Clark County staff recommending stripping rural citizens of even more private property rights.

The March 16 Work Session revealed another hit against rural citizens that, if supported by the liberal trio, would further erode private property rights.

Even though the state’s Growth Management Act specifically allows citizens the ability to choose a cluster option when dividing their rural property, the liberal trio repealed that option when they repealed Alternative 4 in the February 23 hearing.

Prohibiting citizens from using that flexible tool that is explicitly provided by the GMA, would of course be illegal. So that option must be restored.

But rather than allowing the option as provided by law, staff is now recommending that it be mandatory. You can listen to the March 16 audio recording where staff is pushing to always require it, rather than to allow landowners to use it when it makes sense. https://www.clark.wa.gov/.../the-grnd/031616WS_Cluster.mp3

The move would prohibit two families from buying and owning 10 acre farms in Clark County Affordable farming would be made unaffordable and beyond the reach of most citizens.

It appears that elected representatives who simply defer their policy making discretion to staff would harm the citizens that county government is to serve. Yet, that is precisely what the liberal trio has done since taking office in January.

For that reason, citizens would be wise to learn how each candidate views their role. Who are they to represent, staff or citizens? Is county government to be of the professionals, by the professionals, for the professionals? Or is it to be of the people, by the people, for the people?
"we here highly resolve ... that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."

—Abraham Lincoln, Gettysburg Address, 1863

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David Clark: Here is an example of the incompetence of planners. Portland has been planning a BRT line to replace buses. Two years into the planning process, just now someone decided to check the travel time and discovered that the BRT would be A LOT SLOWER than the current buses. [link]

Another example is that planners have destroyed Portland’s housing affordability.

Planners are mostly incompetent because they are not based on results, instead their plans are based on their delusions of how to create a perfect world, instead of letting people pursue their own lives. To make matters worse, few of them ever look at costs of the alternatives, probably because they never studied basic economics.

Powell-Division rapid bus proposal would be slower than existing bus.

Allen Anderson: Thanks for your efforts David. Keep it up.

Beth Lear: Is county government to be of the professionals, by the professionals, for the professionals? Or is it to be of the people, by the people, for the people?