



Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

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Clark County Board of Councilors/
Clark County Planning Commission
1300 Franklin Street
Vancouver, WA 98660



SUBJECT *Letter of support for the Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element for the 2016 Comprehensive Plan update*

Dear Planning Commissioners and County Councilors,

On behalf of the Clark County Historic Preservation Commission, we would like to express our support of the inclusion of the updated Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element into the 2016 Clark County Comprehensive Plan

One of the primary purposes of Clark County's Historic Preservation program as stated in the Historic Preservation Ordinance is to "provide for the identification, evaluation, and protection of historic and prehistoric resources within Clark County and preserve and rehabilitate eligible historic and or cultural resources within the county for future generations" (Clark County Code 40 250 030 Historic Preservation)

The Washington Growth Management Act of 1990 identified the following state goal for historic preservation *Identify and encourage the preservation of lands, sites, and structures that have historical or archaeological significance* The Historic Preservation Commission believes the updated goals, policies and strategies in the Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element reflect that state goal as well as the current vision and mission of the historic preservation program in identifying and protecting cultural resources and promoting the importance of historic preservation

We appreciate the opportunity to comment on this important community plan and hope the Planning Commission recommends the Board to adopt the updated Historical, Archaeological and Cultural Preservation Element as part of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan We look forward to continuing our work in protecting and advocating for Clark County's historic and archaeological sites and being a resource for the county, its cities and town on all matters of historic preservation

Sincerely,



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Chair, Clark County Historic Preservation Commission

Identify, evaluate, designate and assist in the protection of Clark County's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources

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