January 5, 2016

For the Public Record and the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update

Clark County Board of Councilors
P O. Box 5000
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Dear Councilors,

It has come to the attention of Clark County Citizens United, Inc. that the resolution scheduled for the January 5, 2016 Councilor hearing, that rescinds resolutions adopted on December 22, 2015, was created prior to the December 22 adoptions. It was on the Grid on December 23, 2015 and would have been composed prior to that date. It would have been illegal for Councilor Olson and Councilor Boldt to have authored or authorized such a document for distribution, as they did not take office or authority until January 1, 2016. Therefore, one of the other standing councilors would have been responsible for the creation of the January 5, 2016 resolution, in advance. If staff was responsible for the January 5 resolution, that also would be illegal, as they are advisory only and are not the legal administrative body to make such decisions under the GMA.

The resolutions adopted on December 22, 2015 are the people’s resolutions and come from a formal vote of the people. It is legally and morally appropriate for these resolutions to be adopted by the Council. In fact, they are long overdue, with dates going back to 2013 and 2014. The voters decided what policies they wanted in place, and all of the councilors should be expected to support that decision, whether they agree or not. Councilors Mielke and Madore were simply the messengers, doing the people’s work as elected representatives, while they did their housekeeping at the end of the year. The rest of the council should thank them for their due diligence, be supportive of their efforts, and be glad that the work was done. The voters have chosen, what they believed to be conservative Republican leaders, but that is not what happened. The people have spoken on a number of items and the council cannot pick and choose, but must support all.

CCCUI, Inc. ask the Councilors to support the December 22, 2015 adopted resolutions and reject the January 5, 2016 resolution to rescind. The January 5, 2016 resolution to rescind could be revised to allow the public more consideration of the documents by councilors by reviewing each one at a subsequent hearing, as might be necessary. The people clearly said they don’t want business as usual, and staff should not be in charge, as in the past.

Sincerely,

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Sent: Thursday, January 07, 2016 3 22 PM
To: Orjiako, Oliver, Schroader, Kathy
Subject: RE Comp Plan Comments from 01/05/16 (Levanen)
Attachments: Levanen_Carol_01-05-16 Comp Plan Comments_No 2 pdf, Levanen_Carol_01-05-16 Comp Plan Comments.pdf

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Oops!
Here are the documents. )
Thanks for letting me know, Kathy

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From: Tilton, Rebecca
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To: Orjiako, Oliver, Schroader, Kathy
Subject: Comp Plan Comments from 01/05/16 (Levanen)

Hello,

Attached are 2 separate letters received from Carol Levanen on Jan 5, 2016, for the record

Thanks,
Rebecca

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