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Clark County Board of Councilors
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June 17, 2016
For the Public Record

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. concerns regarding the 2016 Comprehensive Plan Report - #7

Dear Councilors,

Chapter 4 - Environmental Element - page 2, states, "One effective way of protecting critical lands is through public ownership. Outside urban areas, most publicly owned land emphasize wildlife and other critical land values, although access and passive recreation may be allowed. Protecting sensitive lands through public ownership requires that substantial funds be raised for acquisition and maintenance of the land. Prohibitions or limitation on structural development also provide critical lands protection."

The GMA does not require an Environmental Element, and therefore this document must be removed from the Plan. Clark County's government purpose is not to own land and remove it from public or private use. It is not to use or find financial funding for that purpose. The county's purpose is not to prevent development on privately owned land, if the land is of legal status. Wildlife can be found throughout Clark County and it is not the county's job to own and preserve land that happens to have such animals passing through.

Chapter 4, Environmental Element, page 4, it states, "The two overarching goals for this plan is to (2) protect and enhance other fish and wildlife species that have been adversely affected by human actions, including the development and operation of the Federal Columbia River Power System. What has the Federal Columbia River Power System got to do with a GMA Comprehensive Plan process?"

The GMA absolutely does not mention the federal power systems in their requirements. The only items Clark County needs to comply with is state requirements and mandates for the Plan. It is not appropriate for staff to claim protection and enhancement of other fish and wildlife species that they determine have been adversely affected by people.

Chapter 11, Community Design Element, page 1, Background - states, "Through the Perspectives Program which began in October 1991 to develop Community Framework Plan, citizens in Clark County expressed their opinion about the design of their community. This statement is true. But, what the Community Framework Plan looks like now, is very different from what citizens envisioned at that time. The public outreach for the GMA planning was extensive during that time, far greater than the outreach for the 2016 Plan. But, even then, the Plan was appealed and the county lost, regarding public participation. The reason for this is because they did not allow for meaningful public participation. Even the Framework Plan was manipulated by staff, to a predetermined outcome, but over time, it has become an albatross.

Chapter 11, Community Design Element page 1, This element is not required by the GMA and should be removed. The bottom paragraph states, In 2012, two new plans (Growing Healthier Report and Ageing Readiness Plan) were created. The documents reference items that either not been adopted or are pseudo adopted. These "Plans" were created in a vacuum of particular people from the Health Department, Friends of Clark County and the Clark County planning staff, whereby the public at large, was not invited. Planner, Gordy Euler, in an email to Oliver Orjako states he worked with this group for the better part of two years. He claimed they were a disorganized group, but they did want to preserve land. He advised them to say conservation, instead of preservation.

Sincerely,

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