

David Madore with Nancy Schultz

February 13 at 12 02am

Town Hall Meeting packed the house at Hockinson High School:

This snapshot was only able to capture a portion of the room filled with rural citizens with hands raised in support of our adopted Comp Plan Preferred Alternative

Of the 200 or so citizens, 4 hands were then raised to repeal the plan in favor of Alternative 1, the status quo plan that's been in place since 1994.

Tom Mielke and I were there to listen and answer questions. Julie Olson, who said she would be there, did not show up. Neither did Marc Boldt or Jeanne Stewart.

15 other organizations took part in the Town Hall meeting hosted by Clark County Citizens United.

Dr. Don McIsaac presented an excellent report and knocked it out of the ballpark with such clarity and professionalism. Thanks to Jim Karlock, who videotaped the meeting, we should be able to post that presentation shortly.

Jim Katzinski of Pacific Legal Foundation (PLF), was a panelist along with other professionals to answer questions and provide support for the citizens PLF has successfully defended citizens' private property rights across the nation winning multiple cases before the US Supreme Court. They are standing by to defend our rural citizens if necessary.

The most important meeting for citizens to appeal to their citizen representatives will be Tuesday at 10am on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin, Vancouver. Bring quarters for the parking garage on the north side

If the county council votes to repeal the Preferred Alternative and readopt the old 1994 Alternative-1 Plan, the citizens are ready to defend their rights in court. I hope that the county will instead, choose to be on the citizens' side to defend their private property rights and the plan that fully complies with the GMA.



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Don Railsback When are any of the three liberal councilors up for re-election?

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David Madore The terms of the three liberals who ran as conservatives are as follows

Jeanne Stewart – through December 31, 2018

Marc Boldt – through December 31, 2018

Julie Olson – through December 31, 2019

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Don Railsback Going to be a rough three years.

The Pacific Legal Foundation is really good at what they do Many years ago, the Columbia River Gorge commission tried to force a family stop construction on their private party. The PLF won at the WASC 8-0 See More

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George Hacker Since the county has already lost in court 5 times over this issue, it would be awesome if the board members who cause this to go to court again (if they let it) would have to pay the legal fees out of their own pockets, instead of sticking it to the tax payers for a sixth time

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Shannon Corbin Lord help us, 2 years is a long time in the hands of those who would harm us

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Brian J. Rohan Nice to see future state Senator Vicki Caldwell Kraft there

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Butch Grumbly Well you guys should all know liberals no better than us stupid voters They are so highly intelligent you know

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Sharon Long I was there but had to leave before the raising of hands. For those councilors who are going to vote against Alternative 4 because they've been told there will be a lawsuit, they need to reconsider their rationale Clark County Citizens United has already won 5 for 5 in the courts against our county and are prepared to go to court after this decision They will either support the county decision against environmentalists who support status quo or they will again sue our county for not complying with the GMA requirements Alt 4 merely completes what the courts have already told the county they should do.

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Eric Cordova I raised a hand for you!

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Sharon Long Thanks, Eric Enjoyed sitting with you

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Jared McClanahan Gerrymandering a meeting to the point of making it a rally is well executed political theater Give credit where it's due.

It's not, of course, representative of the majority of CC voters, or even necessarily the rural ones

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Eric Cordova Those opposed could have showed up

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Todd Phelps This meeting perfectly represented rural land owners. Remember that a 2013 survey showed 80% of those that own those rural lands were in favor of changes to the rural zoning. Majority or not, people that move to the suburbs of Clark County should not dictate to those that have lived here for generations and stewarded the lands in question

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Todd Phelps A heart felt thanks to all those fighting for the rural land owners

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Dan Euliss Does that include the ranchers down in Oregon at the reserve?

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Todd Phelps They are elected to represent those that live in Clark County WA

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Todd Phelps I cannot attest to the individual and whether they support or not the events taking place down there

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April Ahola Boneski My amazing aunts were there, speaking up

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David Madore Jared McClanahan, here is the definition of gerrymandering

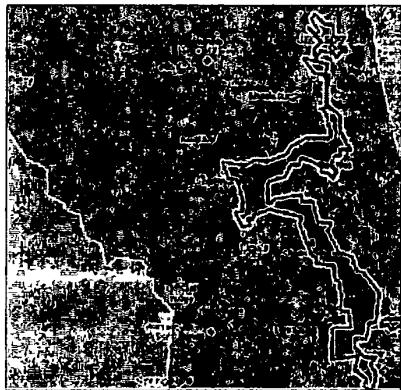
To divide (a State) into districts for the choice of representatives, in an unnatural and unfair way, with a view to give a political party an advantage over its opponent
<http://onlinedictionary.datasegment.com/word/gerrymandering>

It derived its name from Elbridge Gerry, Governor of Massachusetts who worked to exclude political dissent


This Town Hall was advertised in the newspaper, Facebook, and announced in multiple County Council meetings. Each of the 5 county councilors were handed a printed invitation in person during a live broadcast county council meeting and everyone was invited

Knowing these facts; are you still asserting that there was a plot to exclude anyone? Did the citizens leave anything out? Is there anything else that our community could have or should have done to invite everyone?

