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Each and every Washington county is an original. Shaped by unique historical influences that make it who we are today. CCCU thinks those differences should be recognized and used to build a better comprehensive growth plan. That is why Carol and I come before you week after week to share the best ideas from across the state. We have one goal in mind. How can this comp. plan better serve the rural areas, the landowners, and bring better equality, balance and justice.

Listening to the public hearings for the county's 2003 update, you'll notice a glaring omission. Friends of Clark County, John Karpinski, Steve Stuart, the mayors, city planners, the Responsible Growth Forum, and the BIA all weigh in. The silence is deafening from the rural communities and the landowners.

The cohorts from Vancouver and Ridgefield discuss how best to aggressively conserve the nice large rural lots for their future needs. There is much talk about more moratoriums for rural development, urban holding and reserve overlays, and even creating larger rural zones of R-40 and R-60. There is no concern for the protection of private property rights...by anyone from the Board. There is no concern about maintaining the historical patterns of development, per Judge Poyfair. There is no concern about destroying the character on the ground created from generations of rural practices. There is no concern for stabilizing rural areas and provide some level of confidence for rural land and business owners who have made investments. There has been no attempt to include the will of rural landowners as to *their destinies...until now*.

The level of exclusive engagement is clear. The county has aided and cooperated with the cities and the environmental communities over how best to lock up rural lands for their future use...assuming as if they already own those lands and the landowner is cut out of the picture. These groups have dominated the process for decades.

There are reasons why the no-growth agenda has been in place. Over 22 years, the county rural lands have been on life-support. It isn't reasonable in this day and age to expect rural areas to survive on jobs related to farming and timber. Without jobs and no hope for a productive future, children must leave to make a living and can't return home to raise their families. The rural communities are left struggling to make their communities livable. This isn't management of any kind...it is locking up the land and throwing the key in the East Fork.

This Board has an obligation to speak up and act, to demand balance of the 14 GMA Planning Goals...never before seen in Clark County. I'm asking this Board to muster the fortitude to represent the interests of all the citizens in supporting the preferred alternative. Many of the

landowners have been stewards of their lands for generations. I welcome you to come out and meet the rural citizens and landowners this Friday evening in Hockinson.

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Hello,

For your records, please see the attached written testimony from Carol Levanen and Susan Rasmussen (received during public comment on Feb 9, 2016).

Thanks!
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