

2/23/16 Rec'd from Carol Levanen - RET

Clark County Board of Councilors,
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February 23, 2016
For the Public Record

Dear Councilors,

According to authorities, Private property rights are human rights and gives exclusive authority to determine how a resource is used. It is the right of humans to own, use and exchange goods. Private property rights protect individual liberty. According to economic experts, the government enforcement of strong private property rights determines the level of economic success seen in an area.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has worked over twenty years, on behalf of private property rights of landowners, because we saw the injustice forced on them in Clark County land use policies of 1994. We are determined things will be different this time, so we listened carefully to campaign promises to determine which candidate pledged support for property rights. One candidate pledged to work for optimum outcomes and comprehensive solutions after identifying the problem. She wanted a new future for Clark County to allow it to bloom and grow to be all that it can be. She said we have two years of Republicans, now, after 25 years of Democrat control and didn't support the Charter because government should not be changed because of reaction to elected officials. She would listen to rational ideas and be a true representative of the people. She was a proud Republican and could not be one who blocks other people's ideas. Another candidate said she didn't want to be part of strained relations and wanted to provide effective and balanced land use planning to encourage economic development and job creation while protecting private property rights. She said she would bring a strong independent voice to protect private property rights of citizens while balancing needs for economic development opportunities that grow family wage jobs. We gave our full support to these two people and told our friends and neighbors to do the same. Were we wrong?

No one can tell CCCU what is wrong with returning private property rights to the people and no one knows why they want to destroy those rights by rejecting the means to do so. The preferred Alternative is good economic policy. The only argument against it is that one doesn't like the process. What has process, got to do with substance, rational ideas, and true representation of the people? What has process got to do with effective and balanced land use planning that encourages economic development and job creation while protecting private property rights? Particularly when that process was fully legal.

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. spent two years giving data and information needed to create optimum outcomes and comprehensive solutions to the problem. The record is full of information that supports this outcome in the Preferred Alternative. For Clark County's new future to bloom and grow, private property rights, not process, are critical to economic success. Heartfelt thanks to Councilor Madore for sacrificing so much on behalf of property rights and the rural and resource communities. After much research, he saw the injustice and need for change, and how it would all comply with the GMA. He was willing to be the messenger for the Preferred Alternative. Throughout the whole process, the pieces fit together like a puzzle to create a great economic picture for Clark County. Do the other councilors really want to destroy all of that because of a perceived process? Please confirm the Preferred Alternative is the best economic choice for all citizens, and confirm that we weren't wrong, after all.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Carol Levanen".

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Hello,

For your records, please see the attached written testimony received on Feb. 16, Feb. 18, & Feb 23, 2016

Thank you!
Rebecca

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