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Fw: Survey and credibility - for the Public Record

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Subject: Survey and credibility - for the Public Record

Dear Councilors,

Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has been in existence for over 20 years, representing rural landowners. It is a concern that the councilors wonder who we are. The Planning staff that is currently in place, is quite familiar with CCCU as they have seen their activity for just as long. How can we convince the councilors over CCCU's credibility, except by the sheer numbers of landowners we represent.

That said, CCCU went back to the contributor/membership 3 ring binder to review the contents. Among the many lists of citizens that are contained in the binder, there was one survey CCCU conducted at planning commission hearings for the 1994 Plan. The format was in petition form, similar to petitions that people use for legislative initiatives. There are 20 legal voter signatures on each page. The petition is signed by legal signatures with addresses and reads:

AS A CITIZEN OF CLARK COUNTY, WASHINGTON. I AM OPPOSED TO THE CLARK COUNTY 20 YEAR COMPREHENSIVE GROWTH MANAGEMENT PLAN AS PROPOSED AND DRAFTED. I feel the rural designations of 5 acres and 10 acres, and the resource designations of 40 acres, 80 acres, and 160 acres are too restrictive for the estimated growth predicted for Clark County in the projected 20 years.

The result of that first survey was 557 signatures or registered voters of Clark County.

Later, CCCU, Inc conducted another survey in a large display printed in the Reflector, which gave even more detail regarding the Comprehensive Plan proposals and the opposition to the plan. The voter was asked to sign and date the article, cut it out, send a copy to CCCU, and send a copy to the Clark County Commissioners., CCCU received approximately 800 of those documents, before the record was closed, and more were received later. We tracked those documents in the public record, but they could not be found in the certified record. When Susan Rasmussen, was researching records for her appeal to the Growth Management Hearings Board, she was directed to look in a cardboard box of random papers that was located under the planning directors desk. That is where those legal documents that voters had sent in for the public record were found.

They were never placed into the record. In addition, there were three other groups of papers with the same message that were also in the box. Susan brought those to us to see what had happened to the documents. In all it totaled 1,000 documents. This is the kind of public record that was kept in 1994, from the same planning staff that is working on the 2016 update.

I think instead of CCCU's credibility being questioned, Clark County's public process in this 2016 Comprehensive Plan update, should be suspect, given the track record of the past. Clark County Citizens United, Inc. has high expectations for Alternative 4 because we have different councilors in charge. CCCU expects that these councilors will assure that those same voices of 1994 will finally be heard.

Sincerely,

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