Subject: FOR THE PUBLIC RECORD OF THE 2016 COMPREHENSIVE PLAN UPDATE

When it comes to compiling a list of Friends of rural landowners, you can leave off 3 county councilors, and the Clark County planning department. We realize that government agencies, county departments aren’t supposed to promote one outlook, they are supposed to carry out their jobs in an even handed manner. However, the county planners have for decades gone out of their way to damage the private property rights of rural landowners.

We don’t expect any special treatment from the planners, we just want the Dept. of Community Development to be fair and enable a more inclusive process to develop. For decades, they have consistently gone out of their way to unfairly burden the rural landowners. If they are violating a GMA law, planning goal, or skirting a legislative intention they should expect to be called on it.

The planners have been famous for proclaiming that they don’t have enough time to get the job done before June. These allegations were not true. There have been proclamations that the county is GMA compliant and the Superior Court Orders don’t matter. Those allegations are also false. CCCU was intentionally told to hold off on county requirements to comply just to run out the clock. We are still waiting to satisfy the Orders that correct the “unauthorized formula.” It is questionable if the plan is GMA compliant put in perspective of compliance to those Superior Court Order. For certain, it is morally corrupt and has drastically disrupted the natural progress of rural culture. The planners fail to see any problems here.

The planners have much to answer for. How and why the planners have been allowed taxpayer dollars to be used to undermine court orders, degrade rural culture, and property rights demands answers. Only one Councilor has challenged their work. The Department needs to be cleaned up, and reformed. The public deserves an agency that can do the job without alienating any segments of society, wasting money, embarrassing itself, and using misleading and inaccurate data.

I sent all of you copies of the latest Attorney General’s Advisory Memo and Recommended Process for Evaluating Unconstitutional Takings of Private Property. I ask all of you to read that document and do a personal audit.

Our Constitution is held in the highest regard. On Dec 16, 1773, angry and frustrated members of the Sons of Liberty disguised themselves as Mohawk Native Americans and boarded three British ships in the Boston Harbor. They dumped 342 crates of tea overboard. That is very symbolic in history and an example of the lengths Americans are willing to go to speak out their rights concerning taxation without representation. This right is being degraded in rural Clark County. The majority of this Board failed to support rural property rights yet only one Councilor doesn’t have rural constituents.
Your new preferred alternative plan voted on last February still advances that “unauthorized formula.” This Board has no business justifying that. You have a duty to correct the unauthorized formula, uphold all 14 GMA planning goals with equity, and provide adequate representation for rural landowners.