If so, please help us to understand what more the citizens could have done to be even more inclusive. If not, would you be willing to correct your assertion that this Town Hall was rigged by gerrymandering?




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 **Jared McClanahan** As you wish I stand corrected This meeting was not literally "gerrymandered" Since we're being pedantic with semantics, I should point out the following.


metaphor
a figure of speech in which an expression is used to refer to something that it does not literally denote in order to suggest a similarity
<http://onlinedictionary.datasegment.com/word/metaphor>

Unless you're saying there is actually a roughly 25-to-1 level of support for Alt-4 among county voters, my point still stands


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 **Anna Miller** Jared, I believe what Councilor Madore is saying is simply that at this public meeting, which was widely noticed, those property owners (around 200) who attended were in favor of Alt-4 by 25-1 The sentiment was that their property rights were stripped from them illegally in 1994, (property rights groups won that lawsuit in 1997 - the County against the Citizens) and this is the legal restoration of those rights as dictated by the Court. The County has had 20 years to make the correction


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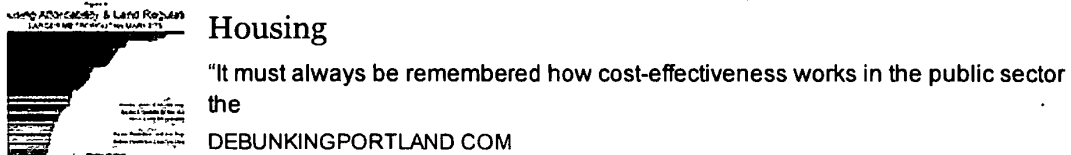
 **David Clark** Jared McClanahan No, Jarrad, it was 4 against in a crowd of about 200 or more like 50 -to - 1 in FAVOR of Alt 4

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 **Jared McClanahan** David Clark I failed at counting via momentary dyslexia But my point is further emphasized This meeting was nicely orchestrated theater but not representative of the county at large where there is no such level of support for this


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 **David Clark** Jared McClanahan, show us your evidence? Are you seriously saying that the county as a whole wants more density, more traffic congestion, giant apartments in every neighborhood, higher taxes, every vacant lot gone, affordable houses torn down for McMansions and NO affordable housing? That is what city after city has gotten when they forbid building outside of some magic boundary See <http://www.debunkingportland.com/housing.html> Even Obama advisers agree <http://www.debunkingportland.com/zoning-increases-cost.html>



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 **David Madore** Jared McClanahan, do you really believe what you are saying? You actually believe that the Town Hall meeting was an orchestrated theater?

That kind of faith in an alternate reality is as bizarre as this story

A man is convinced he is dead His wife and kids are exasperated. They keep telling him he's not dead But he continues to insist he's dead

They try telling him, "Look, you're not dead; you're walking and talking and breathing, how can you be dead?" But he continues to insist he is dead

The family finally takes him to a doctor The doctor pulls out some medical books to demonstrate to the man that dead men do not bleed After some time, the man admits that dead men do not bleed

The doctor then takes the man's hand and a needle and pokes the end of his finger The man starts

bleeding He looks at his finger and says, "What do you know? DEAD MEN DO BLEED!"

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Anna Miller It just goes to show you that with some folks no matter where you go, there you are! LOL.

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Jared McClanahan I love you so much David The alternate reality is yours though

I said nothing of that sort

Of course every citizen attending the meeting was there to express their sincere desires I did not imply any grand conspiracy

I simply stated that the level of support for your Alt-4 at this meeting is likely not a representative sampling of the county

Proponents of a specific agenda packed this meeting in an organized fashion, which is perfectly fine, but not representative.

There is no 50-1 support level for much of anything, let alone land use polices, in the real world.

