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"Promoting Rural Interests"

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October 21, 2000

Clark County Commissioners
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Commissioners Morris, Pridemore & Stanton

If you expect the citizens of the county, particularly the rural citizens, to accept the results of the current Comprehensive Plan Review process, it is critical that all of the areas zoned as resource lands be reviewed for rezoning and subject to the GMA long term commercial significance test. This review is necessary for two important reasons. The first is that the designations in the current Comprehensive Plan violated the clear language of the GMA by ignoring the long-term commercial significance test. The second reason is that the new state forest rules and the limitations being placed on agriculture in the county by the ESA rules make many marginal resource land operations completely uneconomic.

We also believe that the county must define what constitutes rural character and urban/suburban sprawl as part of the review process. We don’t believe that the current 20/40/80 acre down zoning in the rural areas is justified to either protect rural character or avoid sprawl. As far as we know no other county in the state has downzoned rural lands to the extent Clark County has.

If you want to heal the current urban/rural split in the county and demonstrate that county government respects the rule of law and the rights of all county citizens you will make the Comp Plan Review process a legitimate public process and not a hollow exercise designed to maintain an unacceptable status quo.

Sincerely,

Alan Schumacher
President
Elect Julie Olson for Clark County
Clark County Council District 2 (R)

Issues

I will be your voice in all matters of financial responsibility

One of the most important functions of your elected county officials is to ensure that hard earned taxpayer dollars are spent effectively. It is our job to deliver regional services including public safety, mental health services, a court system, adult and juvenile detention facilities, regional parks, land use planning and important transportation infrastructure with thoughtful consideration of tax payer dollars. Citizens deserve a wise and prudent return on their tax dollar investment. I have a proven track record of delivering on this promise.

I will be your voice for effective land use planning

Currently, our county is undergoing a comprehensive land use plan update in order to comply with Washington State’s mandated Growth Management Act (GMA). In 2016, Clark County must update its 20-year plan in order to remain in state compliance and to avoid costly litigation.
Our state legislature passed GMA in 1990 and under the Act, it regulates lot sizes for rural lands and resource lands including timber, agriculture and mineral lands. The Act also dictates housing densities for both single and residential family units within urban areas as well as industrial lands. GMA is a planning strategy that at its best allows for thoughtful planning for business development and population growth within close proximity to city services like water, sewer, transportation infrastructure, public schools, transit and garbage service.

Unfortunately, it has also had the effect of limiting the freedom of rural landowners to use their property as they wish even though their family has been paying property taxes over multiple generations.

I will bring a strong, independent voice to protect the private property rights of citizens while balancing our need for economic development opportunities that will grow family wage jobs in our region in an affordable and efficient manner. This careful balancing act will require the skill set I already possess; listening to all sides of every issue, doing the hard work of careful analysis and at the end of the day, doing what I know in my heart is in the best interests of our citizens and the county as a whole. At a time when our county is growing steadily in an improving economy, it's important to focus on building a vibrant business climate in Southwest Washington so that our children and grandchildren will be able to find fulfilling careers right here if that is their desire.

Regional Transportation Solutions

Clark County is faced with unique transportation challenges including addressing the need for improved transportation options across the Columbia River. I applaud recent bipartisan efforts by members of the Washington and Oregon legislatures to start this process anew. I support their efforts to find affordable and practical solutions to relieve congestion and improve freight mobility in this important corridor that is vital to our region's economic development.

We also have additional transportation challenges as we address safety and mobility throughout the county. There are a number of transportation improvement projects currently under review, including the I-5/179th Street interchange that will need state funding and are important drivers of economic development and job growth in the county. I have already built strong and successful partnerships with our Southwest Washington Legislative delegation. I will hit the ground running on day one.