



Growth can't pay for itself

Marcia Wolf's May 8 article, "Growth pays for growth," left me puzzled.

If growth is paying for itself, why did I just get stuck in absolute gridlock in Orchards? Why is my child facing the prospect of kindergarten in a trailer? Why are there few developed parks in our corner of Clark County? Why do the children in our area face walking home on narrow, two-lane roads with no sidewalks?

I suppose it is conceivable that an additional \$1.86 million in revenue will fix things up real nice. It should be just enough to pay for 10 more stoplights and 30 more speed bumps.

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Once again a small group of land merchants are back trying to convince Clark County commissioners that all of us rural folks want more houses in our neighborhoods.

They have convinced the planning commission and are working on the commissioners and public that this is desirable for the agri-forest acreage that was designated as resource land.

Instead of the 2,650 new home sites that were agreed upon by the focus group that spent countless hours and many meetings deciding, four dissenting members want to help us by allowing 4,552 residences in rural areas. That seems to represent needing about 60 more classrooms in the rural schools, 19,000 more car trips on our fine north county roads, nearly 2,000 more holes punched in the ground water supplies and bye-bye to the wildlife that already has lost most of its corridors.

I thought the agreed-upon number of new residences was too high, but this latest scam is an absolute outrage, a betrayal of

the citizens of this county who hope to leave something for their grandchildren.

Jim Malinowski, who wrote the April 28 opinion, "Rural zoning plan again raises concerns," is looking out for his own interests, certainly not mine or those of anyone else who values our rural county land. The commissioners need to hear from us that plan to live in rural lands without being taxed out of our homes because of overdevelopment.

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Clark County commissioners will shortly deliberate on whether or not to accept the minority plan for the development of home sites on rural lands (4,552 home sites) or adopt the majority plan (2,650 home sites).

The minority plan will enrich a minority of landowners and developers and inflict another burden on the majority. If it is adopted, the rest of us can again look forward to a greater tax burden for more schools, firefighters, police, social workers, probation officers and flood control, as at Salmon Creek. We can look forward to more traffic jams, dirtier air, dirtier water, more traffic lights and more crime.

Once again, we see a minority of landowners and developers demanding that we subsidize their get-rich scheme.

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