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Dan Nelson First off I have no skin in this, but after reading this entire post, this sampling of the area shows that there is a 50 to 1 ratio For those that may lean towards Alt 1 and did not show up indicates they really do not have a preference, it is not important or they do not exist at all. This also indicates that no data exists to disprove a 50 to 1 ratio for Alt 4. The numbers will always be the numbers It is sad when the elected officials do not show up, this proves they do not care what the constituents think or do not want to be asked hard questions- They should be listening to all thoughts and opinions from all those they represent

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Peter Van Nortwick How many of our local affordable housing advocates were there? The fact that seems to be overlooked is that if you desire affordable housing you need sufficient land available on which to expand at all size levels It also must be available outside the cities. When land is too constrained it lessens the supply of land available for building and we all realize a shortage in supply drives up prices. We have a shortages of a variety of types of housing in our community driving up the costs Most of us have children and we want them to be able to acquire affordable housing in our community It also is a requirement under the GMA I hope our community can look at the facts and have a civil discussion about what we want for our community

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David Wheeler That is basically the issue with housing, supply and demand More and more people moving into the Clark Co (Portland metro) and less building allowed. Oh, and don't forget the taxes going up That is passed along to the renters also.

Like Reply February 13 at 10.11 am



Peter Van Nortwick David, rents are based on the market. Things only get passed on,if the market allows it In our situation, taxes are not a driver in our increasing rents So let's focus on what is the driver a shortage of housing at different levels.

Like Reply 1 February 13 at 10 19am



David Madore Peter Van Nortwick, yes, even though the cost of structures has gone up some, the cost of scarce land has become unaffordable That's why the Comp Plan requires us to accommodate foreseeable growth and why Alternative 1 would continue to lock up the available land and fail to address our housing crisis

Like Reply 6 February 13 at 10:33am



Peter Van Nortwick David, I agree We need to focus on what the issue is and acting like it is taxes or any other issue is a distraction The issue is sufficient land zoned properly to meet the needs of the citizens. That is the issue we need to solve

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David Wheeler Peter Van Nortwick Property taxes NEVER impact fees? Hmmm And the only other thing I mentioned was supply and demand How can THAT be a distraction? Are you saying that a smaller growth boundary that allows for less building doesn't have a significant impact on availability, causing rents to rise? And factor in more and more people moving into the area Supply and demand I guess you Gub-mint types have all the answers and don't needs be a-hearnn' from us rubes out here in the hinterlands

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David Clark Peter Van Nortwick --- "How many of our local affordable housing advocates were there? " ME --- My experience with "affordable housing advocates" is that they are mostly economically clueless Democrat activists that blame greed instead of their own policies for the problem. Their solutions only make things worse (I have seen a few exceptions, but not many.)

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Peter Van Nortwick David Wheeler, I am talking about Clark County In Clark County our rents are not being driven by property taxes. David Clark my point exactly

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Sharon Long Peter, I share your concerns I lived in Boulder, Colorado when they began restricting growth in the 70's. It is now impossible to purchase even a tiny home there for an average family. Rentals in our area are so much in short supply that the cost has skyrocketed. It is very sad for young people. Supply and demand is 101 economics Restrict supply and demand goes up As demand goes up, the amount people are willing to pay also goes up. The rental market in the Portland/Vancouver area has increased 20% in the last 1-2 years. Very significant

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KJ Hinton Someone (me) indicated that the Three Stooges wouldn't show

Unfortunately, repeal of Alt 4 is a done deal. The only thing left is the shouting

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David Madore KJ Hinton, if the 3 councilors vote against the citizens on Tuesday, it is not the end, it is the beginning of citizens defend their private property rights in court The liberal majority will find themselves in the awkward position of being on the wrong side and fighting their constituents.

Judge Poyfair said that since the county lost this case last time, there is little chance for the county to win this time. Only this time, the lessons learned will be applied as citizens will follow through to force the county to obey the court's orders

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KJ Hinton The problem is and I don't know how it can be stated with greater simplicity . these people these councilors DO NOT CARE.

One of the many problems with the charter is this "more democratic" system means that whoever is in the mainly Vancouver district doesn't have to answer to the rural voters

Ever

SO none of the councilors HAVE to vote through a filter of the county as a whole

And with a nut job like my brother-in-law as chair, and Olson voting exactly the same as democrat Green WOULD have voted they honestly do not care one wit what the people want

As Steve Stuart said, "I don't speak for the people I will never speak for "the people," I will speak for

Steve and some of you will like it and some of you won't

THAT is the attitude and arrogance of governance the CCRINOs and the Three Stooges went after and that's what they got

They will stick to their agenda and their plan to the exclusion of all else precisely like Boldt did when he was so rabidly in favor of the CRC/Loot Rail Scam just like he is today

"Governmental arrogance" at it's worst

I am not suggesting, nor would I ever suggest that the people should not voice their concerns on this issue, either side..

