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Dear Councilors, Planning Commission, and Planning Staff,

Please add my comments to the record

As a long time rural Clark County resident, and a founding board member of Friends of Clark County, I want to address the potential problems with adopting any part of Alternative 2 as the final preferred alternative. Here is the basic description of Alternative 2.

“Alternative 2 – Countywide Modifications. This alternative incorporates changes in policy direction, land use, zoning, the County Council’s principles and values, acknowledges existing development trends, and resolves map inconsistencies.”

This description alone would make the inclusion of Alternative 2 ineligible to be included in an SEIS. There needs to be a full exploration of the impacts of countywide zone changes that will affect every rural resident in the county.

As I have stated many times previously, to not address the availability of ground water in rural areas is ignoring the elephant in the living room. To allow additional lots in rural areas without addressing the availability of ground water, endangers the property rights of every present rural land owner without addressing the availability of water.

Who is to blame when extra lots are allowed? A purchaser buys an expensive piece of land, only to find that they can’t build a home there because there is not enough available well water. His well dewatered a neighbor’s well. Last summer was a prime example of the problems that will increase when homeowners run out of water. There is not a solution to that problem in the near future without huge expenses on the part of the landowner and the tax payers throughout the county. In addition, farmers cannot afford to pay for CPU water and make a profit, so the problem is exaggerated when it comes to protecting our local food supply.

I ask you all to take the water issue seriously and answer our questions regarding how one would resolve the problems before considering a choice on the preferred alternative.

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