



February 16, 2015

Clark County Board of Councilors
P.O. Box 5000
Vancouver, Washington 98666

Re: Need for Additional Alternatives to the SEIS

Dear Councilors,

The three Alternatives presented by staff in the SEIS proposed for the Clark County 2016 Comprehensive Plan update is insufficient and does not provide a range of alternatives that demonstrates the needs and concerns of the rural areas. Alternative 2, addressing rural and resource lands, would be comparable to a do-nothing Alternative 1. Even if the parcels were changed to 10 acre for the agriculture zone and 20 acres for the forest zone, it would have no meaningful effect on either, because the majority of the parcels in those zones are smaller.

The three Alternatives presented by staff, not only have had very little input and review from the public, but they continue to portray a no-growth agenda. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. supports and recommends an additional Alternative 4, and even an Alternative 5, that addresses the future growth expected in the rural and resource areas and adequately meets the economic and environmental needs of these lands.

The 2016 Clark County Comprehensive Plan Review must play catch-up with what went wrong in 1994, to what should be in the Comprehensive Plan, today. Then, it must show an appropriate plan for the next 20 years. This results in Clark County needing to do 40 years of planning. This is a serious matter, and the three Alternatives that staff has presented to the Councilors, simply don't meet those needs. Comprehensive Plans are not meant to be static. A full range of Alternatives, that include numerous possibilities and considerations, will go a long way in helping the Councilors address Clark County's economic growth and vitality, well into the future.

Sincerely,

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