But you have to go into this understanding that it doesn't matter what the people say For these governmental Nazi's, "Befehl ist befehl"

These people are not reasonable. They're as much puppets as anything Jeff Dunham has on his hand Tracy Wilson appears to me to be pulling the strings

This is precisely and absolutely what I warned everyone about if Boldt was elected And sadly, it's all come true as he's doing his best imitation of Pharaoh out of his hatred for everything you've done and tried to do It's not unlike the Egyptian days where the out-of-favor member of nobility would see any mention of their name stricken from the histories, any statute torn down as if you never existed legislatively

Back when Marc was a commissioner and he was still speaking to me, I asked him once about some lawsuit threat or another aimed at the county over something he and the others had done This was like 10 years ago or so his response?

"Well, they're gonna have to stand in line "

He
Does
Not
Care

None of them do. And as a result, the people have no leverage And every single person involved in this cannot approach it as if he was rational or actually believed that what they had to say mattered. Because to Boldt especially?

It doesn't

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David Madore KJ Hinton, when representative government fails, the citizens can fall back on the courts to force their representatives to obey the law or be removed from office and go to jail

The beauty of our Constitutional form of government in America wisely divides the branches of government to avoid the concentration of power I believe that the citizens will defend their rights

Good will, unity, neighborliness, faithful representation, honesty and all the other basic decency lessons that we learned in kindergarten would restore so much healing and health to our community

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David Madore Peter Van Nortwick, the presentation and a local realtor addressed the affordable housing crisis that Alternative 1 exacerbates The problem has been obvious to citizens and officials alike.

That's why the GMA specifically requires communities to provide sufficient land to accommodate foreseeable growth and to correct the unaffordable housing problems like ours due to unaffordable and unavailable land that the 1994 Plan has yielded Clark County is required to obey that law which is why we need the rural component (Alternative-4) in our Comp Plan

The universal law of supply and demand is precisely why it would be unlawful and irresponsible to continue the failed 1994 plan of rural stagnation

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Margaret Tweet Extremely disappointed in the county councilors that didn't even show up. Had the meeting been prior to their Nov 2015 election, I expect both Marc Boldt and Julie Olson for Clark County Councilor would have made more of an effort Will the rural citizens be heard on Tuesday Feb 16 at 10 AM when this issue comes up to the council again?

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Butch Grumbly David thanks for all you do. Good luck in your fights ahead

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Margaret Tweet David Madore for follow up posts on this meeting, please put at Top of the post the county meeting Tuesday Feb 16 10 AM on the 6th floor of the Public Service Center, 1300 Franklin, Vancouver. and way to contact for citizens who cannot attend.[https //www clark wa gov/councilors/write-councilor](https://www.clark.wa.gov/councilors/write-councilor)

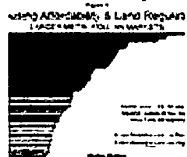
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Noa Fruitmonger Who wants to take bets on how long this issue is drawn out in the courts? How many decades?

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David Madore Noa Fruitmonger, the case will not take decades The citizens challenged the county in 2004 and won their case in 3 years.

During that time, rather than the county losing the availability of grants or suffering any of the other penalties that the staff is fallaciously claiming will happen if the citizens dare to defend their rights again, our county continued as normal until 2007 when the judge ordered the county to correct their plan to comply with the citizens' private property rights

This case ought to be faster and easier this time, since a repeat of a situation so similar, provides some streamlining advantages We can call it the "well, duh!" factor. In other words, "Been there Done that."

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Noa Fruitmonger So there might be some movement around 2020? Maybe several million dollars later we might be back were we started Alas politics

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Brian T Burks Bet Lou and his band of lefty misfits didn't take notes either

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Barbara Watts Hope the legalities of this plan were discussed What people want, and are told they can have because a savior is there for them, doesn't always work with the law

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Teresa Stephens McMahon What is the plan to remedy the invalid assumptions that were found by the company hired to vet plan 4?

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Anna Miller Barbara, the County was already sued over what they have now by citizens The County LOST and have never made the court mandated corrections The County Councilors are about to repeat the mistake, will be sued again and will likely lose again

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Dan Euliss Sounds like you folks are having good time, enjoy while you can is my motto

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