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Comments It is my understanding that the Comprehensive Plan currently being contemplated includes decisions on whether or not to build light rail and more BRT routes Clark County citizens have voted down light rail twice and have also voted down BRT. Nevertheless, C-Tran is building a beyond wasteful BRT line at a staggering cost to we taxpayers of 50 million dollars!

Clark County Councilors are elected to faithfully represent the citizens of Clark County Why are light rail and any more BRT lines even being considered?

Other issues in the Comprehensive Plan currently being contemplated are affordable housing and the ability of rural property owners to sell off the parts of the property that they own as they see fit--property rights

The obvious reason we don't have enough affordable housing is because of the urban growth boundaries artificially placed around areas where a concentrated number of people live outside of which no building can occur, therefore limiting the amount of buildable land When you have less of something, what's left becomes more expensive In this case, land Urban growth boundaries came about, of course, because of laws made by the legislature So, it follows that it is government's fault that there is now a lack of affordable housing Get rid of the urban growth boundaries and there will be plenty of affordable housing!

And, finally, there is the issue of property rights Preventing people from being able to sell whatever parts of their own land they want to sell is really tantamount to stealing and is surely unconstitutional on top of that It is also my understanding that Clark County Councilors are restricting rural growth beyond what the Growth Management Act says it should Isn't this illegal? And related to this are the facts that (1) according to the most current Land Use Report of the Economic Research Service, a division of the U S Department of Agriculture, only three percent of all of the land in the U S , including Alaska and Hawaii, is taken up by people's houses, and (2) there seems to be ample sources of taxpayers' money collected for the purpose of building the necessary infrastructure required for growth So what is the reason for such draconian land use rules?

We the people who the County Councilors are elected to represent do not want light rail or more BRT lines And Government has the ability to change the laws that created the problem of not enough affordable housing in the first place Also, stop interfering with the property rights of citizens!

Forget about building light rail or any more BRT lines, get rid of the