proposed because they do not represent the democratic process. We support Alternative 1 with changes recommended by the affected school and city governments and their urban services.

When you receive and consider input from the public it is essential, as representatives for all citizens of Clark County, that you consider the motivations and goals of the sources. These basic groups consist of

1. Those whose goals are personal or primarily to make money and who have no stake in the impact of the changes. Many put continual pressure for allowing more rural division because they are paid or will profit from doing so.
2. Those landowners involved who may or may not be allowed to subdivide and sell or build on new lots. Some believe they have a right to do whatever they want with their land, without consideration for the impact on neighbors, other county residents, and upon the region's environment and economics.
3. Citizens who care about the growth of their community and how that growth affects everyone.
4. Public and governmental groups who are obligated to represent all citizens and use tax monies prudently to provide required services.

It is important that all critique and decisions regarding the new plan take into consideration each and every citizen, as well as the community at large.

The number of rural subdivisions and their locations should foster necessary growth -- but remember -- growth in and of itself is a personal value and not one shared by all as positive. When agricultural, forest, and other rural parcels are unduly divided, it does affect other people in the county as well as it affects the land, water, plants, and animals there.

Those citizens will be required to subsidize that growth by increased and expensive infrastructure: roads and traffic, fire and medical services, schools, sewage and water runoff, water usage, loss of local farm produce and more.

Increased rural development and subdivisions often increase taxes for established homeowners, many of whom are retired or elderly on limited incomes.

Our community needs more housing, but the need is primarily for urban housing, not rural McMansions on large lots. Folks who purchased rural farms do not have the right to expect that the community will subsidize and suffer from the significant alteration of that land and the surrounding community

Please don't be pressured or manipulated by those with selfish or political vs public interests. Be diligent and respectful of preserving the democratic process and the intentions of the Growth Management Act. We've already paid for litigation due to poor decisions in the past by County Commissioners. Allow us to respect you and to feel proud of Clark County by making your future decisions wise and moral ones. Thank you for your assiduous consideration of all of Clark County voices.

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