FYI and for the record Thanks

From: David McDonald [mailto:david@mcdonaldpc.com]
Sent: Monday, November 23, 2015 9:38 AM
To: Cook, Christine
Cc: Orjiako, Oliver
Subject: Comprehensive Plan Update

Chris,

Attached please find a letter that I delivered to Councilor Stewart this morning. I hand delivered the letter, along with the materials, and it is my understanding they will be distributed to all Councilors. All of the materials are already in the record from the PC hearing. After I hand delivered the letter, two typos were pointed out to me. I have corrected the letter and it is attached along with a letter to Ms. Clark asking her to give the corrected letter to the Councilors.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Best Regards,

David
November 23, 2015

Jennifer Clark
Public Services Building
6th Floor
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, Washington 98660

Via Hand Delivery (CORRECTED)

Dear Ms. Clark:

After I dropped the letter off this morning, two typos were pointed out to me. In the event the other letter has been distributed, please distribute this corrected letter (corrections in bold). My apologies for any inconvenience.

Thanks very much,

David T. McDonald
On Behalf of Friends of Clark County

CC: Christine Cook (w/o enc)
    Dr. Oliver Orjiako (w/o enc)
November 23, 2015

Councilor Jeanne Stewart
Board of County Councilors
Public Services Building
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1300 Franklin Street
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Via Hand Delivery (CORRECTED)

Dear Councilor Stewart:

Enclosed please find a notebook that contains the comments that I have filed on behalf of Friends of Clark County, along with some comments filed by our individual members, since I was able to view a version of Councilor Madore's Alternative 5 on November 5, 2015. I have also enclosed two staff "redline" documents of Councilor Madore's November 3 and November 4 versions of his proposal. It should be noted that these staff comments were not provided to the public at the Open Houses and, according to a plethora of e-mails that are now posted public records, Councilor Madore directed staff to support only his proposal B column. Although I, and many members of the public, have had no doubt since March that Councilor Madore would not be dissuaded from forcing through his Alternative (originally Alternative #4 and now Alternative #5/Column B) by any comment, any public testimony, any adverse SEPA analysis and/or any Planning Commission recommendation, FOCC still strongly believes that we have to be a part of the public process.

After seeing the documents that were just posted on the Grid this weekend for your Public Hearing scheduled for the Comprehensive Plan update, it is clear that the passage of Councilor Madore's proposal is a fait accompli. However, we wish to provide you with our comments in the event that they may assist you in asking questions of staff during the course of the hearing.

From a public process perspective, this has been one of the worst I have experienced in my almost 30 years of being involved in land use issues in this county. It is insulting to the public for the County to allow a two year process that involved 1000s of hours of public input, multiple resolutions, many open houses and input from staff to be scrapped in favor of one man's creation that has no factual basis to support it.
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Councilor Madore has shown complete disregard for the two 5-1 votes of the Planning Commission that rejected Alternative’s #4 and #5. His ignoring those votes, combined with his abject failure to have his proposal address any of his proposals failings that were identified by staff, the Planning Commission and the public, show his zeal in passing his proposal no matter if it has no basis in fact or law.

Also, I would like to point out that after reviewing a plethora of e-mails these weekend that were obtained through a public records request for contact between Councilor Madore and staff, Councilor Madore continually and consistently states that he is speaking for the BOCC (lots of “we”). However, on most, if not all, it does not appear that you were being copied on those e-mails. I do not know if you have been provided them or not but I thought you should be aware that Mr. Madore is continually telling staff he is speaking for the Board.

Despite the inevitable outcome set for Tuesday, I would encourage you to read the staff report from the Planning Commission and especially watch the presentation by staff and their responses to the questions of the Planning Commission members. It is clear from staff’s presentation, even with the extremely limited time that staff had to evaluate Councilor Madore’s assumptions, that not only is there no support for the accuracies of the assumptions but staff’s report and presentation shows that the evidence shows that the assumptions are wrong. Therefore, I would encourage you to ask staff many questions about each and every assumption in the Councilor’s proposal and allow them to speak openly and honestly without fear of reprisal.

We appreciate your work and the value you place on the sound public process that promotes good government.

Thanks very much,

David T. McDonald
On Behalf of Friends of Clark County

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   Dr. Oliver Otjiako (w/o enc)