FYI and for the record. Thanks

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Subject: Testimony for the record of public hearing 11.24.15 re GMA LPA

Please find attached my testimony for the record regarding the proposal to adopt Resolution No 2015-11-__

Thank you,

Heather Tischbein
November 24, 2015

To: Clark County Councilors Stewart, Mielke and Madore
    Oliver Orjiaka, Gordy Euler; Mark McCauley

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From: Heather Tischbein

Subject: Testimony for the record re Proposed Resolution No. 2015-11-__ to amend
          Resolution 2105-04-05

Councilors and Staff,

It is with a heavy heart and an agitated nervous system that I protest proposed Resolution
No. 2015-11-__ to amend Resolution 2105-04-05. I do so on the basis that all five of the
“Whereas…” declarations are specious statements, most, if not all of which have been in
dispute since October 20, 2015, when Councilor Madore undertook his last minute crusade to impose his values, beliefs and opinions on all the rest of us, under the guise of
faithfully serving citizens, transparency and doing due diligence.

As a citizen who has borne witness to all the public proceedings from October 20 to
today, I have the following concerns about the factual accuracy of the Whereas
statements put forward as the rationale and foundation of this resolution

- Given the volume of material in the record, I question whether or not all three
councilors have actually “considered all the written and oral arguments and
testimony, and considered all comments presented to the Board” To be assured
of the factual basis for this “Whereas” declaration, I request that the definition of
“considered” be made public and that all three councilors state for the record in
this hearing that they have, in fact, “considered” all the material in the record,
especially those materials that were posted to the grid on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015,
just one working day prior to this hearing.

- It is the public record that the last time the Board considered and adopted
planning assumptions by resolution was April 4, 2015. We know those planning
assumptions are the legal basis of the four alternatives evaluated by the DSIES
that was twice deliberated by the Planning Commission. As the council is well
aware, both times the Planning Commission voted to reject Alternative 4 (and its
many iterations) in its recommendations to the Council for a locally preferred
alternative. It remains to be officially, legally determined whether or not the
planning assumptions proposed here today are significantly enough different from
the planning assumptions adopted by resolution in April as to require an new
DSEIS to be done  Others have testified to this problem  Many are not convinced that these recently proposed planning assumptions, designed solely by Councilor Madore, in what some consider to be a breach of the transparency commitment the council often asserts, will throw the entire GMA process into a do-over circumstance

- Whether or not the materials presented here today and the deliberative processes undertaken since October 20, 2015 have “served to define, correct, refine and optimize the draft assumptions and plans” and represent “improvements to mitigate identified concerns” is the on-going matter of debate and disagreement in this matter. As a witness to these proceedings, it is my testimony that I have seen, heard, and read significant diversity of opinion in this matter by citizens, the cities and planning staff. To codify the assertion in “Whereas” statement number four is an affront to the Public and a disservice to We The People, whom you regularly claim to faithfully serve.

We are aware that as long as there is a majority of just two councilors voting to adopt this resolution, that those two will have the power, for now, to force their wishes on all of us in this vacuum of appropriately vetted and verified “facts” that has been created since October 20, 2015. Many of us are all also aware that even if this resolution is adopted today, that this deliberation is not over. If it is your sincerest desire as a council to subject the citizens of this county to another costly and lengthy legal dispute, I am fairly sure you are well on your way to having your desire realized.

I commend Councilor Stewart for calling out in no uncertain terms a few weeks ago that what we are witnessing in these proceedings is a shameful hijacking of the GMA process