



Clark County Board of Councilors
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Dear Councilors,

Clark County's update of the 2016 Comprehensive Plan is a hideous injustice to all taxpayers, both rural and urban. The public is told their voice matters, but in reality, the Comprehensive Plan was already created prior to 2013. All of this supposed "public process" is just a fictitious story. Staff continues to tell the public that the planning process began in 2013, when in fact, Clark County Citizens United, Inc. research has disclosed documents from the Department of Health that tells a very different story. 2008, 2009 2010, 2011 and 2012 documents from that agency, have been driving the Plan all along. This unauthorized formula will move Clark County further and further into a Socialistic society, where the taxpayers will pay the bill, and get nothing in return. The GMA, with specific RCWs and WACs, does not allow for such an artificial public process. CCCU's research discloses no other county using Health Department data as the foundational documents for their Comprehensive Plan. To the contrary, those counties used a public process and public input, to create their Plans. The GMA clearly describes certain yearly reports that must also determine planning for the 20 year future, but that data wasn't actually used either. Instead, the Plan was based on access to safe food, walking, biking and healthy ageing, with the numbers being manipulated in the process. Who can argue against those activities? But along with those concepts, the Plan proposes even higher density in the cities, exclusionary zoning with subsidized housing, light rail, automobile limitations, and even more restrictive regulation and rural zoning.

The new Preferred Alternative includes Alternative 2, which the Planning Commission rejected in 2016, but supported in 2014. Alternative 2 appears to give the rural and resource landowners "something", when in fact, little or nothing will be generated from the alternative. All of this "public process" was just a smoke and mirrors manipulation of the Plan to make it appear that the council is "compromising" when in fact they are getting exactly what they want, on the backs of the taxpayers. Very few citizens are aware of the work that has been done on this update, since 2007, and are certainly not aware of the impact that discreet Socialism will make on their lives and their communities. Given the ruse that has played out since 1994, it is clear this county continues to use an unauthorized formula that the courts have determined to be clearly erroneous. There is only one answer to this problem, and it certainly is a problem. The whole 2016 Comprehensive Land Use Plan must be done over again. Proper prime soils must be determined, population counts must be accurate, housing must meet the market demand, infrastructure needs must be met and the 2016 Comprehensive Plan must reflect the GMA, the truth and the will of the people.

Sincerely,

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